

MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 26, 2024  
**TO:** PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS  
**FROM:** LAURA DURHAM, DEPUTY DIRECTOR,  
RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION  
**SUBJECT:** PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION DIVISION UPDATE ITEM

**2024-2025 OSTP School Year Update:**

**Current 24-25 School Year Enrollment: 1,331**

We are currently offering out-of-school time programming at (10) afterschool locations, which include (2) specialty programs (Youth Achieving Greatness and TR Achieving Greatness) and (3) LINK Club locations for a total of (13) programming opportunities. Capacity has been filled at each location.

**Partnerships & Collaborations:** ACPS, Americans Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Upcycle, Momentum Collective Inc., and Buddie Ford Nature Center. These partners and organizations provide specialized programming, academic support, or enrichment activities at the OSTP Power-On afterschool locations.

The OSTP Committee is revising the OSTP Standard Operating Procedures, OSTP Staff Manual, and the OSTP Site Monitoring Observation Form to align our program with program quality standards.

**Program Wrap-ups:**

- During the summer Charles Houston Recreation Center had three **trips for teens** to Shadowland, Kings Dominion, and a Washington Nationals baseball game with 52 teens attending. The Charles Houston Advisory Council sponsored the Kings Dominion and Shadow trip with the center receiving community tickets from the Nationals team.

- On July 20, over 250 people attended the first “**Best of the West**” event, hosted by the West End Business Association at Patrick Henry Recreation Center. The event provided a great opportunity for visitors to familiarize themselves with West End retail, restaurants, and nonprofits. Attendees enjoyed items from Taste of Asia's menu, while Hangry Joe's Chicken served its popular chicken tenders. The event also featured various contests where people could vote for their favorite restaurants.



- On July 25, Patrick Henry Recreation Center hosted a **1 vs 1 basketball tournament** for teens. Teens were placed into two age groups: 12-14 years old and 15-18 years old. In total, we had 19 participants in the event. The tournament was a great success, with the teens showcasing their skills and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship.



- The Patrick Henry Recreation Center recently concluded its Spring and Summer classes on July 31<sup>st</sup>, marking another milestone in its partnership with RPCA, Claridge House, and Senior Services of Alexandria. This collaboration began in January and has engaged senior residents in activities promoting physical and social well-being.



Led by Aida Bolivar, the **Silver Artisans class** fostered creativity and community, while Karen Rouse’s **Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL) fitness program** helped seniors maintain their health. Both programs attracted 30 to 45 participants, highlighting their importance. The Fall session began on September 16, and the center remains committed to offering these enriching programs for seniors. Special thanks to Tesfaye Reta, Mary Lee Anderson, and the team for their dedication.

- On August 1, Patrick Henry Recreation Center's **Counselors in Training** provided fun games and activities for **Pirate Day**.

Throughout the day, participants of the Power On program had to find their gold coins hidden throughout the center and use



their treasure to pay for each station of activities. These activities included Limbo, Walk the Plank, Shark bean bag toss, and more. Prizes were provided for each event.

- August 9<sup>th</sup> marked the end of the summer season for children participating in the **Power-Up summer camp program** at the William Ramsay Recreation Center. Over a period of 8 weeks, children were able to participate in a variety of planned activities, special events, and a grant-funded S.T.E.A.M enrichment program led by Robothink. This program provided an opportunity to build, learn, and play with robots.



- On August 9, Mt. Vernon Recreation Center held its closing day **Carnival & Ice Cream Social**. This special event is held at the end of the summer to celebrate the end of the Out of School Time Summer Power-On program. Attendees enjoyed ice cream and cake with all the toppings, cooperative games, and craft activities.

- On August 27, Mount Vernon Recreation Center provided childcare for Mount Vernon Community Schools **back-to-school night**. 116 children attended the event and enjoyed carnival-style games in the gym. We also used this event as a marketing tool to pass out program guides and flyers for upcoming events.

- Patrick Henry Recreation Center's Summer Camp participants enjoyed an array of activities and trips. They beat the heat with **Water Days** filled with outdoor water balloon fights and weekly trips to Old Town Pool. Participants also enjoyed recycling-based scavenger hunts, and the rec's newest Game Room additions; including but not limited to a billiards and air hockey table. They enjoy various arts and crafts projects that they get to take home as well as enriching **STEM activities**.



