

Tanks Park improvements on hold

Update - Feb. 3, 2020: The infrastructure assessment described below is still ongoing. The skate park and pickleball courts at Tanks Park are open and available to visitors. Project updates will be posted to highlandsranch.org.

In light of a new federal requirement regarding drinking water supplies, planned improvements for the skate park and pickleball courts at Tanks Park are on hold. A construction timeline had not been finalized, but was originally projected to begin during fall 2019.

The current skate park and pickleball courts are located on top of two drinking water storage tanks, owned by Centennial Water & Sanitation District. America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 requires community water systems serving more than 3,300 people to develop or update risk assessments and emergency response plans in accordance with new criteria released in May 2019. As a result, Centennial Water is currently updating a risk and resiliency assessment for all of its water facilities, including the two water storage tanks at Tanks Park, 10371 S. Broadway. More information concerning America's Water Infrastructure Act is available on the [United States Environmental Protection Agency's website](http://www.epa.gov).

In August, Centennial Water staff advised the Metro District of the possibility that the assessment could result in a recommendation to remove recreational facilities from the water tank lids. The Metro District has decided not to invest any new capital improvements for this facility until the risk assessment is completed. Once the assessment is complete, Centennial Water will share final recommendations with the Metro District, allowing decisions to be made accordingly.

Project updates will be shared at highlandsranch.org. For more information or questions, please contact Construction and Facilities Maintenance Manager Ken Standen at kstanden@highlandsranch.org or 720-240-5913.

Project background:

- 1998 – An agreement was reached between Centennial Water and the Metro District that allowed recreational use of the property, including the two water storage tank lids.
- 2001 – Skate ramps and an in-line hockey rink were installed.
- 2014 – Pickleball courts were painted within the in-line hockey rink.
- 2018 – Staff identified the need to replace the deteriorating



skate ramps and recognized an opportunity to also improve the pickleball courts.

- 2018 – Funds were identified in the 2019 budget for skate park and pickleball improvements. Planned skate park improvements include new surface mounted ramps, which will be relocated to the west tank. Planned pickleball improvements include moving the courts to the east tank to use existing anchor plates that will accommodate new perimeter and separation fences. Additional pickleball improvements include adding two more courts (for a total of six), improved nets, windscreens and a shade structure.
- March 2019 – The proposed changes were presented to the Centennial Water & Sanitation District Board of Directors. Consent was given contingent upon final plan review by Centennial Water staff.
- April 2019 – The Metro District Board of Directors approved an appropriation of \$75,000 for pickleball improvements.
- May 2019 – A public input meeting was held on site for resident and user feedback on the proposed changes.
- June 2019 – A bid opening was held for new skate ramp proposals. A qualified supplier was identified.
- Aug. 2019 – Metro District staff has updated the Metro District Board of Directors regarding Centennial Water’s risk and resiliency assessment and has placed all improvements on hold until the assessment of the water tanks is complete. [To read the full memo presented to the board on Aug. 21, click here.](#)

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