

# ALTUS AFB COMMUNITY UPDATE



Altus AFB has begun replacing the aging playgrounds at Excellence Park Oct. 16.

“In late 2014, the playgrounds at Excellence Park, were determined to be unsafe based on playground safety guidance,” said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Greg Reich, 97th Civil Engineer Squadron commander. “The 97th Air Mobility Wing Safety Office, 97th Force Support Squadron and 97th CES independently inspected the playgrounds and came up with the same conclusion that they both needed to be replaced.”

The playgrounds were inspected for a variety of safety issues.

“Hazards at the playgrounds included protruding bolts, jagged metal, missing ladders and compacted sand that could

result in a fall-related injury,” said Reich.

Demolition of one of the existing infrastructures took place on Oct. 16.

“The large playground equipment set was demolished immediately and repairs were made to the remaining playground to help lower the risk until a new playground is in place,” said Reich.

“The park will include many ‘old fashioned’ equipment pieces,” said Reich. “The design was completed by the 97th CES with an eye for fun as well as safety and sustainability in the future. Each piece can be replaced in years to come without a total park shutdown. Read more at <http://1.usa.gov/1NrNWzB>

## Base Happenings

**Oct. 30, 4 p.m.** – There will be a Halloween 5K run at the base fitness center. For more information call 580-481-7440.

**Oct. 31, 4 - 6 p.m.** – There will be a Fall Festival at the Wings of Freedom Park. Staging for the Trunk or Treat contest will begin at 2 p.m. For more information call 580-481-7485.

**Nov. 19, 4:30 - 6 p.m.** - There will be a Home Alone class at the base Youth Center for parents and children ages nine or older. For more information contact Anthony Coward at 580-481-6203.

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