

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**  
**AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation Department

**AGENDA DATE:** June 18, 2013

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Liza Ramirez-Tobias (541-4599)

**DISTRICT AFFECTED:** District 3

**SUBJECT:**

Approve resolution to allow a portion of Eastwood Park located at 3110 Parkwood Street, El Paso, Texas to remain open past the normal operating hours, from 11:00 p.m. on Saturday June 22, 2013 to 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 23, 2013 in accordance with El Paso City 13.24.040 (E), including permitted uses, for the purpose of celebrating American Radio Relay League Field Day as requested by the El Paso Amateur Radio Club.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The El Paso Amateur Radio Club (EPAR) has requested that a portion of Eastwood Park, located at 3110 Parkwood Street, remain open to allow EPAR to make as many contacts around the world in 24 hours. EPAR will setup up their equipment and antennas using emergency power (batteries and solar power) and operate continuously for 24 hours, counting the radio contacts.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

City Council occasionally approves similar requests for various events throughout the year.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

N/A

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** 

*Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager*

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

That a portion of Eastwood Park at 3110 Parkwood Street, El Paso, Texas is authorized to remain open past the normal operating hours, from 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2013 to 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 23, 2013 in accordance with El Paso City Code 13.24.040(E), including permitted uses, for the purpose of celebrating American Radio Relay League Field Day as requested by the El Paso Amateur Radio Club.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

CITY OF EL PASO

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John F. Cook  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
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Kristen L. Hamilton  
Assistant City Attorney

  
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Nanette L. Smejkal, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

# What is Field Day?



ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

Field Day is a picnic, a campout, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and, most of all, FUN!

It is a time where many aspects of Amateur Radio come together to highlight our many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, other groups use the opportunity to practice their emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the organizations that Amateur Radio might serve in an emergency, as well as the general public. For many clubs, ARRL Field Day is one of the highlights of their annual calendar.

The contest part is simply to contact as many other stations as possible and to learn to operate our radio gear in abnormal situations and less than optimal conditions.

We use these same skills when we help with events such as marathons and bike-a-thons; fund-raisers such as walk-a-thons; celebrations such as parades; and exhibits at fairs, malls and museums — these are all large, preplanned, non-emergency activities.

But despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems — or maybe because they ARE so complex — ham radio has been called into action again and again to provide communications in crises when it really matters. Amateur Radio people (also called “hams”) are well known for our communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations.

## What is the ARRL?

The American Radio Relay League is the 150,000+ member national association for Amateur Radio in the USA. ARRL is the primary source of information about what is going on in ham radio. It provides books, news, support and information for individuals and clubs, special events, continuing education classes and other benefits for its members.

## What is Amateur Radio

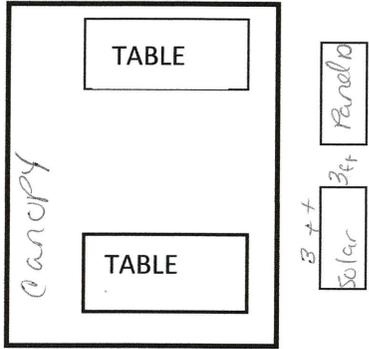
Often called “ham radio,” the Amateur Radio Service has been around for a century. In that time, it’s grown into a worldwide community of licensed operators using the airwaves with every conceivable means of communications technology. Its people range in age from youngsters to grandparents. Even rocket scientists and a rock star or two are in the ham ranks. Most, however, are just normal folks like you and me who enjoy learning and being able to transmit voice, data and pictures through the air to unusual places, both near and far, without depending on commercial systems.

The Amateur Radio frequencies are the last remaining place in the usable radio spectrum where you as an individual can develop and experiment with wireless communications. Hams not only can make and modify their equipment, but can create whole new ways to do things.

**For More Information visit: [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)**

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\* Water barrels to hold down tent



2 solar panels (3ft x 5ft)

20ft

concrete blocks

concrete blocks

wooden support

100ft

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