



City of Galveston

PRESS RELEASE

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Construction begins on Sandhill Crane Soccer Complex

The City of Galveston welcomes the public to a Construction Kickoff Ceremony on Monday, December 11 at 10 a.m.

Galveston, TX – November 17, 2023 – Construction on the Sandhill Crane Soccer Complex begins this month and is expected to continue into 2025, with the 26-acre facility undergoing complete renovation.

The Sandhill Crane soccer complex is a long-sought project in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and design plans entail the renovation of the soccer fields, a multipurpose court, bleachers, a new parking lot, shade structures, restrooms, and a walking and jogging trail. The fields will be striped for various sizes and a championship level field will be added. The renovation will include the installation of Musco lighting for the entire complex.

The \$7.1 million project is funded by sales tax and hotel occupancy tax revenues. The Galveston City Council approved a contract for the design of the complex in 2021, and Council in 2022 approved the sale of certificate of obligation bonds, which is the primary funding source for the project.

“This is a project we’ve been working and planning toward, and we are excited to be moving forward for the benefit of Galveston soccer players and their families,” City Manager Brian Maxwell said. “Upgrading this field will also create an appealing sports tourism venue for hosting tournaments on the island.”

The City of Galveston will host a **Construction Kickoff Ceremony:**

When: Monday, December 11 at 10 a.m.

Where: Sandhill Crane Soccer Complex, 3348 7 Mile Road (Intersection of Stewart Road and 7 Mile Road)





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Estimated Fiscal Impact	Amount
Total construction contract award	\$6,018,980.63
Est. city inspection fees	\$85,000
Est. materials testing	\$150,000
Musco lighting (Fields 1-5)	\$855,429
TOTAL	\$7,109,409.63

Sources of funding	
Combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation series 2022 (IDC and Sanitation)	\$4,739,133.88
Convention Center surplus HOT funds	\$2,370,275.75
TOTAL	\$7,109,409.63

