

City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

**DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2023**  
**TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS**  
**FROM: LAURA DURHAM, DEPUTY DIRECTOR,**  
**RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION**

**SUBJECT: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION DIVISION UPDATE ITEM**

**Summer Power-On OSTP Update:** The 2023 Power-On/Power-Up **Summer Camp** Registration is quickly approaching. The Power-On Summer Camp Program is designed for elementary-aged youth entering 1st – 5th grade in Fall 2023. One location will serve Power-Up program participants entering 6th – 10th grade in Fall 2023. Summer Camp will begin Tuesday, June 20 and end Friday, August 11, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Before Care is available upon request from 7-9 a.m. for an additional fee.

The Summer Power-On/Power-Up fee is \$445 for the summer; \$215 with documentation of free/reduced-price school meals; \$179 with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits; or \$105 with Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) benefits. Program fees are subject to increase beginning July 1.

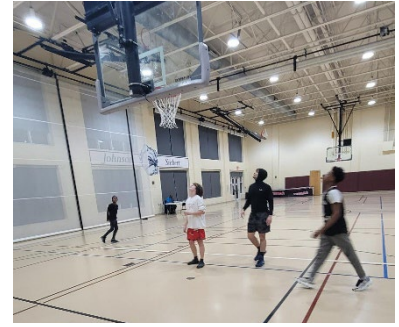
Applicants are required to verify eligibility by completing and **submitting the pre-registration forms by February 11**. All submissions will be placed in a computerized lottery, randomly selecting the order of eligible applicants, and generating a waitlist if needed. Selected applicants will be contacted by email and/or phone beginning February 15 with additional information on program registration. Applicants must complete the enrollment process by February 21.

On Wednesday, February 22 at 9 a.m., any remaining openings will be available using general online-only registration.

On Thursday, February 23, in-person, and online registration for any remaining openings will be available. In-person registration can be completed at any neighborhood recreation center during program operating hours.

## Program Wrap-ups:

- On January 12, Charles Houston Recreation Center held their **Teen Basketball Jamboree**. Teens enjoyed an organized basketball tournament and a free concession stand. There were 5 games total. The winner got bragging rights.



- On January 12, Patrick Henry Recreation Center held its **Teen Social Group meeting**. The group consists of teens from ages 12-17 and the group is led by Mr. Mike and Mrs. Keisha. The group did an activity where they express their feelings about everyday life and the struggles that teens go through. This gave the ability for teens to also work on their social skills.



- On January 20, Patrick Henry Recreation Center hosted its **Nerf the Turf** event. Participants ages 7-12, enjoyed taking aim and testing their skills. Nerf the Turf is more than a battle with foam darts; kids develop teamwork, problem-solving, and sportsmanship skills. Bring gear and equipment, and we will supply the ammo.



- On January 22, the Durant Center hosted its first **“Brunch Bunch”** of the year. This kids-only event is designed to allow parents a few hours of time on Sunday mornings to catch up on errands or go grab some brunch while their children get to make food and play games all around a theme. This event was a winter wonderland theme where participants made parfaits and created snowflake designs. We have two more sessions scheduled for Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>.



- William Ramsay Recreation Center worked with NoVA RAFT to host a **focus group targeting Afghan Teens**. 10 teen participants shared their ideas for programs they would like to see in their community, school, and at the Rec. These ideas included soccer, cricket, art (drawing, painting, and poetry), STEM, coding, study groups, a community service club, and sewing/fiber arts. Students also talked about taking part in college field trips and cultural celebrations like Nowruz and Eid al-Fitr. Students were treated to pizza, drinks, and chocolate chip cookies.
- Leonard “Chick” Armstrong Recreation Center hosted several **Senior Programs** in January and February. Activities included: Daytime Trip to the African American Museum and the Public Playhouse Black History Event; New activities including Book Club, Social Club Time and Walking Class (self-directed), Returning activities: Coffee Social Hour w/ special guest (Giant Nutritionist), Zumba Class, Line Dance Class, Arts & Crafts, Technology Help, and Senior Club Meeting; Special Events activities: SAC 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Valentine Day Social, and LARC Valentine Day Social w/ music, dancing, games, entertainment and food.



- On January 6, Leonard “Chick” Armstrong Recreation Center hosted the **2023 Elks Lodge Hoop Shoot Contest**. This annual contest is a national free throw event held for youth ages 8-13. All participants had the opportunity to compete, win, and advance to the next level of play. Leonard Armstrong had 10 youth who competed in this event.