- **Wonderful Wednesday** is an end-of-summer event where campers can kick back, relax, and enjoy the last days of summer camp. Campers engaged in crafts, cooperative games, relay races, inflatable attractions and games, performing arts, Spin Wheel rides, Karaoke, a Game Truck, Glo Dance party, and much more! We ended the program with a STEM show by Mad Science, Things that Go BOOM! Over 250 youth participated in this year's Wonderful Wednesday event. It was a great way to end the summer.
- Campers at William Ramsay Recreation Center participated in the **Alexandria Library's Summer Quest Summer Reading Program**. Each day during D.E.A.R (Drop Everything and Read), reading time was logged and totaled up at the end of the summer. Children were rewarded with books, and free tickets to attend a professional baseball game with their families.
- On August 17, Williams Ramsay Recreation Center held a **Back-to-School event**. Over 500 bookbags filled with school supplies were distributed. It was a big success, thanks to our partners Fresh Start Refugee/NOVA RAFT and METWC.



### Program Updates:

- Starting this fall, the Sports Section will partner with the **Work'n Well Employee Program**. City employees participating in the City Cup league will earn Work'n Well reward points. The Work'n Well Rewards program offers fun and engaging challenges, helpful educational content, wearable fitness devices, and tools to encourage you to make your total well-being a priority. The objective is to help you make long-lasting behavior changes that will lead to improvements in multiple aspects of health.

### Upcoming Events:

- On September 15, Chinquapin Recreation Center will start a 15% off **fitness pass sale**.
- On September 28, the Recreation Services Division under the Youth Activities Section will co-host with the Kiwanis Club, its **Annual Kiwanis Kids Fishing Day at Lake Cook**. This year we are also partnering with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to provide fishing opportunities to youth with terminal illnesses. During this event, OSTP youth ages 8 to 12 years old will have an opportunity to get out and experience fishing for the first time or for the hundredth time. Participants will fish for a couple of hours, have lunch, and go home with some great memories and fun experiences.

- On October 4, Charles Houston Recreation Center will host the annual “**Teens vs Cops**” basketball game. Participants will enjoy a DJ, food, and a competitive basketball game. Who will have the bragging rights this year?
- On October 11, Mt. Vernon Recreation Center will recognize **National Bullying Prevention Month** by hosting Bully Free activities for OSTP program participants.
- On October 20, Chinquapin Park will host the **2024 NOVA Maker Fair** from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. We will have a functioning Black Smith Forge on site, so Please join us for a showcase of exciting innovations from local artists, craftspeople, teachers, and engineers!
- On October 24, Mount Vernon Recreation Center will host **Lights On After School** in conjunction with After School Alliance to call attention to the importance of afterschool programs for America’s children, families, and communities.
- On October 25, in partnership with Naomi Brook Elementary School, Charles Houston Recreation Center will host the annual **Boo Fest!** Participants will enjoy games, prizes, candy bags, arts and crafts, music, and much more!
- On October 25, the Patrick Henry Center will host its annual **Family October Fest 2024** program. Join us for a thrilling Fall Family Festival! Enjoy an array of exciting games, explore our spooky haunted house, get creative with Arts & Crafts, indulge in delicious snacks, and stand a chance to win prizes.
- On October 25, Mount Vernon Recreation Center will host its annual **Family Masquerade Ball**. Families in the City of Alexandria will enjoy dancing, photo opportunities, refreshments, and a best-dressed costume contest.
- On October 26, Charles Houston Recreation Center will host **Kiddie Cabaret** for ages 1-5. Participants will enjoy food, games, music, and activities. The cost is \$6 per child.
- On October 26, Chinquapin Recreation Center will host its annual **Floating Pumpkin Patch** at the Rixse Memorial Pool. Families will have the opportunity to pick a pumpkin from the pool, enjoy seasonal treats, and decorate their pumpkins on-site.

