

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** October 5, 2020
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 continues to focus on high-end sport field maintenance with daily game preparations for adult & youth softball, youth soccer, youth football and youth baseball. During this time of the year, staff is responsible for preparing weekly, 30 various sport fields for league and tournament play.
- Park maintenance staff assisted with the “full court press preparation” for the Iron Horse golf course renovation opening. Tasks included landscaping upgrades, clearing debris from the course creeks, installing new signage and fences and working closely on various projects with the golf course staff.
- Currently the parks median and rights-of-way mowing crew has been battling long stem weedy grasses that are widespread this time of year. Blue Stem grass is the prevalent weedy grass seen on the medians. The shoots of Blue Stem readily pop up just days after being mowed, causing a less than desirable look.
- Pre and post weed control applications were applied to various parks and sport fields.
- Green Valley Park and Dick Faram Park playground shade structures were damaged from a recent windstorm. New shade fabric and hardware have been ordered for both parks. Favorably, the Green Valley shade fabric and hardware was still under warranty. Also, during the storm, a set of soccer goals at Green Valley Park were damaged. A new set was quickly ordered and already in place for league play.
- Two park maintenance staff, Matt Rohmer and Jason Smith, were promoted from a Maintenance Worker I to a Maintenance Worker II. Both employees are well deserving of their promotion.