



Parks Commission Meeting

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Maintenance Division:

- **Urban Forestry:** Removed several large damaged and dying trees at various parks. Removed trees and brush from Rebsamen Golf, Hindman Park, War Memorial and Allsop Trail. Assisted maintenance by bushhogging Titus Trail. Worked at Boyle in preparation of new playground.
- **Trails Division:** Worked on trail cleaning projects new staff. Trails continue to help with the mowing along the north corridor. Worked on River Mountain Trail and Cindy Miller Island Trail.
- **Parks Maintenance:** Maintenance crews have been busy mowing and cleaning parks. Also cleaning and setting up reservations. Extreme heat conditions have started to affect mowing and maintenance operations.
- **Landscape Division:** Ballfield Maintenance at Interstate Park including rehabbing infields and base replacement for games. Delivering soil and mulch to community gardens. Irrigation maintenance and repairs are a major part of the crew's time this month.
- **Downtown Special District:** Cleanup of graffiti in park, has been especially intense the last several months. Repaired Crump Splash pad. Maintain irrigation system and water plants downtown.

Design Division:

- Progress continues at Jim Daily Fitness Center. New units arrived and were installed. Project is nearing completion.
- Southwest Community Center Pool is back operational.
- Stephens and ELR Community Center Renovations had a successful bid and contracts are now being worked on by City Attorney. Projects should start construction in a few weeks.
- Southwest Community Center Renovation Project had a successful bid and is pending board approval.



"A City In A Park"

- Meriwether Restroom is being re roofed and trim carpentry repaired.
- New water fountain with bottle filler and pet station is ordered and should be installed in a few weeks.
- Jim Daily indoor pool and HVAC project continues on schedule and will be completed by the 8/20/24 deadline.

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Operations/Improvement:

- Work continues at Boyle in preparation for new playground and sidewalks. Grade work and sidewalks plan to be complete next week, and installation of playground will begin mid-July.
- Pankey Park playground is installed. Work will begin on the Pavilion next week and we are planning a ribbon cutting toward the end of July.
- Cheatem Park is complete. New sidewalks, picnic tables, benches, painted basketball goals, playground mulch and ADA ramp and new trees. Still awaiting new park sign to be installed.
- The new sculpture at Junction Bridge will be installed on 6/26/24 and the project will be completed.