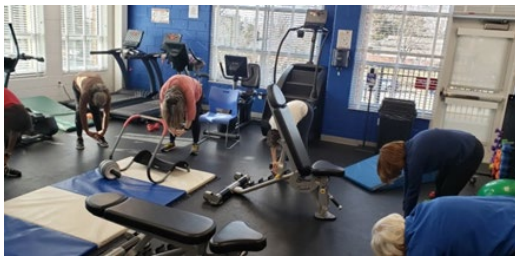


## Program Updates:

- On Wednesdays, during the winter months, the senior participants at Patrick Henry Recreation Center continue to enjoy participating in the **Walk & Fit Fitness program**. There are 25 seniors enrolled in the program.



- On Wednesdays, during the month of January, the senior participants at Patrick Henry Recreation Center continue to enjoy the **Senior Cardio & Weight Training Class**. Enrollment in the class is maxed out at 10 participants.



## Upcoming Events:

- Charles Houston Recreation Center hosts its Black History Month Program. The program consists of 4 speaking engagements by local heroes who will speak to teens about entrepreneurship, dental hygiene, the journey to how the speakers got to where they are now, etc. Program dates include February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>. The program begins at 5pm and will take place in the Teen Center.

Charles Houston Teen Center  
presents  
**'SALUTING OUR LOCAL HEROES'**

**1st ANNUAL  
Black History  
PROGRAM  
2023**

Alice Williams Successful Entrepreneur Alexandria Native	Ratcliff Thomas Hall of Famer NFL Linebacker To Williams State Alexandria Native
Dr. Kimberly Townes Dentist Owner of Black & Smile, P.C.	Anthony Suggs Sr. Hall of Famer Boxing Champ Alexandria Native Smile, P.C.

02/02 - Alice Williams  
02/08 - Ratcliff Thomas  
02/16 - Dr. Kimberly Townes  
02/21 - Anthony Suggs Sr.

All Speakers will begin at 5pm sharp inside the  
CHRC Teen Room!

Each night, there will be a meal provided.  
The program will start  
at 5pm sharp on 2/2, 2/8,  
2/16, and 2/27.

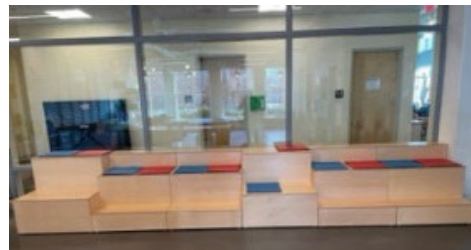
- Charles Houston Recreation Center hosts their **“CHRC Shows Love to the Seniors” activity**. Participants of the OSTP program were asked to pick a name out of a hat. Those names belong to participants of the Charles Houston Recreation Center senior program. Youth will then craft a special valentine gift (decorated mason jars with treats inside) and a personalized note to their new “senior buddy”. The gifts will be delivered to the seniors during the senior program time and recorded so that the children can see their reactions.

- On February 7 and 10, RPCA teamed up with **ACHS Athletics** for **Recreation Basketball Night**. Recreation basketball players can attend the games for free by wearing their team jersey.
- On February 17, Mount Vernon Recreation Center will host **Parents Night Out** from 6:30-9pm. Mom and Dad, will be able to have a fun night with friends while we entertain your kids! Participants will enjoy gym games, movies. Pizza, drink, and a snack will be provided. This program is for youth in grades K - 5<sup>th</sup>.
- On February 25, the Durant Center will host **ALIVE's Empty Bowls Annual Fundraiser**. This event, sponsored by the Department of General Services, is one of the largest annual fundraisers for ALIVE and will welcome over 250 participants.
- On February 28, Patrick Henry Recreation Center will host a **Black History Month Program** in the Flex Gym from 6-8pm. Come learn about African American History, enjoy performances, and have fun! Food will be served.
- On March 2, Mount Vernon Recreation Center will host **Read Across America**. We will have special guest readers come in and read to the children and do special activities with the kids.
- On March 4, William Ramsay Recreation Center is working with Local Motion Project to host a **dance workshop** with famed Ugandan dancer Godfrey Muwulya. The workshop will introduce the community to dances, drumming, and singing from East Africa in a joyous and accessible format. Joining him will be Deborah Damast. This free event will also have traditional Ugandan sweets for the community to try such as Kashata Coconut Candy and traditional Maize Cookies. All are welcome to participate.
- On March 6, the Mid-Atlantic Recreation and Parks' Sports Alliance (MARPSA) will recognize youth players, coaches, administrators and officials throughout the Maryland and Virginia area during a **special reception and awards ceremony** in Annapolis, Md. The Dennis Callahan Good Sport Awards is a MARPSA sponsored program providing opportunity for member jurisdictions to recognize young athletes, coaches and administrators who have modeled Good Sports actions and behaviors in local athletics. RPCA will recognize **Tucker Riley** (Athlete); **Ben Matthews** (Coach) and **Sherry Reilly** (Administrator) as Alexandria's Good Sport Award Winners.
- On March 11, the Durant Center will host the second **"Drive-In Movie"** event. During this fun event, children ages 6-12 will turn large cardboard boxes into their very own "cars" and settle in to watch a family fun movie and enjoy snacks! This activity runs from 1-4pm and registration is available now!

