



# ***Specialized Recreation Centers***





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### **Central Aquatics Center**

**Type of Park:** Aquatics Center

**Address:** 701 Mary Drive  
**Year Built:** 1996  
**Size of Center:** 138,000 total gallons



**Comments** – The Central Aquatics Center is extremely popular and well used by the community. It is a colorful, state-of-the-art, family-oriented facility that has seen over 475,000 visitors in the past nine years. In addition to the major attraction of the aquatics facilities, the site also includes a number of pavilions and picnic units, making it ideal for families to visit the center. The grounds of the Central Aquatics Center are very well maintained.

#### **Existing Amenities at the Center:**

- 1 Volleyball court (sand)
- 7 slides
- 3 pools
- 2 pavilions
- 21 picnic units
- 2 benches
- 2 drinking fountains
- 1 concession facility
- 1 restroom facility
- locker rentals
- shower/dressing facilities

#### **Parking:**

Parking is shared with Central Park and the Recreation Center as a whole and is thus not reflected in this section.

#### **Recommended Park Improvements:**

The following improvements are recommended for the Central Aquatics Center:



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- The presence of the Aquatics Center along Pipeline Road is in need of improvement. Set back from the road, it lacks an inviting and welcoming entrance. It needs an entranceway designed and developed to mark the park's presence, welcome visitors and present the promise of fun and excitement. See also signage recommendations for Central Park and land acquisition recommendations for the Hurst Recreation Center.



*Entrance to the Central Aquatics Center.*



*Colorful state-of-the-art aquatics facilities.*



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*The shade structures, lawn and sand volleyball court provide additional variety to the park and its facilities.*



*Central Aquatics Center as seen from across Lorean Branch.*



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### **Chisholm Aquatics Center** **Type of Park: Aquatics Center.**

**Address:** 2200 Norwood Drive  
**Year Built:** 1997  
**Size of Center:** 299,000 total gallons



**Comments** – The Chisholm Aquatics Center is located within Chisholm Park. This aquatics facility is extremely popular and well used by the community. The site also includes a number of pavilions and picnic units, making it ideal for citizens to visit together as families.

#### **Existing Amenities in the Park:**

- 1 volleyball court (sand)
- 4 slides
- 2 diving boards
- 2 pools
- 3 pavilions
- 41 picnic units
- 3 benches
- 2 drinking fountains
- 1 concession facility
- 1 restroom facility
- locker rentals
- shower/dressing facilities

#### **Parking:**

Parking adjacent to the center is shared with Chisholm Park as a whole and is thus not reflected in this section.



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### ***Recommended Park Improvements:***

This facility is well designed and well maintained. No improvements are at present required or recommended.



*The height separation between the pool area and the shaded area creates a sense of relief from children splashing and playing. The banner in the foreground adds color and interest.*



*The aquatics facilities are state-of-the-art.*



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*Three elegantly designed pavilions with picnic units are available for rental by residents.*



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### **Hurst Recreation Center**

**Type of Park:** *Recreation Center.*

**Address:** 700 Mary Drive  
**Year Built:** Latest Renovation in 2000  
**Size of Center:** 48,626 square feet



**Comments** – The location of the Hurst Recreation Center, together with an aquatics facility, tennis center, and park area, creates a wonderful synergy that makes the entire area a major attraction within the City. In addition, this complex as a whole is an ideal City amenity to be incorporated with the planned mix-used development along Pipeline Drive.

#### ***Existing Amenities in and around the Center:***

- 8 basketball goals (indoors)
- An indoor walking/jogging track
- 3 fitness equipment areas
- Gymnastics Center
- Basketball/Volleyball Gymnasium
- 4 racquetball courts
- 5 classrooms
- 1 dance/exercise room
- Administrative Offices
- Shower and dressing facilities
- 14 benches
- 6 picnic units
- 6 drinking fountains
- 5 bleachers



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### ***Parking:***

Adjacent parking is shared with Central Park as a whole and is thus not reflected in this section.

### ***Recommended Park Improvements:***

- Consider acquiring property to the north of the Recreation and Aquatics Center for future park needs. This will increase the road frontage of the Central Park complex and make it more visible in the community.
- Place the overhead utility lines underground along Mary Drive to avoid visual clutter.



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### **Tennis Center**

**Type of Park:** *Tennis Center.*

**Address:** 715 Mary Drive  
**Year Built:** Renovated in 1998



**Comments** – The Tennis Center is a ten court, lighted facility. It is well maintained and neatly designed.

The Hurst Tennis Center is a municipal tennis facility, operating seven days per week on a year-round basis. Many types of programs are offered for youth and adults, from beginners through advanced skill levels. These programs include:

- Court rentals
- Private and group lessons
- Leagues
- Tournaments
- Camps

Over 16,000 persons used the Tennis Center in Fiscal Year 04-05.

The types of use include:

- Competitive Use  
In FY 04-05, 1,100 persons participated in competitive Tournaments at the HTC. In addition, over 3,500 persons participated in competitive leagues at the Center.
- Informal Play  
In Fiscal Year 04-05, there were 8,400 court rentals at the HTC.

In terms of the regional use of the Hurst Tennis Center, it hosts two United States Tennis Association (USTA) sanctioned tournaments each year (one for youth and one for adults). Tennis players travel from around the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and from around the general north Texas area to participate in these events. Additionally, the Tennis



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Center hosts a number of competitive leagues during the spring and fall league seasons. Players travel from around the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex area on a weekly basis to participate in these leagues during the season.

### ***Existing Amenities in the Park:***

- 10 tennis courts
- 4 shade canopies
- 10 picnic units
- 15 benches
- 3 bleachers
- 2 drinking fountains
- Tennis Center building with restrooms, offices, ice and vending machines and reception lobby

### ***Parking:***

Parking is shared with Central Park as a whole and is thus not reflected in this section.

### ***Recommended Park Improvements:***

- Consider improving the existing court lighting system from the current lighting levels of 16 to 28 foot candles.  
It is suggested to follow the United States Tennis Association (USTA) recommendation for luminance levels. Accordingly, the best suited luminance level for the Hurst Tennis Center is Class III, which is typically required for club, high school, instructional, parks, and residential use. The Class III luminance levels are:
  - Maintained Average Horizontal luminance: 60 foot-candles
  - Maintained Minimum Horizontal luminance: 50 foot-candles
- Consider additional landscape and botanical improvements. Focus on native trees, wildflowers and native grasses.