

## PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager   **DATE:** April 1, 2024  
**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**

- Wheel stops were installed at Cross Timbers Park to improve both vehicular and pedestrian safety.



- Spring weather has increased weekend activity and park usage with 75 pavilion rentals in March and 48 already scheduled for the month of April. Weekend staff began their spring schedule of working full shift eight hour days on the weekend to support the increased usage.
- Irrigation crews are busy performing audits and repairs to all park, facility, and right-of-way irrigation systems ahead of summer. The majority of irrigation systems will remain off until rain frequencies fall and daytime temperatures increase.
- Landscape crews are actively mulching landscape beds and installing plant material throughout the city. Staff works to install the majority of plantings prior to May while the temperatures are cooler and plants can more easily establish.

**Infrastructure Maintenance**

- The pedestrian bridge at the Lakes of Hometown was stained to preserve the lumber and improve aesthetics.



- Staff and contractors worked to transplant nine large specimen trees donated by a residential property owner on Arthur Drive. Trees were replanted at Northfield and Linda Spurlock Parks.



- Staff made additional repairs to the North Electric Trail bridge deck. The bridge deck replacement was a 2023 Park Amenity Request that was reviewed at the December Park Board meeting. Additional work will be proposed via the budget and CIP process for FY2024/25.

## Athletics

- Athletic seasons are in full force for baseball, softball and soccer. Staff are busy prepping 27 fields daily and have been successful at minimizing field closures due to rainouts.



- Staff have performed fertilization, herbicide, and ant control treatments to athletic fields. The fields are in great shape as the spring season moves into the period of high daily and weekly usage for practices, clinics, games, and tournaments.

