



## Parks Commission Meeting

January 18, 2023

# Division Report: Operation

## Deputy Director: Justin Dorsey

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### Maintenance Division:

- Mulching leaves in parks
- Continuing cleanup of parking lots and entrances
- Assisted in cleaning out East Little Rock Community Center
- Working on cleanups at various parks facilities

### Urban Forestry

- Tree work at Southwest Community Center
- Cut and trim trees at City of Little Rock Courts
- Used Grapple Truck to remove Community Center Cleanout debris
- Murray Park tree trimming
- Western Hills tree removal and trimming

### Riverfront

- Bill Clark Wetland Plaza Restoration
- Continued work on park upgrades
- Assisted in cleaning out East Little Rock Community Center

### Trails

- Trail Maintenance
- Planning for River Mountain Repairs
- GIS Work
- Cleaning and renovating North Maintenance Shop and Yard

### Horticulture

- Prepared for extreme cold temperatures with RPZ's and bathrooms. We had minimal damage as a result
- Flower bed cleanouts around the park system



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**Design Division:**

- Kanis Park - Basketball Court Development and Low Water Bridge Construction – Staff has met with the contractor to coordinate the project progress and park operation. The new basketball court slabs have been poured. Additional site work will progress after the Low Water bridge installation. Installation of the Low Water bridge is the next major phase – installing signage that the normal access to the park will be closed, closing off the access road to the park while the low water bridge is constructed, constructing a temporary parking area for park patrons and barricades, access to the park will be by foot via an existing pedestrian bridge adjacent the site.
- Crump Park – Completed coordination with vendors on the installation of park amenities for playing field lighting, football field goals and athletic benches, spray pad, parking lot striping, benches & signage. Future amenities will include grading work at the softball field and walking track resurfacing.
- Dunbar Gardens New Entry – Entry plaza and sculpture construction is underway.
- Murray Park Sculpture – Installation is complete with some additional site grading.
- Riverfront Park - Daisy Bates Sculpture is installed.
- Cheatem Park – outdoor basketball court striping is complete.
- War Memorial Golf Course Historical marker – Marker is under construction, installation will be by staff when complete.
- West Central C. C. – Casting of the plaque for Synergy sculpture is underway.
- West Central C. C. – Learning Center pavilion is complete and a Greenhouse project for the Center is being prepared.
- Pankey Park – monument site sign is under construction. Additional site signs are coming for Southside and Ninth Street Parks.
- War Memorial Golf – Acquiring marker plaque for historical designation.
- Bill Clark Wetland – Pond restoration is being studied for implementation along with additional landscaping.

**Upcoming Projects**

- Crump Park – install hand rails at Restroom stairs
- Junior Deputy Park – install hand rails at outfield stairs
- MacArthur park – install railing and storyboard at historic Cistern
- Hindman and Boyle Parks - Design and Bid various projects – Parking lot paving projects, install accessible walks and trails
- Dunbar, Southwest and Stephens Community Centers – repair and resurface indoor basketball courts
- Rebsamen Tennis Center - Resurface several tennis courts
- Outdoor Playing Courts – Clean and resurface outdoor courts various parks

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**Operations/Improvement:**

- Banana Sculpture Plaza on River Trail @ Murry Park – Concrete completed and rock work started, Sculpture will be installed soon
- Western Hills Playground -Grading and sidewalk to parking lot completed. Pavilion work has started. Sidewalk and grading around NE corner has started. This is final step in getting playground finished and ready for use.
- Dunbar Gardens Entry Sign- Construction has started to prepare for install when sign arrives.
- Rock Creek drainage repairs