- On March 17, Nannie J. Lee will host its annual **Multicultural Festival**. During this event participants will celebrate different cultures and the different nations. We will also have our families that are from different cultures participate in our pride tables. Pride tables are used to represent your culture by displaying educational facts, meaningful novelties, food tasting and demonstrations. The participants in our program will have the opportunity to perform cultural dances, recite different languages or play instruments from different cultures.
- On March 31, youth from the OSTP Power-On afterschool program and LINK Club program will take center stage for the **Night of Stars**. The Night of Stars is a performing arts event, where the participants express themselves through song, dance, spoken word, drama. The theme is Remember the Times. OSTP/ LINK staff and participants are planning an exciting show that families and attendees won't want to miss. The event will be held at Lee Center.

### Special Features:

- The Durant Center and Nannie J Lee will partner with students from **Alexandria City High School** to offer free youth STEMM workshops. ACHS Women in STEM club will provide free student run workshops for ages 8-11 that will not only allow the kids to get great hands-on experience but also be able to connect with talented high school students and guest speakers about the world of STEMM. Durant will host this workshop on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, and Nannie J Lee will host this group on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, in their afterschool program.
- The Charles Houston Recreation Center Advisory Board sponsored **new seating in the Teen Center**. The colorful seats were recently installed.



- The **Little Free Food Pantry** has been quite the success at William Ramsay Recreation Center. Community members have been taking items and leaving items each day. The Recreation Center has been able to take in a large stock of shelf stable food items to replenish throughout the week.



### Staff Updates:

- Charles Houston Recreation Center welcomed **Sharif King** as their new Teen Coordinator.

- **Jacquay Plummer** has been promoted to Regional Program Director at Charles Houston Recreation Center.
- Youth Activities hired a new Part Time Recreation Leader III, as a Site Supervisor for the OSTP Power-On afterschool program at John Adams Elementary School. **Ms. Alicia Gomez** began on January 21 and has been a great addition to the Youth Activities team.
- Safe Place and Community Outreach offered **Safe Place training for over 45 RPCA staff**. Safe Place is a national youth outreach and prevention program for young people under the age of 18 (up to 21 years of age in some communities) in need of immediate help and safety. As a collaborative community prevention initiative, Safe Place designates businesses and organizations as Safe Place locations, making help readily available to youth in communities across the country. The City of Alexandria Safe Place locations include Recreation Centers, Libraries, Alexandria Fire Department, Community Lodgings, and Alexandria Animal Shelter.

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DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 2023

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

THROUGH: JACK BROWAND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PARK SERVICES

FROM: OSCAR MENDOZA, DIVISION CHIEF, PARK SERVICES  
MAUREEN STURGILL, ACTING DIVISION CHIEF, PARK SERVICES

SUBJECT: PARK SERVICES - PARK MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT MONTHLY UPDATE

### 1. PARK AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

#### a. Park Maintenance

- Angel Park trail resurfacing completed.

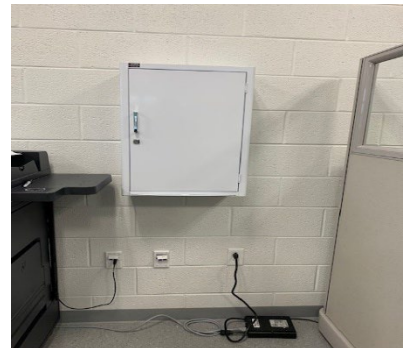
#### b. Park Facilities Maintenance

- Installed a security cabinet at Patrick Henry Recreation Center.
- Installed an interactive wall toy in the soft playroom at Chinquapin Recreation Center.

