

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** August 3, 2026
SUBJECT: Parks Maintenance and Operations Update
PRESENTER: Tanner Arwine, Assistant Director

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Mr. Tanner Arwine, Assistant Director, will present an update on the following Parks Maintenance and Operations activities:

General Park Maintenance

- A. Staff have been taking care of a significant amount of vegetation management along the trails. The consistent spring rains have resulted in substantial growth of the trees and other vegetation throughout the Park System.
- B. Irrigation staff are figuratively and literally feeling the heat. Spring rains have ended and irrigation issues more easily expose themselves as plant material shows signs of stress without water. Staff has been taking care of these issues as they arise and is keeping the landscapes alive and green.

Athletics

- A. Ten baseball, softball and soccer tournaments have taken place since May at Walker's Creek Park, Richfield Park, Cross Timbers Park, Northfield Park and Green Valley Park. Staff do a great job of ensuring fields are prepared daily and the restrooms and grounds are clean and safe.
- B. Athletic field crews have been replacing select sections of fencing around the baseball fields at Richfield Park. With spring leagues ending, staff works to perform some athletic field infrastructure repairs before the fall season begins August 1.

Infrastructure Maintenance

- A. Landscape and Irrigation crews have performed several tasks within the Outdoor Rentable Space Project at the NRH Centre. Some of these tasks included irrigation modifications, drainage installation, and tree planting.



- B. New picnic tables were installed at Linda Spurlock Park adjacent to the playground. The tables are steel with a plastic coating for durability and comfort.
- C. Park Operations staff completed finishing touches to the Nitro Blast landscape at NRH2O Family Water Park so that it was in great shape when it opened. Some of these finishing touches included installation of perennial flowers, adjusting drainage, installing gravel in select locations and installing sod.