**Special Feature:**

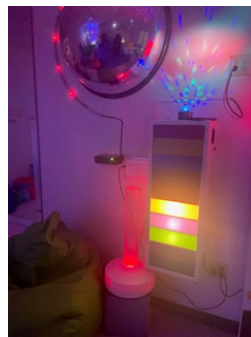
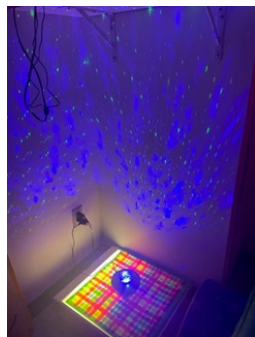
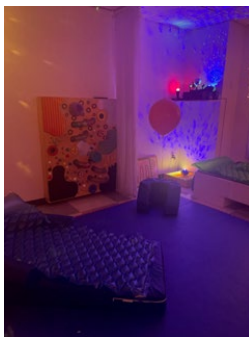
- On September 7, the Miracle League of Alexandria (MLA) in conjunction with RPCA held a dedication ceremony for the **new LED scoreboard at the Kelley Cares Miracle Field**, located at the Lee Center. Over 100 people were in attendance which included the Alexandria City Council, Jessell family, Miracle League participants and families, board members, RPCA staff, and other supporters. Alexandria City High School Volleyball

teams served as the game's "Angels in the Outfield" Buddies. The Alexandria Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity served food following the ceremony and game.

The scoreboard was purchased and installed through a generous donation from the Jessell family (Sheri, Mark, and son Robert & Howie Seligman). The scoreboard will allow for videos, pictures, and scoring, which will enhance the experience for players in the Miracle League and TR participants.



- City of Alexandria **Therapeutic Recreation Multisensory Room** is upgraded and ready to offer huge benefits to a wide range of users regardless of age or ability. The sensory room is perfect for de-escalation, winding down, and maintaining a tranquil atmosphere. Experience an innovative and exciting space designed to support cognitive growth, language development, gross and fine motor skills, and much more. The Therapeutic Recreation program promotes activities that focus on inclusion, not exclusion. We look forward to providing more opportunities through recreation activities.



*Equipment in Sensory Room: Interactive Tactile Wall, Activated Wall Toys, Ladder Lights, Message Mat, Musical Waterbed, Bubble Tubes Flex-Space Wobble Cushion, and more.*

**Staff Updates:**

- The Sports Section has started recruiting high school students to serve as **Youth Basketball Officials** (Recreation Leader I) for the 8U division of the Winter Basketball League. It's a great opportunity for high school students interested in working with youth sports to gain experience as an official. Training will be provided. Interested students should visit [alexandriava.gov/jobs](http://alexandriava.gov/jobs) and apply before October 12.

# City of Alexandria, Virginia

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**TO:** PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

**FROM:** JACK BROWAND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PARK SERVICES JB  
RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

**ITEM 3.a.:** PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION DIVISION UPDATE  
PARK SERVICES

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### NATURAL RESOURCES

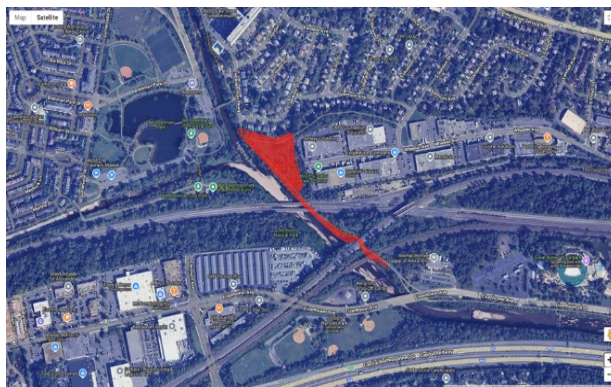
**Oscar Mendoza, Division Chief**

In line with the systematic approach to controlling non-native invasive species (NNI), Tarleton Park will be treated this month, targeting kudzu, tree of heaven, bush honeysuckle, multiflora rose, and mimosa.

The site assessment was completed in late August, during which invasive species were identified and the extent of the infestation was determined. Consistent with environmentally friendly practices and best management strategies, several areas were prioritized for treatment. Control methods were selected based on the environmental conditions and the park's ecosystem. Mechanical control will be the primary approach in areas where invasive species can be fully removed, including their root systems. Herbicide application will only be used when deep-rooted species make mechanical control insufficient. Follow-up monitoring will track regrowth and the emergence of new invasive plants.



*Tarleton Park August, 2024.  
Kudzu vines*



Tarleton Park designated control area.



