

Parks Dept. Monthly Report for April 2023

(Regular Daily Seasonal Maintenance Not Included)

- **In the month of April, the Parks Staff trimmed 5 trees and removed 11 trees from City of Fort Morgan Right-of-Ways. In addition, Staff also planted a total of 18 trees during the month. So far in 2023 Parks Staff have trimmed 33 trees, removed 42 trees, planted 18 trees, and ground/backfilled 10 stumps in City of Fort Morgan Right-of-Ways.**
- **In the month of April, a total of 2 trees in the City of Fort Morgan Right-of-Ways were trimmed by private contractors. So far in 2023 private contractors have trimmed 2 trees and removed 11 trees.**
- Completed in-house equipment repairs to trucks, carts, mowers, broom, pressure washer cart, and chalkers. This was all done in addition to scheduled servicing of equipment as well.
- Coordinated with Loren Boyett, Cargill, and Ty Hamer for the ordering/prep work/planting of seventeen (17) new trees at the Parks Shop, George Cox Park, and Optimist Park. This was the first portion of trees to be planted as part of the 100 Trees Project.
- Working with Garcia Landscaping, re-do of Rainbow Bridge Perennial Beds was completed. Parks Staff also completed cleanup/mulching of the other surrounding mulch/perennial beds, along with replacing the mulch around the adjacent trees.
- Pressurized all the Parks main irrigation systems which included repairs to valves, heads, lateral breaks, and replacement of a CPU board to an irrigation clock. Regular flushing of the heads continued throughout the month as we spot watered. Overnight watering commenced mid-month and will continue moving forward. Only small-site irrigation is left to be pressured up in May.
- The first two cycles of mowing were completed, as we anticipate regular mowing starting as of May 1.
- Short-cut, aerated, fertilized, and watered in the Parks Shop turf.
- Pool covers were removed, with prep work beginning to have them ready to go for the upcoming pool season.
- Continued extensive cleanup of all the perennial beds throughout all Parks, including mulching of miscellaneous areas throughout our Parks systems.
- Made repairs Optimist pickleball crate, restroom faucets, portable restroom, and the sewer line adjacent to the bike tunnel.
- Continued work on painting basketball court lines.
- Helena Agri-Enterprises took soil samples of the softball fields for confirmation and analysis purposes of future direction in our maintenance practices.
- Repaired/pressurized/cleaned/opened all on-site Parks restrooms.
- Coordinated with Streets Department to grade/level Jaycee parking lot.
- Assisted Streets Department with annual Spring Cleanup efforts.
- Assisted Recreation with prep work for painting of pickleball court lines on Optimist Park.
- Coordinated with the Water Department, Jess Backhoe Service for the repair to an abandoned 4" ductile water feed surfacing through the road on the north side of the Parks Shop.
- Stained the Beaver Ave Parklets, prepping them for eventual mulch.
- Treated the Riverside Duck Pond with a second application of Sonar RTU for proactive purposes in treatment of duckweed.

- Completed repairs to the Solar Bee agitator in the Riverside Duck Pond. Still waiting on new motor to repair the west aerator in that pond as well.
- Continued regular playground inspections/repairs.
- Responded to graffiti/vandalism/property damage sustained at the Bandshell and Brenda Joy restrooms.
- Coordinated with Golf Maintenance on the drone mapping of Jaycee Park and Softball Fields.
- Continued extensive rehab efforts to the Softball Fields including slicing each field two different directions, cross-tine punch both fields, application of 950 pounds of RPR seed, dragging in, and watering with acid injection.
- Made repairs to the Cop Shop Sign including re-mounting of the letter "P" and re-wiring of the service disconnect, all which were damaged during mowing practices.
- Applied specialty herbicide to all bare area properties in the Parks systems.
- For weed prevention/control, backpack/wide area sprayed areas of need throughout the Parks systems including perennial/annual beds, mulch beds, rock beds, bare areas, and turf.
- Continued maintenance efforts in the trails systems including spraying of trails for weeds, mowing, and cleanup.
- Extensive cleanup of the bike tunnel was completed.
- Raked up leaves along all fence line properties in the Parks systems including softball fields, Brenda Joy Park, and Optimist Park. This included edging of the Optimist mulch beds as well.
- For aerification purposes, sliced areas of need throughout our Parks systems including Brenda Joy fence line, Jaycee and Canfield soccer fields, Glenn Miller Park, and other miscellaneous areas.
- Coordinated with the Water Department, Jess Backhoe Service on the replacement of a collapsed manhole on the southeast end of Brenda Joy Park.
- CIRSA shadow driving protocols were completed with all new hires.
- Assisted Fieldhouse with the pressurizing/programming of their irrigation systems.
- Continued all preparation of Little League Fields as Mustang Baseball practices/games continued throughout the month of April.
- Completed layout/setup of all soccer fields being utilized at Jaycee Park and Canfield Park. Fields were re-painted on a weekly basis, with goals being placed at both sites and Columbine School as well.
- Completed cleanup/repairs/setup of Disc Golf Courses as the second event of the season was held in April.
- Staffing Updates: Staff is still currently one (1) full-time position short, as we have focused on seasonal labor with the event/athletic/rental season starting up in April. We were able to hire two seasonal GMWs and get them started, with two more expected to start sometime in May. We will still be posting for additional seasonal labor, as we are still multiple positions short of our budgeted allotment.