

GO FLY A KITE!

What better way to get out and enjoy one of these warming breezy days of spring than to get out, sit on a sunny hillside and attach yourself to the end of a kite string.



But where to go?

While most of our local parks have some open space, Walnut Creek Park and Darden Towe Park are very well suited for kite flying. And on weekends unused field space on public school property can be used. Please be aware of other users on the site and follow these Kite Flying Safety Tips:

- **Kite Integrity:** Make sure your kite is in good condition (without tears, rips, bends, etc. in the material and structure) before attempting to fly it.
- **Strong String:** Don't skimp on the string! Check the integrity of your kite string. If it's knotted, worn, or shredding in places, throw it out and buy new string made for kite flying.
- **Your Surroundings:** Be aware of your surroundings and other people's space when flying your kite.
- **Spacious Space:** Always fly kites in an open area away from trees, power lines, and other obstacles.
- **Weather Permitting:** Never fly a kite if it's too windy or raining. If a storm is brewing, it's time to put the kite away.
- **Watch for Traffic:** Use caution when flying kites near roads with traffic.
- **Be a Smart Flyer:** Never let go of your kite string (to chase for fun) because you might not be able to catch it again. Once the kite is out of your control, it may soar into roadways (and cause traffic accidents!), tree tops, bodies of water, and other places you'll never be able to get it back from. Hang onto that string and fly your kite responsibly.
- **Know How Much String You Have:** Keep an eye on your string reserves, and be sure the end of the string is secured to its core or spindle so it doesn't slip away and disappear with your kite.
- **Avoid Crossing Lines:** Don't let your kite cross lines with other kites. It may get damaged, tangled, or get its string cut. For that matter, don't fly your kite where small model airplanes are being flown, rockets are being launched, or flocks of birds are flying about.