



Eddie Treviño, Jr.
County Judge

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**NOTICE REGARDING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BEJARANO-MCFARLAND
MEMORIAL COUNTY PARK DUE TO PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

Cameron County is excited to announce construction improvements at Bejarano-McFarland Memorial County Park are starting January 20, 2025. The park is in Cameron County Precinct 3, in the community of Laguna Heights at 235 E. Michigan Avenue, Port Isabel, Texas. The improvements to Bejarano-McFarland Memorial County Park include the construction of a Universal Design splash pad and Universal Design playground components, upgrade to existing trail, covered basketball court, restroom renovations, new picnic pavilion, shade structure, solar lights, native landscaping, fencing, arbor bench swings to view the Laguna Madre Bay, bike racks, benches and the installation of wildlife friendly amber lighting along the birdwatch overlook, along with interpretive signage and other supporting amenities.

In light of these construction activities, Bejarano-McFarland Memorial County Park will be temporarily closed starting January 20, 2025, until further notice. This closure encompasses the parking area, birdwatch overlook and all park amenities. This closure is necessary to ensure the safety of the public during the construction phase by allowing the contractor to secure the project site adequately.

Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr., stated, "We are excited to announce the construction of the new additions and park improvements, which will highlight the beautiful coastal and natural resources of this area. I'm happy to say that these improvements will include Universal Design, and inclusive concepts, for visitors of all abilities. This gem of a park will be enjoyed by the Laguna Madre community, surrounding communities and all visitors. I would like to thank Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for the funding opportunity and partnership on this project"

Cameron County Commissioner Precinct 3 David A. Garza stated, "We're excited to share that significant improvements are underway at Bejarano-McFarland Memorial Park! Nestled along the scenic Laguna Madre Bay, this unique park will soon offer even more recreational opportunities for visitors to enjoy, while soaking in the stunning natural surroundings. A heartfelt thank you to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for their unwavering support and for partnering with us to continue enhancing the beauty of South Texas' great outdoors."

Joe E. Vega, Cameron County Parks & Recreation Director stated, "These new and improved amenities to Bejarano-McFarland Memorial County Park will allow visitors of all walks of life to be able to enjoy nature and the array of great recreational opportunities such as birdwatching, family picnics, and many more fun outdoor activities."

The total project construction cost is approximately \$1,844,395 and is funded through the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Recreational Grant of \$750,000 and Certificate of Obligations of \$1,094,395. The Architectural Firm for this project is Gomez Mendez Saenz, Inc., the Engineering Firm is Green Rubiano & Associates and the General Contractor is C&A Construction Team, LLC, Splash Pad Developer is Exerplay Inc., Pavilion and Shade Structures Developer is Archer Construction & Design

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