

**Parks and Natural Resources Commission Agenda  
August 18, 2020 | 7 p.m.  
Council Chambers  
Woodbury City Hall, 8301 Valley Creek Road**

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**Please note that all agenda times are estimates.**

- 7:00\* 1. Call to Order
- 7:01 2. Open Forum
- 7:05 3. Approval of Minutes – July 7, 2020
- 7:10 4. Renaming of Bailey Lake Park – Memorandum No. 20 - 11
- 7:25 5. Review Parks and Trails Asset Management Plan and Fund
- 8:00 6. Valley Creek Park Update
- 8:15 7. Monthly Update – Memorandum No. 20 - 12
- 8:20 8. Council Report – Council Member Scoggins
- 8:25 9. Announcements/Miscellaneous
- 8:30 10. Adjourn

**If a Commission member cannot attend this meeting, please contact Belinda Reed at 651-714-3584 by Monday, August 17, 2020. Thank you.**

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Minutes of  
Parks and Natural Resources Commission Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, July 7, 2020

**Commission Members Present:** Greta Bjerkness (Chair), Timothy Brewington II, Bruce Montgomery

**Commission Member(s) Virtual:** Arin Kurttila, Deborah Musser, Rachel Nelson

**Commission Member(s) Absent:** Karin Freymann, Jakob Neau

**Council Member Virtual:** Amy Scoggins

**Staff Present:** Michael Adams, Parks Planner – In-person

**Staff Virtual:** Michelle Okada, Parks and Recreation Director  
Belinda Reed, Administrative Assistant  
Jennifer McLoughlin, Sustainability Specialist  
Kristin Seaman, Environmental Resource Specialist  
Eric Searles, City Planner  
Kallie B. Doeden, Consultant, Barr Engineering  
Robert James, Information & Communications  
Technology Director

**Call to Order**

Chair Bjerkness called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Open Forum**

Chair Bjerkness explained that the Open Forum is a portion of the meeting where a maximum of three persons will be allowed to address the Commission on subjects, which are not a part of the meeting agenda.

Due to the current pandemic situation, this meeting is being held virtually. Because of this, a couple of changes have been made to our meeting protocol. All Commission members and staff are asked to announce their title and name before making any motion or comment. Online attendees may use the Live Event Q&A chat feature in the right hand pane of the virtual meeting to ask questions of the Commission. You will need to enter your name and street address for the record for all questions or comments. Questions or comments can be entered at any time and will be read and answered during the appropriate section of the meeting.

If in-person, please come forward and introduce yourself, provide your street address and issue you would like to address. Speakers are limited to two minutes. The Commission will listen attentively to comments but, in most instances, will not respond at the meeting. Typically, replies to the concerns expressed will be made via letter or phone call within a week.

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**Action Items**

A. **June 2, 2020, Parks and Natural Resources Commission Meeting Minutes**

Chair Bjerkness asked for the approval of the Minutes of the June 2, 2020, meeting of the Parks and Natural Resources Commission.

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Montgomery, seconded by Commissioner Brewington, to approve the June 2, 2020, Parks and Natural Resources Commission Minutes.

VOTE: In favor All In-person and Virtual  
Against None  
Absent Commissioners Freymann and Neau

B. **Sustainability Initiative - Memorandum No. 20 - 08**

Ms. Jennifer McLoughlin, Sustainability Specialist, provided an update and review of the city's sustainability programs that have been in place for a number of years as well as the new initiatives that started in 2019.

The city subscribes to community solar gardens located in Washington, Chisago and Dakota counties and has been working with two different companies: BHE Renewables and U.S. Solar. Overall the city's savings of \$272,077, has been applied to the Xcel Energy bills.

The city hosted two solar power hours, partnered with Midwest Renewable Energy Association for interested residents. Residents were able to sign-up for no obligation site inspections free of charge. The program was very popular and there have been a number of residents taking advantage of this program by installing solar on their roofs. In 2019, there were 107 combined commercial and residential solar installations.

Ms. McLoughlin noted that the city's sustainable fleet vehicles include: six plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, seven electric vehicles for parks maintenance, four hybrid vehicles and in 2019, the first hybrid pursuit-rated vehicle was added to the Public Safety fleet.

The Residential Irrigation Controller Program was highlighted with nearly 2,500 controllers sold with a water savings per year of approximately 75 million gallons.

There are 55 commercial properties participating in the city's commercial irrigation cost share of 50 percent cost share up to \$8,000 per property.

Ms. McLoughlin noted that 260 residents participated in the Home Energy Squad Program in 2019, resulting in 8,368 LED bulbs installed along with other items installed such as water heater blankets, weather stripping, programmable thermostats, water saving shower heads and sink aerators. There are two programs: one costs \$70 and the other \$100. The city subsidizes \$30 per visit to encourage residents to go for the \$100 program where they can maximize their energy efficiency and savings.

The city has been a member of the Minnesota GreenStep Cities since 2013 and achieved Steps 4 and 5 in 2019.

It was noted that the city's Green Times publication is published three times per year. Due to the pandemic, the Annual Curbside Recycling Event has been rescheduled to September 21-24, following the rescheduled Lions Garage Sale.

