

Roberts Point Park offers family fun

Whether you're after fishing, soccer, entertainment, a picnic, ship watching in the Corpus Christi Ship Channel or just sitting back and enjoying the view, Roberts Point Park has something for you.

The park was built as a joint effort between civic volunteers and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Depart-

ment (TPWD). Volunteers supplied much of the work; TPWD supplied major funding.

The popular Sunset Sounds musical series will continue during the renovations at Roberts Point Park, which include transforming the former Patsy Jones Amphitheater into an overlook area at the northern tip of the park. Plans are in the works for a new amphithe-



ater, still along the Corpus Christi Ship Channel for maximum enjoyment of a summer program highlight.

Other renovations under way include new restrooms near the boat ramp parking area and near the pavilion, a new fish cleaning station and reconstruction of the boat ramps themselves.

The park pavilion is named in memory of the late fishing enthusiast Fred Rhodes. The pavilion offers welcome shade for spectators at fishing tournaments that hold weigh-ins at the park and provides a stage for performances during festivals.

The park is a favorite fishing spot, whether from the granite jetties that mark the harbor, the lighted J.P. Luby Fishing Pier, or the bulkheading that surrounds the park.

The bulkheaded perimeter of the park doubles as a jogging trail, and the paved walk along the bulkhead has recently been completely redone.

The Tom and Corabelle Keeler observation tower provides an excellent spot for watching ship traffic and the dolphins frolicking in the ship channel as they lead the ships in and out of the chan-

nel -- watch for them at the water line at the bow (front) of the ships.

Also in the park, a picnic pavilion offers shaded tables adjacent to shuffleboard lanes and a bocce court (equipment can be rented for a refundable deposit at the nearby harbor master's office). There's a special space for horseshoes, a basketball slab and plenty of space for playing volleyball, baseball or running races.

The nearby playground with equipment is a favorite spot for children.

The park is on the left as you exit the ferry.

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