

Division IV — Parks & Facilities

5.1 Executive Summary

The City of Port Lavaca Parks Department completed a productive and successful second quarter, spanning April 1 through June 30, 2026. During this period, department staff carried out significant maintenance operations, facility infrastructure repairs, and targeted improvements across multiple parks, recreational facilities, and public spaces throughout the city. The department also provided direct support for two major community events — Birding Fest and Super Fun Day — reinforcing its commitment to enhancing the quality of life for Port Lavaca residents and visitors alike. Through the dedicated efforts of Parks Department staff, all public spaces under the department's care were maintained to a standard that ensures safety, cleanliness, and a welcoming environment for the entire community.

5.2 Citywide Maintenance

5.2.1 Bathroom & Grounds Maintenance

Parks Department staff maintained all public bathrooms and grounds throughout the city, including facilities at City Hall, on a routine and consistent basis throughout the second quarter. Scheduled cleaning, inspection, and upkeep activities were performed at each location to uphold established sanitation and safety standards.

Ongoing Service Note:

This ongoing, citywide maintenance effort is essential to ensuring that public restrooms and grounds remain clean, safe, and accessible for all residents, visitors, and city employees throughout the year.

5.3 Bauer Community Center

5.3.1 Bird Installation for Birding Fest

In preparation for the annual Birding Fest event, Parks Department staff retrieved a decorative bird display installation from storage and hung it at the Bauer Community Center. The installation remained in place throughout the duration of Birding Fest, enhancing the visual character of the facility and contributing to the overall visitor experience during the event. This effort reflects the department's active role in supporting Port Lavaca's established community events and cultural programming.

5.3.2 Bauer Community Center Event Activity

The Bauer Community Center continued to serve as an active hub for community programming and gatherings throughout the second quarter. The table below summarizes monthly event activity at the facility for Q2 2026:

Month	Events Held
April 2026	14
May 2026	23
June 2026	14
Q2 2026 Total	51

The Bauer Community Center hosted a total of 51 events during the second quarter of 2026, reflecting strong and continued community engagement and demonstrating consistent utilization of the facility as a vital public resource for Port Lavaca residents.

5.4 City Pool

5.4.1 Pool Repainting

Parks Department staff initiated the repainting of the City pool during the second quarter. This planned improvement addresses the facility's aesthetic condition and contributes to the long-term preservation and structural longevity of the pool surface. Work on this project continued in accordance with the department's facility improvement schedule.

5.4.2 Plumbing Inspection

Staff conducted a thorough plumbing inspection of the bathrooms and pool pump area at the City pool facility. The inspection was performed to verify proper operational function of all plumbing systems and to identify any issues or areas requiring corrective attention, ensuring the continued reliability and safety of pool support infrastructure.

5.5 Lighthouse Beach Park

5.5.1 Pavilion Pressure Washing — Super Fun Day Preparation

In advance of the community's Super Fun Day event, Parks Department staff pressure washed the pavilion at Lighthouse Beach Park (LHB). This preparatory work ensured that the pavilion provided a clean, presentable, and safe environment for participants and attendees of the community event, reflecting the department's commitment to event readiness and public facility standards.

5.5.2 Boat Ramp Repairs

Following storm damage to the Lighthouse Beach boat ramp, Parks Department staff replaced several deteriorated planks to restore the structure to a safe and fully functional condition. This repair work ensures that the boat ramp continues to provide safe and reliable public access to the waterway for Port Lavaca residents and watercraft users.

5.5.3 Pier Safety Maintenance

Staff addressed a safety hazard at the Lighthouse Beach pier by resetting protruding screws identified along the structure. This corrective maintenance eliminates a potential source of injury to members of the public and upholds the department's standard of proactive safety management at all park facilities.

5.5.4 Splashpad Shade Structure Replacement

The shade structure (shade trap) at the Lighthouse Beach splashpad was replaced during the second quarter. The replacement provides adequate sun protection for splashpad visitors, with particular benefit to children and families utilizing the facility during the summer season. This improvement supports the health and comfort of all splashpad users throughout periods of peak activity.

5.6 Bayfront Park

5.6.1 Playground Surface Repair

Parks Department staff completed repairs to damaged Poured-In-Place (PIP) rubber surfacing at the Bayfront Park playground. PIP rubber surfacing functions as a critical safety fall-protection surface, designed to reduce the risk and severity of injuries from falls on playground equipment. The completed repair work restores the playground to full safety compliance and returns the play area to a condition that is safe, functional, and accessible for children and families in the community.

Safety Note:

Poured-In-Place (PIP) rubber surfacing is a safety-critical material required for fall protection compliance at public playgrounds. Timely repair of damaged surfacing is essential to maintaining playground safety standards and minimizing liability for the City.

5.7 Looking Ahead — Third Quarter 2026

The Parks Department remains firmly committed to maintaining and continuously improving all City parks, recreational facilities, and public spaces throughout Port Lavaca in the quarters ahead. Staff will continue to actively monitor infrastructure conditions across all facilities and address identified maintenance and repair needs in a timely manner to ensure ongoing safety and accessibility for the public. The department looks forward to supporting continued community programming and events throughout the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2026.