



EVENT ADVISORY

City of Temple to host Peter den Harder Soccer Complex Dedication

Dedication to occur March 23, 2024

TEMPLE, TX (March 15, 2024) – The City of Temple will host a dedication event honoring Peter den Harder at Crossroads Soccer Complex. Join us in showing our appreciation and honoring his legacy alongside the Temple community.

WHAT: Peter den Harder Soccer Complex Dedication

WHEN: Saturday, March 23, 2024, at 10 a.m.

WHERE: Crossroads Soccer Complex, located at 6600 Research Loop

Peter den Harder always had a passion for the game of soccer. He became a cherished member of the Temple Community when he arrived in 1980, first playing for the Temple Hotspurs. For over 35 years he coached teams with several local soccer clubs such as Ralph Wilson Youth Club, Centex Storm Soccer Club, Temple United FC, and Liverpool FC America. Peter refereed the first Temple High School UIL game in January 1982 and officiated not only in the Temple/Belton area, but also throughout the State of Texas and beyond. Den Harder was instrumental in the formation of the Centex Storm Soccer Club in 1995 and the First Kicks program. From January to March 2020, den Harder officiated 42 high school games, prior to the season being shortened by COVID restrictions. He showed immense love for his family, and his deep passion for soccer was evident throughout his many years of active involvement as a player, coach, and referee.

Den Harder passed away on July 30, 2020 at the age of 64.

“Peter's love of the game led him to be a player, coach, Director of Training, mentor, referee, and board member,” said Ron Davis General Manager of Centex Soccer. “His sense of fair play is legendary.”

The dedication event is a special occasion to honor and celebrate the contributions of Peter den Harder, whose impact has left an enduring mark on our soccer community.