



## COUNTY of GALVESTON

### Department of Parks & Cultural Services

4102 Main Street (FM 519) • La Marque, Texas 77568  
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**Dickinson Optimist Club**  
**FY-2023—FY25 Fee Reduction Request - Little Buddy Fishing Tournament**  
**Saturday, June 27, 2026 and the last Saturday in June 2027 & 2028 for use of Paul Hopkins Park**

5.1.2 Criteria for Requesting Reduction of a Permit Fee. The criteria for requesting such a reduction are:

- i) Submit a written request to the Parks and Senior Services Department at least 90 days before the event;
- ii) Describe the level of significant contributions the organization or agency has provided to a Galveston County park, Galveston County senior services and/or beach facilities, or the Galveston County community in the past year;
- iii) Submit financial plans on the upcoming event, including all projected revenues and expenditures for the event;
- iv) Submit background information regarding the organization or agency; and
- v) Provide proof of current tax-exempt status or non-profit status, including IRS Form 990.\*

Once all criteria are met, the Parks Department and Senior Services Department will submit the item to the Commissioners' Court agenda. Commissioners' Court will either approve reduction of the permitting fee or deny the request. A member of the organization requesting the reduction of a permit fee may be present at the Commissioners' Court meeting.

5.1.3 Options and requirements for Fee Reduction:

- i) Fees may be reduced by up to 80%, but not to exceed a \$1,000.00 reduction in fees.
- ii) Admission to events receiving reduced fees must be open to the public free of charge. While event sponsors may charge for goods or services at the event, no admission or gate fee shall be charged.
- iii) Galveston County must be identified as a sponsor of any event in which a fee is reduced. The County must be recognized on any and all print media, banners, websites and in a place of prominence at event locations during the event. Galveston County reserves the right to place a banner or signage at/in event grounds.
- iv) Galveston County reserves the right to view sales and special event documentation at its request at any time.

**Non-refundable user fees Amount:**

Special Event User Fee (less than 100 attendees): \$70.00

Fee Reduction Amount (80%): \$56.00

**Grand Total of User Fee Payment should reduction be approved: \$14.00**

\*Please see attached request.

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**Our Core Purpose:** *"We offer exceptional life experiences!"*

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P.O. BOX 1091, DICKINSON, TEXAS 77539

*Steve Smith, President  
Cathy Hamil, Vice President  
Robert Cobb, Vice President  
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Stacie Howell, Treasurer  
James Ayers, Sgt at Arms*

April 14, 2026

Galveston County Commissioners Court  
722 Moody Avenue  
Galveston, Texas 77550

Dear Commissioner Court:

I am writing, on behalf of the Dickinson Optimist Club, to request that the \$70 Pavilion Rental Fee, at Paul Hopkins Park, be reduced for our event. The last Saturday in June each year, the Optimist Club of Dickinson will be hosting a free Fishing Tournament for kids, ages 5-13. This year's event will be June 27<sup>th</sup>. The event is meant to inspire and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community, life and the world. We also want to provide this opportunity to bring kids together with their parents or guardians for a morning of fishing, fellowship and fun.

Optimist International is an association of more than 3,000 Optimist Clubs around the world dedicated to "Bringing Out the Best in Children." Adult volunteers join Optimist Clubs to conduct positive service projects in their communities aimed at providing a helping hand to youth. With their upbeat attitude, Optimist Club members help empower young people to be the best that they can be.

The 11th Annual "Little Buddy Fishing Tournament" will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 8am till noon in Paul Hopkins Park. Optimist will award prizes for various fish caught and serve hot dogs to all participants and their parents. We have provided all the necessary applications required to host the event in Paul Hopkins Park and were informed that this fee might be waived if requested in writing. Thank you for your consideration of this request, and thank for your support of this program, and supporting our mission to "bring out the best in children".

Sincerely,

Kenneth Eric Nurse, Event Chairman  
Optimist Club of Dickinson  
4161 Country Club Dr.  
Dickinson, TX 77539



Optimist Club of Dickinson



[optimistclubofdickinson@gmail.com](mailto:optimistclubofdickinson@gmail.com)



Galveston County - Parks & Cultural Services
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Phone: 409-934-8102 Fax: 409-621-7986
Scheduling Receipt

Creation Date: Thu Apr 9, 2026
PAYEE: Kenneth Nurse
Dickinson Optimist Club
PO Box 1091
Dickinson, Texas, United States
77539

Receipt #: 11953
Total Amount Due: \$14.00
Amount Paid: \$14.00
Balance Due: \$0.00

Client #: 748 Phone 2: (281) 635-3681
Email: optimistkennurse@earthlink.net Event: 2026 Little Buddy Fishing Tournament
Phone 1: (832) 561-4057 Status: Firm

Please make checks payable to Galveston County Parks Department.

Facility Times

Table with 5 columns: Facility Name, Description, Date, Time, Price. Includes Paul Hopkins Park - Facilities - Pavilion and summary rows like Facility Subtotal, Subtotal, 80% Discount, Total.

Transactions

Table with 5 columns: #, Date, Type, Method, Amount. Lists transactions # 134643, # 134645, and # 134647.

Comments

Thank you for booking with Galveston County Parks & Cultural Services. We are open M-F from 8am-4:30pm and closed on County holidays. If you have any issues after-hours or on the weekends, please call 409-996-9883. Please note that payment for invoices for indoor/outdoor facility rentals and special events are due 30 days prior to your event.

