

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** December 2, 2024
SUBJECT: Parks Maintenance and Operations Update
PRESENTER: Tanner Arwine, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

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

General Park Maintenance

- Signal Art boxes throughout the city are in the process of being replaced with updated artwork showcasing flowering plants that occur in the North Texas region. Completion of the 18 Signal Art gallery should be concluded by January 2025 or earlier pending weather throughout the next two months.
- Park Operations staff have been busy installing holiday lighting and ground decor at the NRH Centre, Library, and Stormy Plaza in preparation for the annual NRH Christmas Tree Lighting on Thursday December 5.
- Staff began vegetation control along fencelines on the Joann Johnson Trail. While vegetation control occurs year round, staff are able to focus more heavily on trails and fencelines during the fall and winter months as other maintenance needs slow down.
- Fall landscape improvements are being made at several locations. Plants have been installed at the NRH Centre, Liberty Park, Davis Flyover plantings will be taking place at the Bedford Eules Greenway, Tommy and Sue Brown Park, and City Hall. Staff have also been applying mulch throughout all of these areas.



- A restroom cleaning contract was bid and awarded to Xtreme Hygiene. These services have been utilized in the past through a pilot program and have been well received.
- A total of 34 trees were planted at Tommy and Sue Brown Park and the necessary irrigation was added to support the health of these trees. Tree locations were selected with the intent to provide long term shade to the trail and newly installed playground.



Infrastructure Maintenance

- The brick masonry wall on the south side of Green Valley Park was repointed. Repointing involves removing the cracked and failing mortar with an angle grinder and then replacing the mortar. This was done as preventative maintenance before the brick walls completely failed. This process will prolong the life of the wall for many years to come.
- Staff replaced the bench tops and trash can slats at the Richland Tennis Center. The old lumber had been reconditioned several times and was in need of replacement. The materials for this projects were funded through a sponsorship from the Greater Fort Worth Tennis Coalition and Northeast Tarrant Tennis(NETT).



Athletics

- The majority of the youth and adult Athletic seasons have ended for the fall seasons. There are a few winter tournaments that will utilize Green Valley Park, but the majority of organized league practices and games have concluded. Crews will be adding clay and conditioner to baseball and softball fields and performing other offseason maintenance tasks to prepare for the 2025 spring season that begins in March.