## **URBAN FORESTRY**

Phil Jubert, Urban Forest Manager

- *Tree Planting* - Urban Forestry is on pace to plant a record number of trees (our planting records go back to 1990). If the fall planting season goes as planned (weather permitting), our total tree tally will be over 1,000 on a 12-month rolling basis.
- *Volunteer* - Multiple community groups are donating their time this fall and helping to plant 100 trees throughout Four Mile Run, Holmes Run, and Mt. Jefferson Park. The financial savings are reinvested into our young tree program to improve survivability.
- *Outreach* - Urban Forestry is leading efforts to become a Bee City USA member.
- *Safety* –The top priority for Urban Forestry is public safety. July, August, and September are peak months for responding to trees that have failed due to weather.

## **PARK PLANNING & CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT**

Bethany Znidersic, Division Chief

### **Capital Improvement Project Summary Update**

- September Park Planning & Capital Development Report, Park Services (*Attached*)

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

- Holmes Run Trail (Site 1 – design & Site 2 & 3 – construction)
- Joseph Hensley Park (active construction)
- Mount Jefferson Park Dog Park - (punch list in progress)
- Oronoco Bay Park boardwalk - (closed for inspections and structural repairs)
- Cameron Run Regional Park Multi-Use Court - (reopening for the season on September 23)

### **The Miracle League of Alexandria (MLA) Dedication Ceremony for the New LED Scoreboard at Kelley Cares Miracle Field**

**Project Managers: Lucresha Murphy-Tate, PARKnership Manager and Judy Lo, Principal Planner**

On Saturday, September 7, at Kelley Cares Miracle Field, a special ceremony was held before the games kicked off, dedicating the newly installed scoreboard to the memory of Dan Jessell, son of Sherri and Mark Jessell, and Sherri's sister, Loey Seligman. The scoreboard was generously donated to the Miracle League of Alexandria (MLA) by the Jessell family. Mayor Justin Wilson, along with several City Council members, were in attendance to celebrate this occasion. Attendees were thrilled to see the smiles on the faces of so many of our Therapeutic Recreation (TR) participants, knowing how much the scoreboard will enhance the experience for Miracle League players and others who use the field.

RPCA extends its thanks to The Miracle League of Alexandria & Simpson Development Company for their donations and installation of the new LED scoreboard.



### **Summer 2024 Court Improvements Project Managers: Daniel Unkle, Urban Planner III**

Several courts across the City were improved over the past summer. Court work is scheduled during the summer months due to temperature restrictions for material installation. Work was completed at the Lee Center, Potomac Yard Park and George Mason Park.

#### **Lee Center Tennis Court Renovation**

The renovation at Lee Center included several key updates: the installation of new asphalt surfacing, a new color coat, and essential fence repairs. The tennis court was also relined, and four new pickleball courts were added to enhance the facility's recreational offerings.

#### **Lee Center Basketball Court Surface Repairs**

The basketball courts at Lee Center underwent extensive repairs, including crack repairs, the application of a new color coat, and the installation of new lining, revitalizing the courts for improved playability.

#### **Potomac Yard Park Tennis Court Repairs**

At Potomac Yard Park, repair work focused on crack repairs and the application of Mapei mesh fiberglass resurfacing to bolster the courts' durability. The courts also received a new color coat and lining. Additionally, four new pickleball courts were introduced to expand the park's functionality.

#### **George Mason Tennis Courts**

The George Mason Tennis Courts received targeted maintenance, including crack repairs and the application of a spot color coat.



**PARK MAINTENANCE**  
**Derek Claytor, Division Chief**

All Park Districts are busy with field preparations, training opportunities, regular maintenance and storm response to ensure parks are available for intended use.

**Synthetic Turf Striping Training**



**Equipment Inspection & Cleaning**



## Equipment Inspection & Cleaning



## Athletic Field Preparation



## Simpson Athletic Turf Repair Verizon Utility Work Restoration

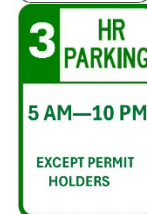
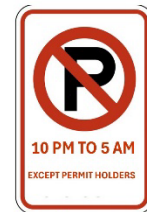


### PARK SUPPORT

**Tonja Walls, Division Chief**

#### **Witter Fields Restricted Parking**

In response to commuter, student and adjacent business parking, effective September 1, all parking at the Witter Fields Complex is limited to 3-hours, seven (7) days per week. In addition, overnight parking is prohibited from 10 pm to 5 am daily. The parking restrictions have resulted in additional parking for park users and increased security. City staff have been issued parking permits for use during the workday.