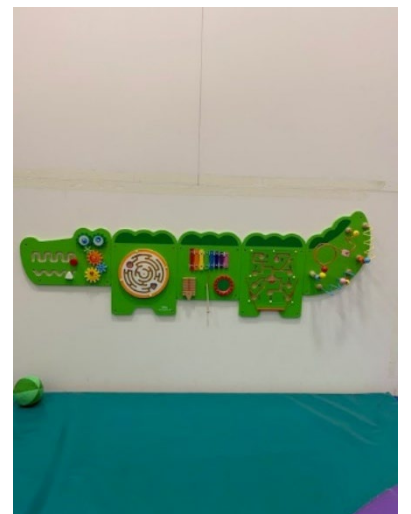
### 2. URBAN FORESTRY & HORTICULTURE

#### a. Urban Forestry

- Urban Forestry along with contractor have begun the 2023 Spring Tree planting during which more than 1,100 trees will be planted on public land throughout the city of Alexandria.
- Staff supervised our contractor, Davey Tree Expert Company, in the proactive rotational pruning of trees within parks, responding to citizen requests, as well as in their response to emergency calls involving fallen trees.
- Urban Forestry has begun preparations for both Arbor Day and Earth Day volunteer events, including volunteer tree plantings within city parks.
- Acting City Urban Forest Manager Scott Graham assisted Natural Resources staff with assessing future management



*Patrick Henry security cabinet installed.*



*Chinquapin interactive wall toy installed.*



of the area after completion of large-scale removal of successional woody vegetation and non-native invasive at Fort Ward Park.

b. Horticulture

- All the gardeners at both Chinquapin Organic Gardens and Holmes Run Community Gardens have received their renewal forms and many will be returning for the 2023 season. Renewal forms and payments have been processed for the 2023 season. The Waitlist has been updated and potential new gardeners for the new season are being contacted to fill the open plots. The gardens will open for the season on March 1.

3. NATURAL LANDS MANAGEMENT

a. Invasive Plant Management and Ecological Restoration

- Staff removed Porcelain-berry and other non-native invasive plants from Dora Kelley Nature Park and Timberbranch Parkway.
- Staff supervised our contractor, Invasive Plant Control (IPC), in nearly completing the large-scale removal of successional woody vegetation and non-native invasive White Mulberry, Chinese Holly, Privet, and Bush Honeysuckle at the Fort Ward Park meadow and environs. IPC also treated Sawtooth Oak, Photinia, and other non-native invasive plants at the Landmark interchange at S. Van Dorn Street and Duke Street.

b. Cooperative Initiatives

- City Natural Resource Manager assisted Virginia DCR, Division of Natural Heritage, in updating the classification of Magnolia Bog and Acidic Seepage Swamp communities. See *Native Vascular Flora of the City of Alexandria, Virginia* at <http://alexandriava.gov/22560>, pp. 19-22, for further information on these rare forested wetlands. This work supports several of four focus areas - Management, Conservation, Restoration, and Community - of the City of Alexandria's [2019 Natural Resource Management Plan](#).

c. Environmental Review

- No review this period.

d. Park Encroachment and Code Enforcement

- No park encroachment issues this period.

4. JEROME “BUDDIE” FORD NATURE CENTER



Ancient Southern Catalpa marking the site of an historic 19<sup>th</sup> century African American church - St. Cyprian's Chapel – on Virginia Theological Seminary grounds.



Measuring the flow of groundwater in an Acidic Seepage Swamp with a piezometer.



Birthday party participants enjoying an animal feeding.

Programs/Updates:

- The Nature Center had 631 visitors in January and provided 64 impromptu programs. Throughout the month we conducted 23 interpretive programs for 318 patrons.
- The Nature Center hosted 5 birthday parties with 177 participants enjoying nature theme activities and personalized animal encounters during the month of January.

School Programs:

- In January, we conducted 8 SOL programs for 104 Alexandria City Public School students.
- 4<sup>th</sup> graders from Douglas MacArthur Elementary visited the nature center for a program on Habitats and Ecosystems. Students had the opportunity to learn about 4 of the nature center animals and go on a hike through Dora Kelly Nature Park.

Outreach Programs:

- Nature Center outreach programs at Alexandria City Recreation Centers were on hiatus during January due to a disrupted afterschool schedule and staffing limitations. Winter/Spring outreach programs will be being again in February/March.

Onsite Programs:

- We had 5 participants and 2 volunteers at our 4H Club meeting in January and spent time learning about the importance of enrichment for animals and spent time creating some as well.
- A Girl Scout Troop visited the nature center and participated in a program on Ecosystem Engineers where they learned about how animals interact with their environment and form connections with each other.
- We had 2 children participate in our Unique Snowflake program this January. During this program, we learned about how snowflakes are formed and why no snowflake is the same as another. Participants were able to learn about condensation through an experiment.
- We had 6 children, and 7 adults participate in our Why can't penguins fly? Program this January. Participants learned about how penguins are similar to and different than other types of birds and did an experiment to learn about their adaptations to live in cold, wet environments.

a. Volunteers Hours:

- In January, our garden and animal care volunteers contributed 26.5 hours providing enrichment activities for



*Students learning about Beaver dams.*



*The 4-H Club's Turtle enrichment maze.*



*Storytime with Nature Center visitors.*

our program animal collection and preparing the pollinator garden for Spring.

b. Noteworthy:

- The beginning of 2023 saw the departure of two long-term staff members. The Nature Center is currently running a recruitment process to fill these vacancies.

