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**Dripping Springs Installs Giant Eclipse Glasses Art Display & Photo Spot!**  
*Display is Designed To Generate Excitement and Educate the Public  
on The Total Solar Eclipse Coming to Dripping Springs on April 8, 2024!*

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**DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS** – October 12, 2023 – To help build excitement and educate the public on the total solar eclipse coming next April, the City of Dripping Springs has installed an art display of a larger-than-life-size pair of eclipse glasses at Veterans Memorial Park, located near the intersection of US Hwy 290 and Ranch Road 12. The City will host a small event at the display on Saturday, October 14, when Dripping Springs will experience a partial annular eclipse.

During an annular solar eclipse, only the outer edge of the sun remains visible, and the sun appears as a brilliant ring if you are inside the path. This is called a “ring of fire.” Dripping Springs will only experience 89% coverage of the sun, so residents will **not** see a total ring of fire. The partial will begin at 10:23am and end at 1:32pm, with maximum coverage at 11:53am.

The partial annular eclipse is a good "pre-event" for Dripping Spring as it prepares for the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. To build excitement for both events, the City has installed a larger-than-life-size replica of eclipse safety glasses at the Veterans Memorial Park. The glasses are branded in fun and iconic Dripping Springs graphics. The glasses also provide educational information on how to view a total solar eclipse safely. The art display is made possible through the generous sponsorship of Flying Fish Swim Academy.

The City will have an eclipse informational booth at the art display at Veterans Memorial Park on Saturday, October 14 from 10am-2:00pm.

- Come watch the partial annular eclipse and get a photo with the art display.
- Get a free pair of eclipse glasses.
- Purchase eclipse t-shirts and other items.
- Enter giveaways.
- Learn more about the total solar eclipse happenings next April, including the Dripping Springs SunBLOCK Party on April 7-April 8.

Not only is the display a great educational tool, it was designed to make it a great Instagram or photo background for residents and visitors, too.

For more information on the City's eclipse planning, please send an email to [eclipse@cityofdrippingsprings.com](mailto:eclipse@cityofdrippingsprings.com) or call the City of Dripping Springs at 512-858-4725.



TO MEDIA: Covering the annular eclipse or doing a general story on the eclipse coming in April? The art display makes a great live-shot location for local newscasts.



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*Additionally, they utilize technology to track your child's skill sets, so while you're not in the pool with them, you're able to understand where they are in terms of competencies with swimming. I highly recommend Flying Fish Academy, not only for its high-quality staff, but also for its superb facility.” — Katie D.*



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