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Carlsbad Water Park Plans Major Expansion

The addition of a vertical drop slide and an expansion to the swimming pool area are in the works at the Carlsbad Water Park, Carlsbad Mayor Dale Janway announced. Construction will soon begin.

“The Carlsbad Water Park had an incredibly successful second summer,” Janway said. “As we continue to receive so much support from the public, we look forward to adding more amenities and features to the park.”

The new speed slide will be located at the southeast corner of the park and will become the water park’s tallest feature. Depending on total cost, the City may add a second speed slide this year. The City of Carlsbad will also add another 50 feet to the park’s pool area to greatly increase its capacity.

“We had so many members of the public asking us to enlarge that area,” Janway explained. “While the slides, the lazy river, and the zero-entry play area are all popular, many of our guests also just like to spend some of their time hanging out in the water.”

The Carlsbad Water Park saw an estimated 60,000 visitors during its second year of operations, Mayor Janway stated. The park first opened its doors on July 1, 2016, and had about 26,000 visitors during its first, shortened summer season.

Throughout the summer of 2017, the park was open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, Tuesday through Sunday (the park was only open on weekends when school resumed session). The Carlsbad Water Park also drew a considerable amount of use for end-of-year school parties and evening rentals, and these events are included in the estimated total of 60,000 visitors. The park also ran a concession stand this year.

On weekends, about half of the surveyed visitors to the Carlsbad Water Park said they came from out of town, mostly from Roswell, Artesia and West Texas.

“The Carlsbad Water Park is primarily a quality of life enhancement to give our residents and their families a place to cool off,” Janway stated. “However, the park also adds a great option for our guests, who are here for tournaments at the sports complex, visiting the Caverns or just making a summer road trip.”

Mayor Janway thanked Carlsbad Water Park Director Brad Alpers and his staff for another safe and successful summer at the water park.

A Carlsbad Lifeguard Certification Class will be held Nov. 11,12,18 and 19 at the CHS Natatorium. The cost is \$35 and participants must be at least 15-years-old. Pre-registration can be completed at the natatorium.

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