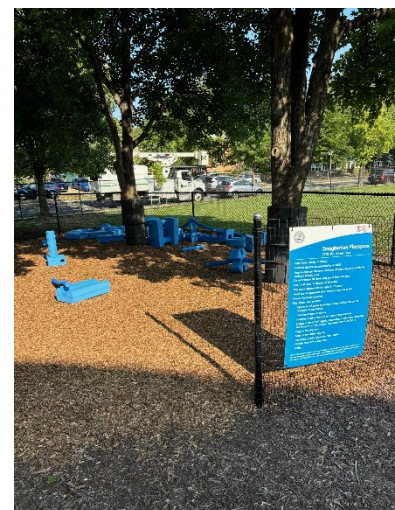


#### **Judy Lowe Park Temporary Closure**

**Project Managers: Judy Lo, Principal Planner & Keith Beasley, Laborer III**

Due to security reasons, Judy Lowe Park will be closed periodically. The length of these closures has not been determined. In response, the Department has set up an interim tot play area at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center. The operational duration of the interim play area has not been determined.

cc: Derek Claytor, Division Chief, Park Maintenance  
Oscar, Mendoza, Division Chief, Natural Resources  
Tonja Walls, Division Chief, Park Support  
Bethany, Znidersic, Division Chief, Park Planning & Capital Development



