



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** April 6, 2026
SUBJECT: Parks Capital Projects Update
PRESENTER: Michael Wilson, Park Planning Manager

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Mr. Michael Wilson will present an update on Parks Capital Projects.

CONTINUING PROJECTS

Pond Bathymetry Study

This project will provide bathymetry data through a hydrographic survey on city park ponds that will identify any potential needs for sediment removal. The ponds included in the project will consist of the three ponds at The Lakes of Hometown, one pond at Liberty Park, one pond at Green Valley Park, and one pond at Linda Spurlock Park. Data collected and analyzed will allow city staff along with engineers to determine if, where and how much sediment removal in the form of dredging is necessary to ensure pond health and safety. The study will also test sediment samples to determine how and where sediment can be disposed of or relocated to, should dredging be recommended.

- A professional services contract has been signed with Westwood, and a survey of the Lakes of Hometown ponds is expected to start within the next month.

2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

This project serves to establish a 2025 Park System Master Plan that aligns with current community goals to guide the overall direction of Parks and Recreation within the City. A parks and recreation master plan is a comprehensive, long-range strategy for the creation, optimization, and maintenance of a community's assets. The Master Plan will assess current and future recreational needs, establish a long-range vision, and will identify and prioritize future capital improvement projects. Public input along with data on current infrastructure, facilities, and programs will be analyzed to create the 2025 Park System Master Plan utilizing professional services.

- City staff and planners from Halff Associates recently toured parks and facilities in North Richland Hills. Halff is in the process of finalizing a statistically valid survey that will be mailed to residents, along with a survey to gather input from stakeholders. Public input gathering will begin this summer.

Kay Granger Park and Legacy Park Playground Replacements

This project provides for the replacement of the playgrounds at Kay Granger and Legacy Parks. The Parks and Recreation Department developed an Infrastructure Management Plan for park amenities which address long-term funding needs for replacement and renovation of park sites and their amenities. Park assets are subject to continual heavy usage by citizens, exposure to the elements, and the natural aging process.

- This project is complete.

FISCAL YEAR 25-26 PROJECTS

City Entry Sign Replacement

This project serves to replace the City entry signs located at select entryways to the city. City entry signs are located on major arterial, minor arterial, and major collector roadways. Two of the eleven proposed signs will have LED digital displays that will be used to promote and share information on a variety of City related topics.

- In January, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued to hire a consultant to design new entry signs. A selection committee convened in late March to evaluate the submissions and begin contract negotiations with the highest-ranked firm.

JB Sandlin Playground Replacement

This project provides for the replacement of the playground at JB Sandlin Park as well as the incorporation of shade into the playground installation. This project will serve to provide a safe, accessible and high-quality play experience for our citizens to enjoy for years to come.

- On March 9, City Council approved a contract with Whirlix, Inc. for the supply and installation of the playground equipment. Construction of the playground is expected to be completed this summer.



John Barfield Trail Spring Oak Extension

This project serves to design and construct a portion of the John Barfield Trail within the Oncor powerline easement behind residences on the east side of Spring Oak Drive. The current design of the trail provides an on-road connection down Spring Oak Drive. This project will bring this section of trail off-road as well as connect to an existing sidewalk for trail access by residents of the newly developed Rumfield Estates. This project will include survey, design, a flood study, and trail construction that will include concrete trail, a structure to cross a tributary to Little Bear Creek, and a street crossing where Spring oak Drive and the new trail would intersect.

- Staff are currently negotiating a contract with an engineering firm for the design of the JB Trail Spring Oak Extension project.