



**CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS**

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### ***City of Dripping Springs to host Wine Tasting Event at Harrison Ranch Park***

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**Editors Note:** If you have any questions regarding this press release, please call City Administrator Michelle Fischer or Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught at 512-858-4725.

**DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS** – As magnificent vineyards have dotted the Texas Hill Country, wine enthusiasts have searched the countryside near and far for education and tasting events to gain overall knowledge of the industry and products. Search no more! The City of Dripping Springs Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department is thrilled to announce its first ever small group wine tasting program.

The Parks Department will conduct an educational and fun event for adult participants to sample a range of Texas wines on Thursday, November 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Harrison Ranch Park farm house. The park is located directly across from Dripping Springs Elementary School off of Ranch Road 12. With a quaint home and 64 acres of rolling Hill Country landscape, the setting makes a perfect retreat for wine lovers.

Cheese and crackers will be served as you learn about the wines you taste. For only \$20 per person, this is one of the best wine tasting values in the Hill Country.

A competitive element will also be introduced into the event. This “blind tasting” allows each guest to incorporate all of their senses to identify respective wines.

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Director Kelly Schmidt said the City is excited to offer a recreational program that caters to adults and older citizens. “Many of our programs are typically geared toward the youth,” Schmidt said. “This will be something that encourages our adults to utilize our park system more,” she said.

“If it works out well, we would like to offer this as an on-going program,” Schmidt said. “We could see it progressing into an event where local artists could display art and maybe even some live music.”

If you are interested in participating in the kick off event on November 6, please call Ashley at 512-858-4725 to register today. This event is open only to adults over the age of 21.