

Parks Department Updates

August 2022

August is generally the slowest month of the year for Parks Department activities, which makes it an ideal time to start projects leading into the fall. For this year, we will be doing a full rehab on Field 6, specifically the infield diamond. The work will include removing sod from the infield and surrounding surfaces, leveling the grass and clay lines, resetting the irrigation sprinklers to the correct level and replanting turf so that it is ready for play in the spring. This was last done almost 20 years ago, so it is well overdue.

Registrations are near complete for the upcoming youth soccer and youth volleyball seasons. As was the case in the spring, we anticipate high participation numbers for fall soccer following the long stretch of inactivity during the COVID period. The volleyball program will once again be coordinated by Andrea Taveras and will be offered to players grades 5-8. This will be the first time we will be offering this as a fall activity, which will have the benefit of coordinating it with the school team's season. Andrea hopes to have a good amount of interaction between the school and rec teams to create a mutually beneficial relationship for both programs.

The playground rehabilitation project continues to make progress. An RFP was put together earlier in the summer and was put out to bid in July. The deadline for submissions is September 1, and the winning bid will be awarded the contract around that time. We are hoping the remediation work will commence in early October and be completed by the end of fall, which will allow the next phase of reconstruction to begin in early spring.

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