



Division Report: Operation
Deputy Director: Justin Dorsey

Parks Commission Meeting

December 2024

- **Highlights and Achievements**

- Urban Forestry trimmed trees around playgrounds at Wakefield and Richland. Removed tree behind City Hall. Responded to request to inspect trees in the Heights area.
- Mowing crew, prepared War Memorial for Pop Up Disk Golf Event. Used bush hog to grind down privet in Kanis Park and hill leading up to Hindman Pro Shop.
- Horticulture worked on backflow removal on irrigation systems, as well as mulched flowerbeds at Community Centers.
- Trail Crew cleared trails for Squatch Til You Drop and blew off Rivertrail. Repaired steps at Allsopp North. Cleared off trails at Morehart. Leaf removal on trails at Boyle.
- The Downtown District replaced the irrigation system in flower beds behind Marriot. Blew trails on Cindy Miller Island. Removed hanging baskets on Clinton Ave.
- Allsopp North Trail Project – Project is beginning and has been flagged.
- SWCC Renovation- Waiting on Permits for Cason and Associates. We are working out scheduling right now.
- SWCC Shade Structure: completed and temporary fencing to be removed soon.
- South Side Restroom Roof being completed.
- Allsop Restroom and Pavilion Roofs are being re-roofed in the coming weeks.
- Work at Stephens Community Center- Work is progressing. Gym Floor is refinished, some minor cosmetic work to be redone in corner of floor. There will be a delay with the punch list from December 4th to after the holidays due to a delay in millwork being delivered. Project is not unreasonably delayed.
- Riverfront Signs are installed
- Park entrance Signs have all been installed. (Meriwether, Hindman, 9th Street, Cheatham, Kanis). Currently working on an order for Interstate Entrance Sign.



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- West Central roof is being worked on because Vandalism occurred to the exhaust fans. Exhaust fans are two weeks out on order. Minor roof leaks from bullet holes were repaired.
- Kiwanis trail paving- Construction crew is working on final grading. The playground is completed, and the walkthrough is next week. Solar lighting shipped today and will need to be installed soon.
- East Little Rock Construction-Progressing. Awaiting change orders for classroom work.
- Kanis Park Street Mapping-Review of Penepprime bid in progress.
- Striping of Parking Lots are in progress for Brodie Creek, Murray, Two Rivers, Boyle Park and Otter Creek.
- MacArthur Pond repairs to begin December 2nd.
- The downtown Christmas tree is complete.
- Kanis Park: Electrical outlet is installed, manual shut off removed and bridge lights are repaired.

- **Marketing/Communications**

Southwest Renovations will begin soon after coordination of events are worked out

- **Personnel Updates**

- New Maintenance Support Crew Member Taylor Chastain has begun.
- Have one Sr. Position in Maintenance Support to interview and hire.
- Have two Construction Worker positions to interview and hire. No viable candidates found to date and looking at readvertisement.
- Maintenance II is making an offer to one person
- Maintenance Sr position at Downtown is in final stage of hiring process



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