

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** February 1, 2021
SUBJECT: Parks Maintenance and Operations Update
PRESENTER: Gary Bechthold, Parks Superintendent

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Mr. Gary Bechthold, Parks Superintendent, will present an update on the following Parks Maintenance and Operations activities:

- Through the Annual Tree Planting Program, park staff assisted with the planting of trees at Linda Spurlock Park, Walker's Creek Park and Iron horse Golf Course.
- Bartlett Tree Service performed structural tree trimming on the large Maples in front of City Hall.
- Park staff began removing scrub trees and brush along the Green Valley Park property fence line.
- Trees in various parks had their dead limbs removed and cleaned up.
- Park staff began the annual renovation of sport fields (30) to prepare them for the upcoming spring leagues and tournament play.
- Park staff continues to game prep Northfield Park softball fields for weekend league play.
- Park staff disassembled and placed in storage, the Holiday Magic Christmas lights and decorations.
- New playground fixtures were ordered to replace worn slides and platforms for various playgrounds throughout the park system. Staff will begin installing the fixtures when they arrive.
- New street/security light fixtures are being installed along Walker's Creek Park entry drive.
- Maintenance staff is working with Whirlix, Inc. to supply new shade structure fabric for the Dick Faram Park playground. The shade fabric was severely damaged in two different storms that generated very high winds.
- A City contractor provided repairs at the Blvd 26 median rock wall. The wall was severely damaged from a wayward driver.
- Park staff replaced the north fence at Ace Park and renovated the parks landscaping.
- Park staff is meeting with contractors along Barfield Trail to coordinate the contractor's clean up along the trail due to numerous gas and phone line work.