



- With the intermittent weather crews have been busy working in parks, trails, pool and building maintenance.
- Crews were able to complete a media change at the wave pool which saved \$6,000.
- Gonzales Trees Service out of Walden, CO have been pruning trees within the parks.
- Final design for playground equipment and pour in place have been completed. Shipment of playground components are expected to arrive in the next couple weeks. I will meet with Project Manager to identify final prep work at the site before install.
- Working with SGM on design for Woodbury Pavilion/Bathroom. Currently working on electricity needs for new facility. We want to incorporate sufficient electrical for vendor trucks, bounce houses and public needs. New facility will be in place of the existing gazebo. Hoping to finalize design and get RFP out within a couple weeks.
- Working with the Humane Society to repurpose gazebo structure from out at Woodbury and put it at the dog park. The Humane Society will solicit contractors to pour foundation later this Fall. Once foundation is prepped and ready Parks & Recreation will install gazebo out at the dog park later this Fall as time permits.
- On April 8<sup>th</sup>, work groups from Parks & Recreation and R&B Departments held a trail cleanup on the Ledford – Finley trail to dispose of dog waste. Later that day, Parks & Recreation, R&B and Code Enforcement cleaned the banks of Fortification Creek. We really appreciate personnel from other City departments assisting in the cleanup efforts!
- Work will begin soon on the Parks Maintenance Shop Roof once material arrives.
- Big Horn Engineering a firm out of Grand Junction has been retained to assist with the cooling upgrades for City Hall and Boys & Girls Club.
- Parks & Recreation has been soliciting for seasonal employment for the upcoming summer season. We have found minimal interest and having a difficult time filling these positions. This is not just isolated to Parks & Recreation, I believe this happening everywhere.
- Breeze Park has been selected to receive the 2021 Starburst Award! *“The Starburst Award recognizes excellence in the use of Lottery funds for community and conservation projects. Winners are chosen based on the creativity of the project, economic and social impact on the community, and whether the project achieved its goal.”* <https://www.coloradolottery.com/en/about/starburst-award/>
- Working with CU Technical Assistance Program Coordinator to assist us with improvements at North Park.
- Working on trail easement with Heather on Mr. Oxley’s property (Ridgeview). Once completed we can finalize that trail segment later this year.
- Fence work will begin soon at Heier Park. A privacy fence will be installed between property owner and park. This will alleviate property residence from continually driving onto park.

Staff is in full preparation for the upcoming Whittle the Wood Rendezvous. The entertainment lineup has been well received.

- On April 7, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board discussed and set admission prices for entertainment. Friday- \$15, Saturday - \$25, Friday & Saturday - \$35
- April 9, tickets became available. Recent ticket sales look promising.
- Working with Chaos Ink to finalize merchandise that will be sold at event.
- We have received a vendor list from the Fruita, CO in hopes of attracting more vendors at the event.
- Met with Chief Cochran to discuss parking and other considerations for the event.
- Sponsorship letters and vendor applications have been mailed.
- Eight wood carvers have been selected.
- Working on various avenues for advertisement.
- Working on volunteer list for event.
- Coordinating with Bear River Younglife to hold a preview for cars out at the park on Friday night.

Staff has been working very hard in preparation for upcoming events and activities this summer. Our Aquatics Manager has been working diligently in preparation of hiring summer staff. There has been a lot of interest for employment at the pool this season. We feel very fortunate to be in this position! With an untypical High School sports season this year it will more than likely impact our personnel schedules at the pool due to some sports being pushed later in the summer season.

We wanted to take a different approach this year and offer a Fast Pitch Softball league for youth in lieu of our Slow Pitch Softball League. With numerous advertisements and approaches, we were dismayed that there were insufficient enrollees for the various age groups. As with many programs it takes a while for them to build. We look to continue to offer this program with adjustment in the future. We are encouraged by many other program offerings with high enrollment numbers.