Subtotal: \$14.00
Total: \$14.00
Amount Paid: \$14.00
Balance Due: \$0.00



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 www.galvestoncountytx.gov

**OUTDOOR FACILITY USE APPLICATION**

Submit applications to [Program-Info@galvestoncountytx.gov](mailto:Program-Info@galvestoncountytx.gov)

Name of Applicant: Kenneth E. Nurse **ID req.** / age 21+/ DOB: 02/02/1970

Company Name (if applicable): Optimist Club of Dickinson Texas

Mailing address: P.O. Box 1091

City: Dickinson State: Tx Zip: 77539

Email address: optimistkennurse@earthlink.net

Cell Phone: (832) 561-4057 Other Phone: (832) 628-1854

Date(s) Requested: June 27th 2026 Start time: 07:30AM End Time: 12:30PM Facility:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bayshore Pavilion       | <input type="checkbox"/> Carbide Park - North Pavilion     | <input type="checkbox"/> Carbide Park - BBQ Hut           | <input type="checkbox"/> Carbide Senior Pavilion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carbide Basketball Pav. | <input type="checkbox"/> Noble Carl Pavilion               | <input type="checkbox"/> Gregory Pavilion                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Jack Brooks - Live Oak  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jack Brooks - Veterans  | <input type="checkbox"/> Jack Brooks - Highlands           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Hopkins Pavilion | <input type="checkbox"/> Walter Hall BBQ Shed    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walter Hall - Gazebo    | <input type="checkbox"/> Walter Hall - North Pavilion      | <input type="checkbox"/> Walter Hall - South Pavilion     | <input type="checkbox"/> Fort Travis Pavilion    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bayside - Pavilion      | <input type="checkbox"/> <del>Range Quonset Pavilion</del> | <input type="checkbox"/> Therapeutic Garden               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____            |

Type of event (family reunion, birthday party, etc.): Little Buddy Fishing Tournament

Total # attending event: 90

Moonwalk at event?  YES  NO **(Insurance required/Add \$20) NO Waterslides or water activities allowed**

How many moonwalks# 0

Name of moonwalk company: N/A

\*Will your event allow/provide alcohol?  YES  NO

\*Will you need electricity?  YES  NO **(Add \$10) - No electricity available at Jack Brook Park - Live Oak-Pavilion Carbide - Senior Pavilion, Basketball Pavilion or Fort Travis Pavilion**

What will you need electricity for? N/A

\*Will your event have live music, a DJ, or amplified sound? (Security required)  YES  NO

If yes, please describe: N/A

\*Will your event have crawfish/shrimp boil?  YES  NO

What activities/entertainment other than those listed above are you planning for your event: **\*Note special requests must fill out special request form and may be subject to additional deposit fees.**

\_\_\_\_\_ This is a permit modification. The permit was modified on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). Staff use only



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OUTDOOR FACILITY USE AGREEMENT - Page 5

**Teen Youth Party:** Any misrepresentation in the intent, type or nature of a youth party will be grounds for cancellation of the event and forfeiture of the event user fee(s) and deposit paid to secure exclusive use rights for the Teen Youth Party. All Teen Youth Parties will be accompanied by a minimum of three (3) chaperones (adults, 21+) based upon the number of youth attending and a fee is being charged for admission; in addition the Permit Holder must initial below to indicate that chaperones will be in attendance throughout the duration of the Event where entrance into the Event is open to the general public and not restricted to private use and/or attendance. Security is required for all "Youth Teen Parties". Ken Initial

**Decorations:** No decorations, additions or temporary structures may be affixed/added to any park structure at any time. Staples, tacks, or nails may not be used. Candles, sparklers, piñatas, rice, confetti, silly string, smoke, fog machines and glitter are strictly prohibited. Only birdseed and bubbles are permitted outside. Ken Initial


**Glass Containers:** No glass containers are allowed.

**Alcohol restrictions:** The only types of alcohol that may be consumed in County park facilities are wine and beer; liquor is prohibited.

**General Information:** Occasionally our facilities experience problems with electricity (where applicable). In such cases you or your organization will have the option of accepting the rental as is or rescheduling your event. We recommend Permit Holders to be prepared with batteries/generators as staff is not available to restore electricity on weekends or evenings. When possible, we will notify you in advance of problems with the facility. Thank you for your cooperation.

Should your event need to be rescheduled due to a staff/clerical error, health or safety issue, a County function or unforeseen events (i.e. deaths, sudden illness, loss of employment) or "Acts of God" (i.e. declared emergency and natural disasters), Permit Holder will be given notice at the earliest opportunity and User/Deposit Fees will be refunded or the event can be rescheduled.

Failure to abide by any of these General Conditions will automatically revoke the Permit and cancel the Reservation. All policies and fees in this application are subject to change.

  
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Signature of Applicant  
**Kenneth E. Nurse**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

17APR2026  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Type text here

Thank you for choosing Galveston County Parks & Cultural Services to host your event! Should you have any comments, questions or concerns please call us at 409-934-8100, Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm.

\* Submit completed applications along with copy of driver's license to [Program-Info@galvestoncountytx.gov](mailto:Program-Info@galvestoncountytx.gov) \*