

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** December 2, 2019
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:

- Park maintenance staff is helping the city into the seasonal spirit by setting up a plethora of Holiday Magic decorations on the NRH Centre and City Library grounds. The decoration setup typically takes several crews a couple of weeks to complete.
- Park maintenance staff also recently assisted with setup for several other special events; Hoot n' Howl, NRH Road Runner 5k Run, and the City Hall Laser and Light show.
- Park maintenance staff repaired a large underground drainage line at Green Valley Park. The broken line was causing a large backfill of water near the concession building entrance.
- Park staff is completing game field preparation for the last of the scheduled sporting games and tournaments that includes youth football, softball, baseball, soccer, and adult softball. All 30 fields will be shut down from December thru February as staff begins renovating for the upcoming spring sporting activities.
- Leaf removal is in full swing at the RTC, the NRH Centre, City Hall and City Library.
- Winter annual color has been installed at City Hall, several City entrance signs, Liberty Park and the NRH Centre.
- Winter tree pruning is near completion at several of the city parks.
- Matt Johnston is our new Landscape Horticulturist. Matt is a graduate of Texas Tech and has extensive experience and knowledge in a variety of landscaping fields.