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In the past 10 years, what parks improvements and acquisitions have been made and what are the associated costs?

Over the past decade, there have been several completed projects and improvements including:

- Barbara Antonsen pavilion: \$1 million
- Bike Skills Park (Phase 1): \$115,000
- Bike Skills Park (Phase II): \$126,600
- Splash pad at Sunset Park: \$92,000 was donated
- Ranger Station Park land acquisition: \$650,000
- Posse Grounds playground equipment: \$434,000
- Sunset Park playground equipment: \$203,000
- Dog Park improvements: \$228,000
- Fitness Trail/Exercise Equipment: \$76,000
- Sunset Park Playground Resurfacing: \$203,500
- Sugar Loaf Trailhead Parking Lot: \$110,000
- Posse Grounds Southwest Improvements (multi-use field): \$237,000
- Wetlands Park improvements (some costs considered wastewater): \$2,598,000
- Pool Slide: \$90,800

What parks improvements are planned for the future?

Based on the desire of the community the following amenities are being considered or are planned:

- Posse Grounds Shade Structures and Playground Equipment – scheduled to be completed by Fall 2022.
- Ranger Station Park – the buildout of this park has commenced and will be completed two years earlier than originally planned.
- Dedicated pickleball courts – eight new courts to be constructed at Posse Grounds Park, project to begin in Fiscal Year 2023 with construction completed in Fiscal Year 2024.
- Disc Golf Course – temporary course established in 2021. The buildout of an 18-hole course will be dependent on usage and interest.
- Dog Run/Field – future capital project.

What parks programming and events have been offered in the last ten years?

Over the past decade, listed below are some of the programs and events that have been offered. Some of these programs continue today, and some have been discontinued due to instructor interest or participation but the department is always looking for ways to enhance programming for residents.

- Celebration of Spring
- St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Food Truck Festival
- 4th of July Wetfest
- WagFest & Fair
- Trunk or Treat/Safe & Fun Trick or Treating
- Pumpkin Drop
- Breakfast with Santa
- Sedona Stumble
- Turkey Trot
- Oktoberfest
- Holiday Central
- Red Dirt Concerts – Spring Season
- Red Dirt Concerts – Fall Season
- Movies in the Park

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- Yappy Hour
- Disc Golf
- Tennis
- Pickleball
- Open Gym – Basketball & Volleyball
- Adult Softball League
- Co-Ed Youth Basketball League
- Aqua Fitness Classes
- Swim Lessons
- Lifeguard Class
- Posse Camp: Nature Explorers
- Posse Camp: Move It & Groove It
- Art Camp
- Soccer Camp
- Lego Camp
- Arizona Science Center Camp
- Basketball Camp
- Mountain Bike Camp
- Comics & Visual Storytelling Camp
- Youth Drumming
- Yo-Yo Class
- Storytime in the Park
- Volunteer Park Ranger Program

Where does the funding come from for all of our parks?

Funding comes from a variety sources including:

- The City's General Fund – funded by sources like sales and bed tax
- development impact fees (a portion of this fee goes towards building parks)
- Community Facilities Districts funding – two Community Facilities Districts were created to account for two time shares. The development agreements for the two timeshares represented by the Community Facility Districts require them to pay a fee that could be considered in lieu of a bed tax since timeshares do not pay a bed tax for traditional timeshare owners. A portion of the money collected goes directly towards parks funding.
- Donations/Sponsorships
- Grants
- Partnerships

I heard you weren't going to build out the Ranger Station like you promised. Is that true?

The Ranger Station has been steadily worked on since 2015 with environmental remediation, a barn roof replacement, demolition, a shared use path installation and more. Between 2022 – 2025, the city will implement the following improvements of the Brewer Rd Ranger Station and surrounding area:

- House/Barn exterior restoration – completed in Fiscal Year 2022.
- House/Barn interior restoration
- Construction of parking lot, landscaping, restroom and lawn
- Plaza, landscaping and gardens

These efforts will be completed two years earlier than originally planned based on City Council's direction at the [priorities setting meeting in January 2022](#).