

Since opening Travis County's East Metropolitan Park in May of 2005 visitation has been steadily increasing. The park offers many recreational opportunities including:

Baseball	(four little league and three full sized baseball fields)
Basketball	(two full sized basketball courts)
DiscGolf	(eighteen hole regionally recognized disc golf course)
Events	(a large community pavilion overlooking Kingfisher Pond)
Fishing	(three fishing ponds, one of which is stocked on a regular basis)
Picnicking	(several picnic sites throughout the park)
Shuffleboard	(two shuffleboard courts)
Soccer	(four regulation soccer fields)
Tennis	(two regulation tennis courts)
Volleyball	(two sand volleyball courts)

With all of these amenities the park has become a popular location for gatherings such as group picnics, birthday parties, family reunions and other such gatherings. The large basketball court near Bullfrog Pond has in a way become a default location for these types of events.

At first park staff resisted having the basketball court turned into a picnic shelter; However in time the demand for a group facility won out. Allowing groups to gather at the basketball court has helped but it does not meet visitor's desire to have a guaranteed location for their group events.

Therefore Travis County Park is proposing to make the East Metro Park basketball court available for group reservations. One half of the basketball court could be reserved as X-Large Shelter with electrical outlets for \$75. There would also be a \$10 reservation fee and a \$50 refundable deposit if the facility is left in the manner received.

Whenever the facility is not reserved for an event it would be open for use as a basketball court. When the facility is reserved there is still a basketball court available at the tennis court/shuffleboard area.

We at Travis County Parks want to make sure the community that lives in the area and uses our East Metropolitan Park have a chance to provide input before this decision is made. Thank you in advance for your comments.

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