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**DATE:** FEBRUARY 16, 2023

**TO:** PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

**THROUGH:** JACK BROWAND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR *JB*  
PARK SERVICES

**FROM:** BETHANY ZNIDERSIC, DIVISION CHIEF *BZ*  
PARK SERVICES - PARK PLANNING & CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

**ITEM:** PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION DIVISION UPDATE  
PARK SERVICES - PARK PLANNING & CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

### Informational Items

- Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Development Calendar (*Attached*)

### Capital Improvement Project Updates

- February Park Planning & Capital Development, Park Services (*Attached*)
- Four Mile Run Trail Bridge Project Stakeholder Group Update #4 (*Attached*)
- Holmes Run Trail Repairs Stakeholder Group Update #11 (*Attached*)

### Small Area Plan & ACPS Modernization Coordination

- Alexandria West
- Landmark Mall
- Eisenhower East
- North Potomac Yard
- Arlandria-Chirilagua
- Potomac River Generating Station
- High School Project Minnie Howard Campus
- Douglas MacArthur Elementary School
- Patrick Henry K-8 & Recreation Center Restart (FY 2024)

### Sites Currently Closed or Partially Closed to Public Use for Capital Projects

#### Closed

- Holmes Run Trail (four locations)
- Four Mile Run Park Bridge
- Eugene Simpson Stadium Park Dog Park

#### Partially Closed

- Mount Jefferson Park from East Raymond Ave to Richmond Highway (Oakville Triangle development)
- Fort Ward Park Picnic Shelter (ADA Access Path)

- Hooffs Run Park Playground (play equipment out of service--safety surface repairs at swings to be scheduled this spring)
- Mason Avenue Mini-Park Playground (play equipment out of service)
- Mulligan Park Playground (play equipment repairs)

