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Gainesville Parks & Recreation Partners with Local Youth on New Water Fountains

Gainesville, TX– The City of Gainesville Parks and Recreation department will be installing new drinking fountains at three local parks thanks to a project spearheaded by Gainesville High School student, Sydney Giles.

Edison Park, Jaycee Park, and Leonard Park will soon see new drinking fountains with bottle filler stations. Inspired by her mother’s encouragement for her children to engage in community service projects, Sydney Giles proposed the idea of installing new drinking fountains in these parks. Demonstrating remarkable initiative and determination, Sydney raised funds for one of the fountains by collecting donations from businesses. Recognizing the value and community benefit of Sydney’s project, the Gainesville Parks and Recreation Department is supporting the initiative by funding two additional fountains.

The new drinking fountains and bottle filling stations offer numerous benefits to park-goers. Designed to be more sanitary and convenient, these fountains are eco-friendly as they do not require electricity to operate, can be attached to any regular faucet, and encourage visitors to reuse bottles.

“The partnership with Sydney is a testament to the power of community involvement and the impact young individuals can have on their hometowns” said Hayley Skinner, Program Coordinator for Gainesville Parks and Recreation. “We are thrilled to support projects that not only enhance our parks but also encourage healthy and sustainable practices.”

“This project has been in the works for a little while now and we are excited for this upgrade to be available to Gainesville residents and visitors,” said Kevin Gann, Interim Director for Gainesville Parks and Recreation. “These fountains will serve as a lasting reminder of the positive impact of community service and the potential of our youth to drive meaningful change.”

The installation process is set to begin shortly, with the new fountains expected to be operational by the end of next week. The addition of these fountains will enhance the amenities at Edison, Jaycee, and Leonard parks, making them even more enjoyable for residents and visitors.



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