“Rent a Picnic Shelter this Summer”

When looking to host a birthday, anniversary party or family reunion, people can now rent a park picnic shelter from the City of Norfolk for only $35 for the day.

“There are people who would like to plan on using a certain shelter without having to go out early in the morning to reserve it. The $35 fee gives them access to the shelter for the entire day,” said Pat Mrsny, City of Norfolk Park Superintendent.

There are a total of six shelters available for rent at TaHaZouka Park and Skyview Park.

A 46 by 70 foot shelter at the southwest corner of TaHaZouka Park has 17 tables, three barbecue grills, and 12 sets of electrical outlets. It’s located near the Cowboy Trail and a sand volleyball court.

Another shelter near the north entrance of the park holds 19 picnic tables, two barbecue grills and eight sets of outlets. It measures 42 by 42 feet.

At the northwest end of the park is another 24 by 40 foot shelter that contains ten picnic tables and four sets of outlets. Mrsny said there will soon be barbecue grills added near this shelter.

All of the shelters at TaHaZouka have clean water sources nearby.

In Skyview Park, there are also three shelters available for rent. The largest one is 24 by 49 feet and contains 16 tables and four barbecue grills. It has three sets of outlets. There is access to clean water near this shelter.

Another shelter at Skyview is 24 by 37 feet and holds eight picnic tables, three barbecue grills and one set of outlets. There is also a water hydrant by this shelter.

A third shelter is 20 by 26 feet in size and holds six picnic tables, two barbecue grills and has two sets of outlets.

People are allowed to bring their own barbecue grills to the parks. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed at the city parks except in the Elkhorn Lodge at TaHaZouka Park. Fireworks are not allowed in the park.

For more information about renting a shelter or other park buildings in a Norfolk park, call 402-844-2180.