



## Directors Report October 1, 2024

These are general updates on items that were discussed at previous meetings, or were not included in the operations report.

- City Budget was approved at the September 17, 2024. You were given a copy of the Parks & Recreation Budget at the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The department is currently working with the Bastrop County Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists to create a native landscape design for city hall. The goal is to have a design that attracts birds and saves water.
- Tree planting will begin the second week of October.
- Our team will be planning an Arbor Day event for November 1. Anyone interested in participating is welcome. An Arbor Day proclamation is scheduled for the 10/22/24 council meeting.
- October 24<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Boards and Commissions banquet. It starts at 6:30pm and is held at the convention center. Please RSVP as soon as possible.
- The department has received an opportunity to replace the gravel currently in the playscape area at the Kerr Center. This grant is originally from Toyota and is being facilitated through a community member. Our team is currently looking at the possibilities of doing pour in place rubber or high quality kiddie mulch like was just replaced at Fisherman's Park Playground.
- The department will be replacing the fence around the playground at Fisherman's Park. Making the area more ADA accessible is a priority.
- The holiday lights will be going up soon. Tree Lighting event will be Friday November 29. Invitations are going out now for opportunities to host a night in the Gingerbread House. Non-profits can host a night in the house a fund raiser. It is an added feature for attendees to the River of Lights event. The gingerbread house will be open from Fri-Sat-Sun from November 30 to Dec 29.
- Texas Special Olympics Soccer games will be in Bob Bryant Park again this year. Event is scheduled for April 17.
- Dedication for the BBP Bird Blind will be held late Oct, early November.
- Revenue for the department for FY 2024:
  - Recreation -
  - Parks -