# Park & Recreation Commission



## Park Planning - Project Status Report

February 16, 2023

Project	Project Description	Monthly Update	Status	Planning District	Target Completion Date	Assigned To	
1	Open Space Policy Plan	This project will develop a framework for explaining Open Space and identifying policy change needs. City Council reinstated the Open Space Steering Committee with charge of work to be completed by FY 2023.	A draft of Task 3 of the Open Space Policy Plan has been shared with the Open Space Steering Committee. A draft Open Space Acquisition Review Trigger was shared with the Committee, identifying requirements for when a property is reviewed by staff for potential acquisition. Both drafts are anticipated to be adopted at the next Open Space Steering Committee on February 28.	Implementation	Citywide	06/30/23	Ana Vicinanza
2	Athletic Field Lights on Synthetic Turf Field (2)	Design and Installation of athletic field lights on one existing synthetic turf field. Field location to be determined through community engagement. Potential field locations in George Washington Middle School, Patrick Henry K-8 School and Recreation Center, Jefferson Houston K-8 School and Francis Hammond Middle School.	RPCA received approval for all five SUP applications in November 2022 (Planning Commission November 1 and City Council November 12). BAR approval is required for the Jefferson Houston location and was received on January 18, 2023. Planning is ongoing for spring/summer 2023 installation at Jefferson Houston.	Planning	Citywide	06/30/23	Jack Broward
3	Athletic Field Lights on Synthetic Turf Field 2	Design and Installation of athletic field lights on one existing synthetic turf field. Field location to be determined through community engagement. Potential field locations in George Washington Middle School, Patrick Henry K-8 School and Recreation Center, Jefferson Houston K-8 School and Francis Hammond Middle School.	RPCA received approval for all five SUP applications in November 2022 (Planning Commission November 1 and City Council November 12). Planning is ongoing for spring/summer 2023 installation at FC Hammond.	Planning	Citywide	06/30/23	Jack Broward
4	Proactive Maintenance of the Urban Forest	This project facilitates systematic inspection and proactive tree maintenance to improve the health of the Citywide urban forest.	Urban Forestry is implementing the FY2023 proactive rotational pruning cycle. The work is focused on high traffic areas and open spaces throughout parks.	Implementation	Citywide	06/30/23	Oscar Mendoza
5	Witter Recreational Fields Netting	This project will design and install netting along all four sides of the two rectangular fields.	Park Planning obtained quotes for project and pricing came back higher than expected. Staff is investigating scope changes to meet the project need within the existing budget.	Planning	District 1	03/31/23	Daniel Unkle
6	Windmill Hill Open Area Irrigation System	This project will design and install a new irrigation system in open lawn area west of Union Street, including new utility connections.	Staff is finalizing the project scope of work and investigating water and power connection options.	Administrative	District 1	06/30/21	Oscar Mendoza
7	Site: See 2023	New Waterfront Park Temporary Art for calendar 2023	Fabrication is underway for "Two Boxes of Oranges and Admonia Jackson" with installation starting in late February 2023. Opening reception is on Saturday, March 25th. PRC will receive an invitation for the reception.	Implementation	District 1	11/15/23	Diane Ruggiero
8	Old Town Pool Replacement Design	Design for the replacement of Old Town Pool.	Staff from Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities and the Department of Project Implementation met to create the project charter and start the solicitation scoping for a design team.	Initiation	District 1	04/30/25	Bethany Znidersic
9	Marina Robinson Landing Floating Pier	Purchase and Installation of the floating pier at Robinson Terminal South	City staff have reviewed the pier quote and requested clarifications from the vendor. A revised quote is anticipated in February.	Planning	District 1	05/01/23	Michael Durham
10	Simpson Dog Park Renovation	This project will address erosion and drainage issues in the Simpson Park dog park per the 2014 Citywide Parks Improvements Plan.	Construction started on the dog park in December 2022. Earthwork and rough grading are underway. Utility connections and supporting work is in progress. Construction is anticipated to continue until Fall 2023 per the contract terms. The dog park will re-open to the community late 2023.	Implementation	District 2	12/01/23	Bethany Znidersic
11	Charles Barrett Rec Playground Construction	This project will implement and construct the approved design for the playground renovation.	Play equipment and surfacing materials have been ordered. Procurement is working on the ITB for site construction, which is anticipated to be advertised this winter.	Procurement	District 2	08/11/23	Judy Lo
12	Potomac Yard Metrorail Station	This project will install an inline metro station in Potomac Yard/Potomac Greens.	Construction is underway and WMATA has announced that the station will open for riders in May 2023. RPCA staff are working with the City and WMATA teams to complete Metro Station connections in Potomac Greens Park and Potomac Yard Park. Additional information is posted on the City's website at: <a href="https://www.alexandriava.gov/capital-projects/project/potomac-yard-metrorail-station-construction">https://www.alexandriava.gov/capital-projects/project/potomac-yard-metrorail-station-construction</a>	Implementation	District 2	06/30/20	Bethany Znidersic
13	Four Mile Run Park Trail Bridge	This project will replace the existing bridge in Four Mile Run Park near the parking area for the two diamond fields at the end of Commonwealth Avenue.	Bridge and site design is complete and contract procurement is underway. Construction contract award is anticipated in mid-spring 2023. Due to current market conditions, bridge fabrication is estimated at 30-40 weeks.	Planning	District 2	04/28/23	Jack Broward
14	Colasanto Interactive Fountain Construction	This project phase includes funding for construction of interactive fountain.	The draft construction solicitation is under review and is anticipated to be released in winter 2023.	Initiation	District 2	08/31/23	Bethany Znidersic
15	NPY North Potomac Yard Park	North Potomac Yard Park is the extension of Potomac Yard Park in Coordinated Development District #19 (CDD19). This is the main open space for the CDD. The Development Special Use Permit (DSUP) was approved in December 2020.	The final site plan is anticipated to be released in February 2023 and construction mobilization is anticipated in March 2023.	Planning	District 2	12/31/25	Ana Vicinanza
16	Warwick Pool Replastering	This project will re-plaster and refinish the main pool and beach entry area at Warwick Pool.	Staff have received a quote for the project and will complete the procurement process in February. The work will be scheduled for May, prior to the pool opening.	Initiation	District 2	05/19/23	Lindsay Burneson
17	Colasanto Restrooms	This project will design and construct a new all-season restroom at Colasanto Park. The structure will feature two family restrooms.	Staff is procuring a design consultant to complete the drawings for the structure and assist in construction administration.	Initiation	District 2	03/31/24	David Ghezzi
18	Stevenson Dugout Replacement	This project will install two baseball dugout structures and complete the associated grading.	Final plans were signed and sealed by RPCA and submitted to T&ES for minor site plan amendment approval. Staff anticipates giving the contractor notice to proceed this spring.	Planning	District 3	05/31/23	Daniel Unkle
19	Patrick Henry Outdoor Improvements	Project includes installation of athletic field and field lighting, parking lot and other landscapes improvements delayed due to MacArthur Swing Space determination.	ACPS issued an ITB to facilitate final construction activities on February 2, 2023. Construction award is anticipated in spring 2023 with construction start in July 2023. Substantial completion anticipated in fall 2024.	Implementation	District 3	08/31/24	Jack Broward

