

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** October 6, 2025

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. Both the landscape crew and contractors have performed a significant amout of tree work at many parks and facilities. Linda Spurlock trees recieved much needed attention with tree canopies being raised, dead tree removals, and the east fence line being cleaned up.
- B. Staff have worked on the fall cutbacks at the Lakes of Hometown. This work entails mowing some of the native vegetation closer to the water now that they have flowered and set seed. Additionally, they will be removing cattails in certain locations at the water's edge to create openings for park users and anglers.
- C. Park Operations is also gearing up for the Fall special events including Autumn Sounds and Pumpkin Point
- D. In conjunction with Neighborhood Services, game cameras were installed at multiple locations where illegal dumping occurs. Neighborhood Services recived a grant that funded the project and park operations staff installed the cameras and signage.

Athletics

- A. The fall athletic season is off to a great start. Staff has been performing regular maintenance on fields including mowing, fertilization, and aeration.
- B. Green Valley Park soccer fields will be closed weekdays October 6 through October 17 to allow for ryegrass overseeding. Games will still take place on Saturday, October 11.



Infrastructure Maintenance

A. A memorial bench was recently installed at the Lakes of Hometown. The Memorial bench and tree program allows citizens to purchase a bench and/or tree and request a certain park and location.



B. The purple shade sails at Adventure World were replaced this last month. As the shade fabric ages, it begins to develop holes and tears the necessitate the replacement. Incremental replacements of the different shade fabric colors are more efficient for the capital budget.