



Eddie Treviño, Jr.
County Judge

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Cameron County Adolph Thomaе Jr. Boat Ramp Improvements Complete

Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. and the Cameron County Commissioners invite the public to attend the ribbon cutting celebration of the Adolph Thomaе, Jr. Boat Ramp Improvements. The event will be held on Friday, October 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Adolph Thomaе, Jr. County Park in Arroyo City.

The new facilities feature two new additional boat ramps for boaters to launch and load their boats, courtesy docks, fish cleaning stations, shoreline restoration and forty two additional truck/trailer parking spaces. The parking lot is constructed using a pervious paving system that is environmentally friendly. Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. stated, "We are excited that the new boat improvements are completed and the new boat ramp is ready to be open to the public. The Adolph Thomaе, Jr. Park Boat Ramp facility is known to be one of the busiest boat ramps in the Laguna Madre Area. This new boat ramp will make it easier for anglers to launch their boats and reduce the traffic bottlenecks experienced during the busiest times of the year at the park."

Cameron County Pct. 3 Commissioner David A. Garza stated, "Our Cameron County residents and visitors will be able to enjoy a facility that is modern, efficient, and accessible for boaters that access the waters of the Arroyo Colorado and the Laguna Madre. This new facility will promote recreational opportunities and will provide environmental benefits as well. The parking lot's unique construction will reduce storm water run-off by allowing rain water to infiltrate through the pavement and subsoil beneath, resulting in much cleaner run-off water making its way back into our water ways and groundwater thus protecting the environment."

Parks Director Joe E. Vega stated "We appreciate the funding opportunity that Texas Parks & Wildlife Department has provided to Cameron County for the new boat ramp facility. Our goal is to continue making the necessary improvements to Adolph Thomaе, Jr. Park in order to make the park a safer and enjoyable place for our Cameron County residents and visitors."

Adolph Thomaе, Jr. County Park is located adjacent to the Arroyo Colorado and is situated on the Laguna Atascosa Wildlife Refuge. The total project cost was approximately \$843,775.00. Funding for the construction improvements were made possible through a \$500,000 Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) grant. Cameron County cost share for this project was approximately \$253,775.00. Funding for planning, engineering and permitting were made possible through a \$90,000 grant from the Cameron County Coastal Impact Assistant Program. The General Contractor on the project was ARRCO General Construction Group LLC and the Civil/Structural Engineer was Mott McDonald.

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