

## **COMPUTER, INTERNET, AND WIRELESS INTERNET (WI-FI) POLICY**

**POLICY STATEMENT:** The Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) provides the use of computers for park pass holders and free (Wi-Fi) access which all park users can use to connect to the Internet. To use these services, customers must agree to abide by relevant PARD policies. Computer and Wi-Fi users are bound by the Texas Penal Code, sections 43.21, 43.22, and 43.24, which make display of obscene materials a criminal offense.

### **PARD COMPUTER USE**

1. Computer users are responsible for complying with Copyright legislation.
2. To use a computer, one must have a valid pass issued by PARD.
3. Computers are available on a first-come first-served basis.
4. Customers may not use a pass other than their own to access PARD computers.
5. For their personal security, customers should end their session by logging off all applications when they are done using the computer.
6. PARD is not liable for information received or sent from public access computer workstations or laptops.
7. Work not saved before the end of a session is lost and is not retrievable

### **INTERNET**

#### **Information Access**

PARD computers for the transmission, dissemination and/or duplication of information is regulated by state and federal laws. PARD users are bound by the Texas Penal Code, sections 43.21, 43.22 and 43.24, which make display of obscene materials a criminal offense. All PARD users must comply with these laws. PARD policy forbids the access of illegal material on its terminals. To this end, PARD uses electronic filtering to restrict access to pornographic sites.

#### **Internet Use**

- PARD does not control information found on the Internet and, therefore, cannot be held responsible for its content.
- Individuals who use the Internet are responsible for evaluating the validity and appropriateness of the information they access.
- PARD staff is available to offer assistance as needed.

PARD does not provide e-mail accounts; however, customers may be able to access their free web-based e-mail accounts through public computers.

#### **Internet Use by Minors**

Supervision of a child's use of the Internet is the responsibility of a parent or legal guardian.

### **Responsibilities of Internet and Other Computer Users**

The following actions may result in the loss of computer access and/or PARD privileges:

- Damaging computer equipment or software.
- Use of any PARD pass but their own.
- Behavior in violation of Resolution 18-2146 Anti-bullying and Anti-harassment Policy which includes engaging in harassing or defamatory activity on-line.
- Use computers for illegal activity.
- Relocating computer monitors or PC towers.

### **WIRELESS INTERNET (WI-FI)**

PARD's Wi-Fi network is not secure. PARD assumes no responsibility for the safety of equipment, device configurations, security, or data files when connecting to the Wi-Fi network. PARD is not responsible for any loss of data, or for theft or damage to personal equipment or software. Anti-virus and security protection are the responsibility of the customer.

Due to the diversity of devices used by customers, PARD staff is not able to provide technical assistance and is not permitted to configure or troubleshoot a customer's device. Though the network is designed to cover the entire facility, no guarantee is made for signal strength or availability. There is no time limit on using the Wi-Fi network with personal equipment.