

Parks Dept. Monthly Report for June 2023

(Regular Daily Seasonal Maintenance Not Included)

- **In the month of June, the Parks Staff trimmed 261 trees in City of Fort Morgan Right-of-Ways. So far in 2023 Parks Staff have trimmed 545 trees, removed 63 trees, planted 19 trees, and ground/backfilled 12 stumps in City of Fort Morgan Right-of-Ways.**
- **In the month of June, a total of 15 trees in the City of Fort Morgan Right-of-Ways were trimmed by private contractors. So far in 2023 private contractors have trimmed 21 trees and removed 12 trees.**
- Completed in-house equipment repairs to trucks, carts, mowers, blowers, skid steer, tiller, tractor, sprayer, and pole saw. This was all done in addition to scheduled servicing of equipment as well.
- Overnight watering continued across all sites including Brenda Joy repairs, flushing of heads, and monitoring/pumping of saturation areas.
- Pool maintenance continued throughout the month including repairs to surface, pool vac, and swimming aids.
- Continued upkeep of all flower beds across sites including weed pulling, deadheading, and manual watering.
- Made in-house repairs to Parks signs, Canfield restroom door, trash receptacles, electrical in Shelter A, Canfield pumphouse, Cop Shop sign/electrical, acid room electrical/exhaust fan, and tennis court post.
- Treated all ponds with Pond Clear for algae prevention/control.
- Completed setup/prep work of all ballfields in Riverside for use by the City Recreation Department. This included spraying/manually pulling of warning track weeds.
- Continued regular playground inspections/repairs.
- Responded to/repaired graffiti/vandalism/property damage sustained at the bench by Rainbow Bridge, Softball Field restrooms, Bandshell outlet covers, Riverside restroom dispensers, Signature Pond trash barrels, bike tunnel bollard, and Brenda Joy Skate Park bowl.
- Monitored/regularly adjusted barricades blocking off areas of the southern Twamore trail being washed away due to high river levels.
- Closed/re-opened back loop of Riverside Nature Trails as the Cargill bridge and back ponds flooded due to high river levels and heavy rains. Necessary repairs to trails were made.
- Following heavy rains, regularly monitored saturation levels at all sites, including pumping of standing water where necessary,
- Sand Pro'd/drug playgrounds and volleyball courts.
- Brush hogged mowed all the native/dike areas in Riverside Park.
- Painted picnic tables in need across all Parks sites.
- Fogging for mosquito control took place across all quadrants in town every Thursday night in June.
- Monitored/repaired areas of Signature Park which were regularly damaged by racoons. Live trapping/release was conducted in the evenings following damage.
- Regularly swept all Parks of excess debris from mowing.
- Continued slicing efforts across all sites for compaction purposes.

- 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. Manual eradication of areas was also regularly done throughout the month.
- Second widespread application for broadleaf prevention was completed across all sites.
- Continued maintenance efforts in the trails systems including spraying of trails for weeds, mowing, and cleanup. Utilizing the cyclone blower, blew off the trails as well.
- Regular cleanup of the bike tunnel continued.
- Repaired conduit/wiring to Planning/Zoning irrigation controller damaged by private contractors doing stucco work. Also removed warped/aging timbers from the surrounding flower beds.
- Worked on cleanup of the Wapa bunkers.
- Transferred 250 gallons of N-Phuric acid to the Softball Field injection system.
- Serviced three A/C units utilized on the Portable Restroom.
- Responded after hours to Water Department call to move/re-station the Portable Restroom allowing access to a water main shutoff.
- Regularly responded to calls for debris cleanup throughout town because of high winds and difficult weather conditions.
- Coordinated with Kaufmann Pest Control for the removal of a large beehive adjacent to Rotary Playground.
- Continued layout/setup of all soccer fields being utilized at Jaycee Park and Canfield Park. Layouts were rotated to lessen destruction of goal mounts. Work also included re-opening Canfield Park for the City Recreation camps, and Jaycee Park for use by COSA.
- Continued clean up, trimming, and mowing efforts of both Disc Golf Courses. All work was completed in time for regularly scheduled events.
- Completed necessary protocols in response to two separate incidents of property damage to citizen's property. During two separate string trimming sessions, projectiles resulted in damage to the windshields of vehicles.
- Re-allocated/delivered picnic tables to multiple City sites who requested them. Portable restroom was also delivered, maintained, and returned to regularly scheduled events throughout June.
- Regularly accommodated approved requests for special events and shelter rentals throughout the month of June.
- Staffing Updates: Mike Bennett's last day as a FT GMW was June 16th. Staff completed interviews and offered positions to Alcon Ortiz and Elias Parras, both who accepted. Alcon started June 28, while Elias is slated to begin July 10. These hires fill all the vacant full-time positions within the department for the first time in close to three years. This will be of huge help considering the eight (8) budgeted seasonal/PT positions that will go unfilled for 2023. All NeoGov Quarterly Check-ins were completed with Staff.