	Project	Project Description	Monthly Update	Status	Planning District	Target Completion Date	Assigned To
20	Fort Ward Park Picnic Shelter Access Improvements	Provide barrier free accessible route that connects picnic shelter, picnic tables, and parking. The ADA accessible path will also connect to the sidewalk on Van Dorn Street	Work will continue this winter to install the handrails at the Van Dorn Street ramp and to renovate the stairwell at the picnic shelter.	Implementation	District 3	03/31/23	Judy Lo
21	Fort Ward Park ADA Parking	Upgrade existing parking to meet ADA requirements	In early February test pits were taken at the Museum parking lot and front entrance lot. The design of the ADA parking spaces will be finalized based on the test pit results.	Design	District 3	06/30/23	Judy Lo
22	Hensley Park Renovation	This project will renovate Hensley Park based on the Citywide Parks Improvement Plan concept (2014).	The design plans are complete and the final approvals have been released. The Invitation To Bid documents are under review and solicitation is anticipated in the spring. Construction on Phase I is anticipated to begin in August 2023.	Planning	District 3	12/01/24	Bethany Znidersic
23	High School Project	This project is a complete rebuild of the Alexandria City High School Minnie Howard school and athletic complex. The project includes the addition of an aquatics center for high school sanctioned aquatics sports and separate training pool. Outdoor athletic amenities include lighted rectangular field, tennis courts and basketball court; walking loop; and stadium seating.	Construction continues and ACPS continues to provide a substantial completion date of summer 2024 consistent with the opening of the 2024-2025 academic year. Demolition of the existing school and installation of the open space and athletic amenities will begin summer 2024 with an anticipated completion of fall 2025.	Implementation	District 3	09/01/24	Jack Browand
24	Holmes Run Trail Repairs Construction	This project includes the restoration of four sections of Holmes Run Trail damaged and closed following July 2019 heavy rains.	Construction on Site 4, 4600 Duke St. will begin in February 2023. Sites 3 (Ripley) and 2 (west 395) are at 90% design and construction contract award is anticipated in summer 2023. Site 1(Dora Kelly) is on hold and will be designed in coordination with the design of a new stream crossing. The City was awarded a \$5M transportation grant for the construction of a new raised bridge.	Planning	District 3	12/29/23	Jack Browand

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**THROUGH:** JACK BROWAND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
PARK SERVICES

**FROM:** BETHANY ZNIDERSIC, DIVISION CHIEF  
PARK PLANNING AND CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

**ITEM:** FISCAL YEAR 2024 CITY BUDGET DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

**ISSUE:** City staff have proposed a schedule for the FY2024 budget process.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Park and Recreation Commission receive the budget process information.

**BACKGROUND:** City staff have outlined a proposed schedule for the FY2024 budget deliberations and approval as below:

### FY 2024 Budget Work Session and Hearing Schedule

Check the FY 2024 Budget Calendar online at <https://www.alexandriava.gov/Budget> for the latest information.

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 (7 p.m.)	<b>Proposed Budget Presentation</b>
Wednesday, March 1, 2023 (7 p.m.)	<b>Work Session #1</b>
Thursday, March 2, 2023 (7 p.m.)	<b>Public Budget Presentation</b>
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 (7 p.m.)	<b>Work Session #2</b>
<b>Monday, March 13, 2023</b> <b>(5:30 p.m.)</b>	<b>Budget Public Hearing</b>
Tuesday, March 14, 2023 (7 p.m.)	<b>Introduce Tax Rate Ordinance and Set the Maximum Tax Rate</b>
Wednesday, March 15, 2023 (7 p.m.)	<b>Work Session #3</b>
<b>Saturday, March 18, 2023</b> <b>(9:30 a.m.)</b>	<b>City Council Public Hearing</b>



Wednesday, March 22, 2023 (7 p.m.)	<b>Work Session #4</b>
Wednesday, March 29, 2023 (7 p.m.)	<b>Work Session #5</b>
<b>Saturday, April 15, 2023 (9:30 a.m.)</b>	<b>Tax Rate Public Hearing and Add/Delete Public Hearing</b>
Tuesday, April 25, 2023 (6 p.m.)	<b>Work Session #6: Preliminary Add/Delete</b>
Monday, May 1, 2023 (7 p.m.)	<b>Work Session #7: Final Add/Delete</b>
Wednesday, May 3, 2023 (7 p.m.)	<b>Budget Adoption</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Not applicable.

