
To: Todd Feezer, Assistant City Manager
Fr: Scott Hunter, Parks Manager
Date: August 25, 2021
Re: August Staff Report

Parks/Cemetery/Forestry/Mosquito/IPM Report -

Irrigation lines are being installed on the Bill Nye medians; trees will be planted in September. Staff has been refreshing mulch on the Boulder medians and pulling weeds in beautification areas. All Divisions are losing seasonal staff as they return to school. A few are willing to work around class schedules, however, Full Time Employees are trying to complete daily tasks as they can. Playground inspections have been conducted. Staff is preparing to hire a new Full-Time employee to cover the Athletics position. Interviews are scheduled to begin the first week of September. Heavy rains and use have washed out a few sections of Jacoby Ridge trail, these sections are scheduled to be repaired in early September. The LaBonte skate park project is under way with concrete expected to be poured on August 31st. The Scout Park improvement project has finished installing sewer lines and pouring the new sidewalk along the Junior High School. Fall soccer, Little League, Softball and Club sports have started. Staff is working on fields as they can. Mosquito Control continues to monitor traps and have tested 102 mosquito pools this summer. Four (4) pools tested positive for West Nile Virus so far this year. The University of Wyoming started late season irrigation of their hay meadows which caused an abundant vector mosquito population, so most of the control efforts have been focused on the UW properties. Bare ground chemicals application has been applied to ball fields, fence lines and around tree rings in the parks. Staff has sprayed the Russian thistle in the new holding ponds around the Ice Arena and Recreation Center. Late season mowing will begin to knock back the prickly Russian thistle before they become tumble weeds. Forestry has been removing T-posts from older planting and adding mulch to the trees on the south side of Hwy 130. Staff has been watering new plantings every few days. Forestry removed a large branch at the Depot parking lot that was becoming a hazard for the Farmer Market crowd. High winds on August 6th, 2021 blew over two (2) trees. One tree in Washington Park and one tree in Optimist Park. The tree in Optimist damaged the dog park fence, staff will repair the fence in September. The cemetery conducted eleven (11) funerals for August. Cemetery staff is limited and continue to mow and trim the cemetery grounds. The main gate and maintenance gate have been closed due to the 15th Street construction.