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Community Enrichment



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Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History

Since 1957, the Museum has been the place to experience local cultural and natural history.

Offering educational programs for students:

19,500 students (a 28% increase) participated in education programs. Students experienced frontier life in the general store, old schoolhouse and shellcrete house and learned biology and ecology concepts from our live animal collection and the bilingual temporary exhibit **Bats in My World**. A new science program for 146 CCISD fifth grade classes used exhibits to focus on TEKS concepts.

New Mineral and Paleontology traveling trunks provided curriculum guided science learning tools for elementary school classrooms in Corpus Christi and Flour Bluff ISDs.

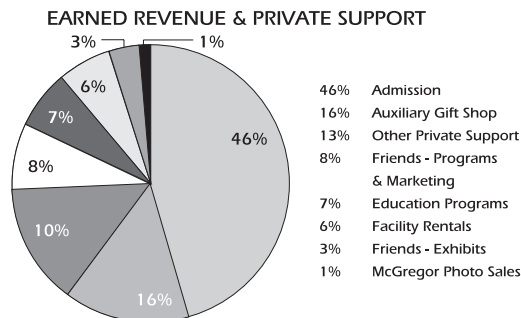
2,507 children were able to plant and harvest crops then use their earnings to buy nutritious food at the store in the Junior League supported **Farm to Market** temporary exhibit that targeted pre-schoolers.

Enriching the learning experience for children, families and adults about our local cultural and the natural environment:

An increased attendance of over 67,500 participated in regular Saturday programs, special events and winter lectures on topics from Hispanic Heritage, Early Corpus Christi and Pioneer Days to bats, coral reefs and plants of the Coastal Bend. Increasingly people used **www.ccmuseum.com** to plan their visit and then spent an average of over 2.5 hours enjoying the Museum.

Supporting Community Groups and Providing a Unique Venue for Events:

494 room/facility uses by community or governmental groups for meetings, receptions or performances. The Cultural Encounters Gallery featuring the historic 16th century domed ceiling was a significant factor in increasing popularity of Museum rentals for wedding receptions and social events.



Corpus Christi Public Libraries

The Corpus Christi Public Libraries are moving forward with the November 2004 bond issue projects. The expansion and remodeling of the Northwest Branch library is underway and should be completed this Summer. Patrons will see a 70% increase in floor space and a unique and inviting Flora and Fauna of South Texas theme throughout the library. Another exciting feature will be a nature education center and public art depicting South Texas birds. Library staff has received a tremendous amount of support from the Northwest community who place a high value on the services provided by their neighborhood library. Just as the Northwest project is completed, the renovation of the Parkdale Branch library will begin.

Another 2004 bond project is the new Southside library. The planning phase for this project has begun and construction is scheduled to start early in 2008. This will be a joint partnership with the Corpus Christi Independent School District.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE ONLINE

- Visit the library 24 hours a day **www.library.ci.corpus-christi.tx.us**
- Library Catalog:** Book reviews, chapter excerpts and other new features are now available.
- Rosetta Stone Online Language Learning Center** offers a powerful method of fast and effective language learning. Call for information on how to access the English and Spanish courses.
- BookLetters:** Stay connected with the Corpus Christi Public Library through BookLetters newsletter e-mails. BookLetters e-mails are an easy and fun way to find out about new and notable books at your library. By signing up, timely notices of new books will conveniently be delivered right to your home or office.
- LearningExpress Library** service has expanded beyond practice test (GED, SAT, ASVAB, Police & Firefighters, etc.) to include online **tutorials** (reading, math, etc.) starting at the elementary level, **E-Books** (focus on reading, math, parenting, occupational skills, etc.).
- TexShare** commercial databases (online magazines articles, genealogy resources, health databases and much more).
- NetLibrary** for electronic books.

Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department

The Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department has been diligently developing and implementing many improvement and enhancement projects throughout our city. All these projects benefit the quality of life of all persons and segments in our community.

Parks and Recreation Bond 2004, Community Enrichment and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Construction and Improvement Projects completed during 2006:

- New playground equipment to eight parks
- Parking lot improvement to Northwest Football and South Guth Park
- New outdoor basketball courts in three parks
- Installed sidewalks with ADA accessibility to playground equipment in eight parks
- Court Reconstruction to H-E-B Tennis Center and West Oso tennis courts
- Improvements to Gabe Lozano Sr. Golf Center
- Fencing Improvements at Kiwanis Softball Field
- Improvements (addition of promenade and installation of 89 palm trees) to Corpus Christi Beach
- Renovations to Oso Pool Bath House
- Outdoor security lighting to three facilities

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The **Gabe Lozano Sr. Golf Center** is in the final stages of completing over \$1 million in renovation projects. The new "Emerald Bermuda Greens" were installed on the greens and "tif eagle" was installed on the tee boxes. Additional enhancements included new bunkers, a new chipping green, an enlarged putting green, reinforcement to the lakes and some cart paths were replaced. Also, this golf center has a lighted driving range and an Executive 9 course.
- Upon completion of four new state-of-the-art floating docks, and a boaters' facility on the Peoples Street T-Head and the public boat ramp on the Coopers Alley L-Head, the **Corpus Christi Municipal Marina** will be poised to attract more boaters and events to our city—projecting to generate a tremendous economic impact. The approximately \$8 million improvements are already proving results. It is set to host the first Texas international boat show, demonstrating luxury yachts valued at up to \$10 million from around the world—putting Corpus Christi on the radar of boaters and garnering the attention of event organizers on the international stage!

Discover the Benefits,
visit **www.ccparkandrec.com.**