



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION DEPARTMENT REPORT

TO: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA – City Manager
FROM: Bob Beatty – Parks & Recreation Director
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ITEM TITLE: Department Report – Parks & Recreation

Forestry Department

Flowers should arrive in mid-late May. We have hired someone to water and will just need to get him on board this month.

Parks

Parks department, we are on the second round of mowing. The spring rain has greened things up. 3rd Ward Park tile has been laid, and the courts painted. We are working on the recessed soccer goals. We will be ordering pickleball nets and deciding on how we would like to divide the two courts. Parks staff have been planting trees for the last two weeks.

Recreation Department

We put Little League teams together last week. We ended up with 43 teams and 385 Little League players. When combined with the River'sEDGE players, we have 671 kids playing baseball and softball this season. We will be hosting our Little League coaches meeting this Thursday.

River'sEDGE Facility

Teams have started their tournaments in April. Teams are off to a good start. Some of our indoor space will be used for Little League teams. We continue to work on incorporating all players into our indoor space. Graduation season is coming, and RE will once again host several. We are working on an overhead canopy to provide some lighting by the door, inclement weather protection, and help offset that entrance. We will need to do some railing work at some point, but it will likely happen when there is some downtime.

Falcon Civic Center

The weight room is officially painted. Mary did an excellent job! FCC has been busy with swimming lessons and Little League registration.

Aquatic Center Facility

Local lifeguard certification has been set. We have 10 new guards registered and met with returners last week. The pool was power-washed for the first time. Staff will also start setting out canopies and chairs, and power-washing/cleaning the building.

RV Park Facility

RV Park is up and operational with a host. Roger is doing an excellent job.

Complex

Lane has passed his ServSafe class. We have had two tournaments canceled due to the cold, as both days were in the teens. This season, we are working on a comparison to assess the effect on revenues of renting more tournaments and operating fewer than we did in 2025. On April 25th & 26th, we had our highest-revenue weekend in complex history. On Saturday, we brought in \$3,500 in cash, \$1,200 in Rental Payments, and \$1,200 in credit card payments. On Sunday, we brought in over \$3,000 in cash, \$1,200 in rental, and another \$1,200 in credit card sales. The total for the weekend was just over \$10,000. We were short-staffed, and several put in long hours to make that happen. Thank you to the dedicated staff.

April 4	Sandlot Showdown	BSB 9-13u	USSSA (Cancelled) 17
April 11	Queen of Diamonds Showdown	SB 8, 10, 12u	USSSA 27
April 12	Queen of Diamonds Showdown	SB 14 16 18	USSSA 24
April 18	Turf Slamfest	BSB 12u	River'sEDGE (Cancelled) 12
April 19	Turf Slamfest	BSB 11u	River'sEDGE 14
April 25	KQ Rumble on Turf	BSB 8-13u	USSSA 48
April 26	KQ Rumble on Turf	BSB 8-13u	USSSA 48
May 2	Turf Shootout	SB 9, 10, 11, 12U	River'sEDGE 17
May 3	Turf Shootout	SB 7, 8 13, 14 15, 16	River'sEDGE 16
May 9/10	Battle On Turf	BSB 10-12	USSSA
May 16	Cedar Valley Slugfest	SB 9, 10, 13, 14	USSSA
May 17	Cedar Valley Slugfest	SB 8 11, 12 16, 18	USSSA
May 30	Battle on Turf	SB 12 13 14	USSSA
May 31	Battle on Turf	SB 8, 9 10	USSSA
June 6	Turf Showdown	BSB 7/8u	River'sEDGE
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June 7	Turf Showdown	BSB 11u	River'sEDGE
June 13/14	Summer Madness	BSB 7-13u	USSSA
June 20/21	Diamond Duel	BSB 7-13	USSSA
June 27	Turf Smackdown	BSB 9u	River'sEDGE
June 28	Turf Smackdown	BSB 7/8u	River'sEDGE
June 28	Turf Smackdown	BSB 13u	River'sEDGE
July 5	Turf Takedown	BSB 11u	River'sEDGE
July 10-12	USSSA State Championships	TBD	USSSA
July 17-19	USSSA State Championships	TBD	USSSA

Cemetery

This week, the staff will begin trimming the cemetery and complete the first mowing.