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Maintenance Division:

- **All Divisions:** Worked together to put covers on putting greens at Rebsamen Golf Course to protect against cold damage. Many of them also helped in removal after the freeze.
- **Urban Forestry:** Marked trees and setup for tree planting at Murray Park. Removed brush piles at Hindman Park and other locations. They spent several days and removed trees and ground stumps at Curran Conway Park for UALR Baseball Field.
- **Trails Division:** Team completed trail maintenance on the North Corridor and River Mountain. Trails Coordinator is in process of being hired.
- **Parks Maintenance:** Big projects this month were mulching leaves at Murray Park and cleanup of parking lots at Boyle and Union. Supervisors and Leaders attended the Arkansas Turfgrass Association conference. Team also distributed ice melt for winter storm and helped with snow removal Centre at University Park for City Directors Meeting.
- **Landscape Division:** The team worked on ballfield maintenance at Interstate Park. Winter storm cleanup to repair damaged landscape, and also worked with Little Rock Garden Club on landscaping at War Memorial North Lawn.
- **Downtown Special District:** The team focused on winter preparations and then storm cleanup at City Hall. Supervisor and Leader attended Arkansas Turfgrass Association conference. Team also spent several days working on Flower bed cleanup at Riverfront Park

Design Division:

- HYDCO Inc. has begun JDPC HVAC repairs. The HVAC equipment is ordered and demolition was started in January.



"A City In A Park"

- Allsopp North Bike Trail had one successful bid. We are submitting approval to ARDOT to move the project forward.
- Design Team has designed a new Stone walk path at City Hall to enhance the landscaping. They are currently working with City Hall administration and landscaping company to assist in moving project forward.
- Awaiting quotes to repair Pickleball courts at Kanis Park. (Fix posts and nets on 3 courts)

Operations/Improvement:

- The Riverfront Treehouse Boardwalk project is ongoing but making progress. Boardwalk should be welded and completed by March 1st.
- Two Sculptures from Riverfront have been sent back to artist for repair.
- Riverfront Junction Bridge construction is ongoing in preparation of new sculpture.
- Interstate Road Project is completed. Lighting is being worked on by Entergy. New signs are installed
- Crump Park concrete pads and Bleachers at Basketball Court are installed.
- Boyle Park Bike trails are approximately 70 %
- Western Hills Restroom is installed and completed. We are working on site prep to install sidewalks.
- We are currently working with Entergy to fix numerous lights in several of our parks including Boyle and Murry. Many of these have been completed.
- Repairs to the retaining wall are being made at Allsop Promenade. This will continue into March.
- Work is being completed at West Central to clear the lots along John Barrow and the house in that area is scheduled to be demolished.
- The Kanis Ball Courts are still in progress and hope to be completed by the end of February weather permitting.

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