

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** October 3, 2022

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:

- The Richfield Park entry metal sign blade was vandalized and had to be repainted and re-installed.
- Fifteen 100 gallons trees along with bubbler irrigation have been installed along the east fence line in the City Hall employee parking area.
- City contractors started replacing the severely cracked concrete panels along the Cotton Belt Trail, between Rufe Snow and Iron Horse Blvd.
- City contractors completed the drainage improvement project near the Norich Park playground area.
- City contractors repaired the barbed wire fence property just east of Northfield Park. The fence was damaged with the heavy rains during August.
- Park staff replace/repaired the 3 wooden bridges on the Fossil Creek Mountain bike trail They were washed out from the heavy rains in August.
- Landscape lighting was installed at the Grand Hall patio.
- Staff began field preparations for Fall Youth and Adult league sport tournaments and league play.

NRH Celebrating Texas Arbor Day—The City of North Richland Hills will be celebrating Texas Arbor Day on Friday November 4 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the NRH Centre located at 6000 Hawk Avenue. NRH Parks and Recreation, NRH Planning, and Neighborhood Services along with Keep NRH Beautiful will be on-site to talk about the city's entire urban forestry program. The city's arborist will be there to answer tree related questions and provide information on planting and care. Thanks to Bartlett Tree Experts for sponsoring a tree giveaway of multiple species of tree saplings.