# Park & Recreation Commission -Park Planning Report



September 26, 2024

Project	Project Description	Monthly Update	Status	Planning District	Target Completion Date	Assigned To	
1	Witter Recreational Fields Netting	This project will design and install netting along the north and south sides of the two rectangular fields.	Fencing and netting are complete on the north and south side of the field and the site is open for community use.	Close-out	District 1	06/11/24	Daniel Unkle
2	Washington Street Median Renovation	This project will renovate the center medians along Washington Street.	Landscape improvements are installed and complete in the Washington Street medians between Cameron Street and Duke Street. The improvements will be monitored for one year for establishment and any warranty work.	Close-out	District 1	05/30/25	Daniel Unkle
3	Marina Piling Repairs	This project will replace one damaged pier in the City Marina. The pier will be replaced in kind and in the same location.	The replacement piling was installed in late July. Safe access is restored.	Complete	District 1	09/30/24	Michael Durham
4	Oronoco Bay Park Piers and Boardwalk	This project will assess the existing boardwalks and decks in Oronoco Bay Park. Deck repairs will be completed for portions that can be fixed. Portions that require full replacement will be analyzed and the consultant report will provide recommendations for further action.	The pier and boardwalk were closed to ensure the safety of the community following inspections that determined the structures are not suitable for use. Further engineering investigations are being pursued to assess the structural conditions and recommendations for next steps.	Planning	District 1	03/31/25	Derek Claytor
5	Site See 2023	New Waterfront Park Temporary Art for calendar 2023	The newest Site See installation "Interstellar Influencer (Make an Impact)" is coming to Waterfront Park with an opening celebration on Saturday, March 23 from 1-4pm.  Using metal, light, and mist the 1:2000 scale installation explores the impact of an asteroid that hit the earth 35 million years ago and created what is now the Chesapeake Bay.  The installation will be up through early November, 2024.	Complete	District 1	11/15/23	Diane Ruggiero
6	Athletic Field Lights on Synthetic Turf Field Jefferson Houston	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.	The lights were installed and passed all permit inspections. Dark Sky International Phase II Certification light testing took place in August 2024 and the final results are anticipated in October.	Close-out	District 1	07/15/24	Daniel Unkle
7	King Street Gardens Park	This project will fund restoration of the original rain gardens and other safety and aesthetic improvements at King Street Gardens Park.	The planting plan has been implemented. Lighting has been upgraded to include twinkle lights and improved flood lights. Bricks have been leveled to remove any tripping hazards. River rock has been placed at the base of the columns. An initial phase of repainting of the landscape trellis has been completed. Additional repainting will be scheduled for early spring--when more vines have lost their leaves. An onsite plaque is currently being restored, and will be reinstalled by October. Further restoration work will be scheduled for early spring 2025, including the restoration of the custom drinking fountain.	Implementation	District 1	06/06/25	Diane Ruggiero
8	Lee Center Basketball Court Surface Repairs	This project will repair the court surface to address existing cracks.	The basketball court received crack repairs, new color coating, and new lining. The project is anticipated to be substantially complete the second week of September.	Implementation	District 1	10/04/24	Daniel Unkle
9	Lee Center Tennis Court Renovation	Renovation of the two multi-use courts including full surface replacement.	The work to resurface the court, improve the fencing, add new nets, and overlay pickleball courts was completed in August. The courts are open for community use.	Complete	District 1	10/04/24	Daniel Unkle
10	Marina Robinson Landing Floating Pier	Purchase and Installation of the floating pier at Robinson Terminal South	The floating pier and booth have been installed. All electrical work is complete and the facility is open.	Complete	District 1	05/01/23	Michael Durham
11	Miracle Field Repairs	This project will address poured in place surface repairs including lining at the Miracle Field.	The surface repairs were completed in July.	Complete	District 1	11/29/24	jimmy.roland@alexandriava.gov
12	Old Town Pool Replacement Design	This project will include planning and design for the replacement of Old Town Pool.	Preliminary concept design and cost estimation completed, Design procurement to begin in October. Design award anticipated in December.	Planning	District 1	04/30/25	Jack Broward
13	Limerick Field Synthetic Turf Repairs	This project will address turf repairs, including subbase remediation to correct divets and sunken areas	Repairs to the field surface and subsurface were completed in early September.	Implementation	District 1	09/06/24	jimmy.roland@alexandriava.gov
14	Witter Fields Synthetic Turf Repairs	This project will address turf repairs including sinkholes, seam and lining repairs	Repairs to the turf surface and subsurface repairs to the base were completed in late August. Programming has resumed at the field.	Implementation	District 1	08/30/24	Derek Claytor
15	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.	The Eugene Simpson Stadium Dog Park reopened to the community on Monday, July 15 at noon. The lights were reconnected in early September. Park users will notice a few unfinished items that are still in progress such as a new message board, replacement plantings, and replacement signage that do not require the dog park to remain closed for intended use.	Close-out	District 2	12/31/24	Bethany Znidersic
16	Charles Barrett Rec Playground Construction	This project will implement and construct the approved design for the playground renovation.	The improvements are substantially complete. New trees, landscape plantings and fencing are complete.	Close-out	District 2	08/16/24	Judy Lo
17	Renovate Landscape area around rec centers- Charles Barrett	Renovate Landscape area around Charles Barrett Recreation Center	Landscape plantings were installed over the summer and will be monitored for one year for establishment and any warranty work.	Close-out	District 2	07/31/24	Judy Lo
18	Custis and Howell Avenue Median Improvements	This project will enhance the Custis and Howell Avenue medians, replacing plantings.	Landscape maintenance was completed in June. New park signs were installed over the summer.	Complete	District 2	06/30/24	Judy Lo
19	Colasanto Interactive Fountain Construction	This project phase includes funding for construction of interactive fountain.	The Invitation To Bid (ITB #1084) for the project closed in mid-April. The City is reviewing the bids and information received from the bidders.	Procurement	District 2	05/12/25	Bethany Znidersic