**STAFF:**

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**From:** [Jack Browand](#)  
**Cc:** [Jack Browand](#)  
**Subject:** Four Mile Run Trail Bridge Project Stakeholder Group Update #4  
**Date:** Thursday, February 9, 2023 6:57:20 PM  
**Importance:** High

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To: Four Mile Run Trail Bridge Project Stakeholder Group (BCC)

This email provides an update on Four Mile Run Trail Bridge Repair project as of Thursday, February 9, 2023:

Staff continues to monitor the impacts of recent cost and schedule trends on City capital infrastructure projects. The City is realizing increases in the costs for design and construction caused by material, service, and labor cost increases. Additionally, supply chain and material issues are causing unanticipated delays. For additional information, read the [Fiscal Year 2023 First Quarter Capital Projects Status Report](#) provided to City Council on January 24, 2023.

Design for the bridge replacement is near complete and is on schedule. The Invitation to Bid (ITB) is moving through the City process to hire a construction contractor. It is anticipated that a contract award will occur in mid-spring. Currently, City staff continue to experience delays in materials and fabrication. Bridges that were running a 16-week lead time, now are running 30–40-week lead time per estimates received for the Holmes Run Trail Repair Project (4600 Duke St. bridge fabrication). Based on the bridge replacement at 4600 Duke St., substantial completion would be approximately 40 weeks from notice to proceed. City staff are hopeful the fabrication time may improve as the year progresses which could shorten the completion of the project.

Please forward this email to other interested stakeholders, and you may refer individuals to [Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov) to be added to the Four Mile Run Trail Bridge Stakeholder email group. For additional information, visit the [Four Mile Run Trail Bridge](#) project webpage.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Jack Browand](#)  
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**Subject:** Holmes Run Trail Repairs Stakeholder Group Update # 11  
**Date:** Thursday, February 9, 2023 6:32:20 PM  
**Importance:** High

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To: Holmes Run Trail Repairs Stakeholder Group (BCC)

This email update provides an update on multiple activities associated with Holmes Run Trail repair projects as of Thursday, February 9, 2023:

Staff continues to monitor the impacts of recent cost and schedule trends on City capital infrastructure projects. The City is realizing increases in the costs for design and construction caused by material, service, and labor cost increases. Additionally, supply chain and material issues are causing unanticipated delays. For additional information, read the [Fiscal Year 2023 First Quarter Capital Projects Status Report](#) provided to City Council on January 24, 2023.

**Holmes Run Bike & Pedestrian Trail: Bridge Crossing at 4600 Duke St.**

The city issued a contract for the 4600 Duke St. bridge replacement and associated outfall stream bank stabilization in late December 2022. Following award of the contract, it was determined, due to current market conditions (supply chain issues & material availability), the lead time for the fabrication of the bridge is now 30 to 40 weeks as compared to the usual 16 weeks. The construction for the associated outfall stream bank stabilization and infrastructure to receive the bridge will begin on February 20, 2023 ([Public Notice](#)), and weather permitting, will continue for up to five months. Therefore, due to the delay in the fabrication of the bridge, we are anticipating a late fall 2023 substantial completion (placement of the bridge structure). City staff are hopeful the fabrication time may improve as the year progresses which could shorten the completion of the project.

**Holmes Run Bike & Pedestrian Trail: Ripley St. Access Ramp & Culvert Bridge west of 395**

Design is near complete and the procurement process for the selection of a construction contractor is underway. Contract award is anticipated in late spring/summer 2023 with construction start in fall 2023. Substantial completion is anticipated in fall 2024.

**Holmes Run Bike & Pedestrian Trail: Dora Kelly Trail from Morgan St.**

This project has been separated from the Ripley St. and Culvert Bridge projects to be designed with a new bridge crossing to replace the current fair-weather crossing at this location. In the spring of 2022, the City received a \$5M grant award for the construction of a new raised bridge crossing. The design for the new bridge and associated stream bank repairs is ongoing. A timeline for completion is in development.

Trail users are encouraged to only use the established detour routes when using the Holmes Run Trail from Eisenhower Avenue west to Holmes Run Parkway. Please forward this email to other interested stakeholders, and you may refer individuals to [Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov) to be added to the Holmes Run Trail Repairs Stakeholder email group. For additional information, visit the [Holmes Run Trail Repairs](#) project webpage.

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