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20	Four Mile Run Water Access	This Community Matching Fund project, with the Four Mile Run Conservatory Foundation, will provide a new accessible water access (kayak launch) at the end of Commonwealth Ave.	The Conservatory Foundation advertised the construction ITB in August. Cost proposals are due early October.	Procurement	District 2	12/01/25	Judy Lo
21	Mount Jefferson Park Improvements	This project includes the City responsibilities per the Development Special Use Permit (DSUP) conditions.	The developer resubmitted the as-built plans to the City and the City reviewed all outstanding punchlist items. The drought conditions earlier this summer have impacted some of the park plantings including the establishment of turf in the dog park. Replacement plantings will be scheduled during the fall planting season. It's anticipated the dog park will reopen early fall after the turf is renewed and all punchlist items for the dog park have been satisfactorily addressed.	Close-out	District 2	04/17/25	Judy Lo
22	Braddock and Commonwealth Landscape Improvements	Improve drainage within park and install pollinator garden.	Landscape and site improvements based on the 2020 Pocket Park Plan recommendations were completed in May 2023. The new landscape plantings and beds are currently under establishment and maintenance.	Close-out	District 2	01/20/27	Daniel Unkle
23	Four Mile Run Park Bridge Replacement Construction	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.	The project, including all close out items is complete. The bridge is open for community use.	Complete	District 2	07/30/24	Jack Browand
24	George Mason Court Repairs	This project addresses crack repairs at the George Mason tennis courts	Tennis courts received crack repair, spot color coat and re-lining.	Complete	District 2	09/30/24	Daniel Unkle
25	Stevenson Dugout Replacement	This project will install two dugout structures at the existing ball field.	Construction of the new dugouts and backstop netting is complete. New dugout benches were procured and placed onsite.	Complete	District 3	05/22/24	Daniel Unkle
26	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.	The new parking lot has been paved. All demolition activities completed. Installation of synthetic turf and remaining landscape underway. Anticipated completion is November 2024.	Implementation	District 3	08/31/24	Jack Browand
27	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	Tree planting design was completed this summer for the forest conservation area. Plantings are scheduled for fall 2024.	Close-out	District 3	06/15/24	Judy Lo
28	Holmes Run Dog Area Improvements (Duke St. Dog Park)	This project will renovate the dog park to add a fence and a new entrance configuration to separate large and small dogs.	A water fountain will be added this fall. The equipment has been ordered and procurement is in progress to install it, the water line, and the water meter.	Procurement	District 3	12/02/24	Derek Claytor
29	Hensley Park Renovation Phase I	This project will renovate Hensley Park based on the Citywide Parks Improvement Plan concept (2014).	Construction is in progress and is anticipated to be complete in early 2025. The natural turf field materials were installed and the synthetic field base material installation is in progress. Work continues on the retaining wall installations and stair access points. Please see the project website for more information: alexandriava.gov/rpca/project/joseph-hensley-park-renovation	Implementation	District 3	01/01/25	Bethany Znidersic
30	Ben Brenman Re-Carpeting	This project will replace the synthetic turf and infill on the Ben Brenman rectangular field with a new impact board, carpet, and organic infill.	The project is complete. The field is open and programming resumed in August.	Close-out	District 3	07/19/24	Bethany Znidersic
31	Fort Ward Playground Relocation	Relocate playground to an accessible location as recommended in the Fort Ward Management Plan	Staff are coordinating work to advance the playground design to 90% construction documents.	Design	District 3	09/01/25	Judy Lo
32	Stevenson Park Dugout Fencing	This project will install new fencing around the recently completed dugouts	Construction of the new dugouts and backstop netting is complete. The fencing contractor is currently completing punch list items and work is anticipated to be complete in October.	Close-out	District 3	05/29/24	Daniel Unkle
33	Ewald Park Site Design	Design of Ewald Park per the 2015 Neighborhood Parks Plan	A community survey regarding the 2015 park improvement recommendations was released in late August. The survey will close September 23.	Planning	District 3	02/16/27	Judy Lo
34	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.	Site 1, Dora Kelly Park, bridge design is at 100%. Construction procurement will begin in fall 2024 with construction start anticipated in winter 2025. Site 2 (west 395 bridge) & Site 3 (Ripley crossing) are under active construction. Completion of sites 2 & 3 is anticipated fall 2025.	Implementation	District 3	12/29/23	Jack Browand
35	Athletic Field Lights on Synthetic Turf Field Francis Hammond	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.	The lights were installed and passed all permit inspections. Dark Sky International Phase II Certification light testing took place in August 2024 and the final results are anticipated in October.	Close-out	District 3	07/15/24	Daniel Unkle
36	Hensley Park and Holmes Run Park Invasive Species Removal	Invasive species removal program to address areas along Hensley Park that are outside of the renovation project limits.	The initial site visit was conducted in June and the procurement process for the removals is in progress.	Procurement	District 3	01/02/26	Bethany Znidersic
37	Tucker Gardens	This Community Matching Fund project, with the Tucker PTA, will provide new educational gardens in Boothe Park, adjacent to Tucker School.	Tucker School and PTA held a ribbon cutting in May to celebrate the completion of the gardens.	Close-out	District 3	12/29/23	Judy Lo
38	Holmes Run Trail Duke St Underpass Repair	This project will replace the lighting in Holmes Run Trail at the Duke Street Bridge Underpass	The purchase order was approved. The light replacements will be scheduled this fall.	Implementation	District 3	12/01/24	Derek Claytor