A discussion took place with regard to the percentage of Woodbury irrigation water usage is irrigation compared to potable drinking water.

**C. Seasons Park Stormwater Filter – Memorandum No. 20 – 09**

Ms. Okada introduced Environmental Resources Specialist, Kristin Seaman, noting that Ms. Seaman's presentation will be the first step in a public process, which is being led by the South Washington County Watershed District (SWWD), of the project that will take place on one of the city's park space. Also present virtually, was Ms. Kallie Doeden, consultant with Barr Engineering, who is working directly with the SWWD on this project.

Ms. Seaman noted that the City of Woodbury is divided into three watershed districts: South Washington (SWWD), Valley Branch and Ramsey Washington Metro, with SWWD covering two-thirds of the city.

Ms. Seaman noted that the Lake Water Management Plan for five of Woodbury's lakes, located in the SWWD, was updated with the help of SWWD in 2018. The lake's studied looked at the whole watershed going through the middle of Woodbury, which included: Colby, La Lake, Markgrafs, Wilmes and Powers.

Ms. Seaman noted that Best Management Practices (BMP) pollution control measures are designed to prevent or reduce the effect of pollutants from stormwater discharge.

The south part of Wilmes Lake was found to be impaired with 26 pounds of excess phosphorus per year, which raised this site to the top of the list when determining priorities.

In keeping with the Best Management Practices for regional stormwater, and to address the amount of phosphorus in Wilmes Lake, the proposed filter, to be located in Seasons Park, is estimated to possibly remove 5 – 10 pounds of phosphorus. To accomplish the removal of as much phosphorus as possible, the proposed filter was the least expensive option with other options costing two to five times more.

The proposed filter, would be installed in 2021, along the trail currently running on the western side of Seasons Park. The project will include educational signage for park users.

The city would be responsible for the maintenance of the basin and structures after construction and the perimeter vegetation, including visual aesthetic plantings, once they are established.

The PNRC was asked for outreach ideas and direction on potential vegetation management improvements to the rest of Seasons Park.

A discussion took place with regard to the sources of the phosphorus. Ms. Seaman noted that the phosphorus contribution is also coming from the runoff of hard surfaces and yards including grass clippings and leaf litter, and areas where sediment and dirt are carried off by the run off. Ms. Seaman noted that GS is an acronym for "growing season."

It was noted that the educational signage component is important to the city so people have an understanding of why controlling phosphorus is important. It was suggested that for the initial kick off it might be interesting to see or promote the return on the investment, but not necessarily a financial return, but the environment in general to potentially think about with regard to the educational piece of the project.

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The presentation included photos of other filters located in the region including one in Willow Pond located in Roseville. It was noted that a number of stacks are visible at the willow pond location and the Ramsey County rendition does not look as clean; not nearly as beautiful as the future state of the space in the future rendering.

Ms. Doeden noted that the mini hill in the back is the overflow beehive structure shown on the photo rendition of the Seasons Park filter, is pretty small and that adding some grasses and flowers will cover that area. You shouldn't see any infrastructure components like the green stacks in the Willow photo.

A suggestion was made with regard to the project's public educational piece and a question was raised as to whether signage may provide enough information. Three main points were suggested: why it is important to reduce phosphorus, why we should care and how people can help reduce phosphorus levels.

### **Discussion Items**

#### **D. Phase II Development Updated**

Ms. Okada introduce City Planner, Eric Searles, noting that the development review is a highlight of the year and that although Mr. Searles will focus on the Phase II development, if any Commissioner had a question about another development in the city, to please feel free to ask if you have other questions.

Ms. Okada noted that staff is approaching the park and trail development a little differently than had occurred in the past, with planning taking place in advance of the actual development.

Mr. Searles noted that an interactive 2020 Development Map, is located on the city's website and a great resources to see what development is taking place in the city in some detail and with staff contact information.

<http://woodburymn.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=02f60c36f9f548e98515d54cd0031f0a>

Mr. Searles presented information on Phase II new developments with regard to housing types, numbers, construction timelines, future park locations, as well as highlighted trails and sidewalks.

Mr. Adams provided park and trail planning information for each area.

### **Developments south of Bailey Road and west of Radio Drive**

Projects approved in this area:

*Arbor Ridge* – Multi-phase project with 138 single family and 38 detached townhomes with home construction in 2021.

- Mr. Adams noted that a walk up neighborhood 0 – 5 years age range tot lot is being planned. With the close proximity to Bailey Elementary school, no sport activities are planned.

*Oak Hill* – Multi-phase project with 79 detached townhomes with home construction started in 2019.

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- Mr. Searles noted that on the southern side of the development, the city acquired land for open space preservation with a large stand of significant oak trees which is one of the last oak savannas located in Woodbury and Washington County.

*Dominium Affordable Rental Multi-Family* – Multi-use with 211 apartments, 24 townhomes and 1 medical office building. Construction timed to bond financing at the state level.

- This was described as a walkable commercial area with trail and sidewalk connectivity.

### **East of Radio Drive and north of Dale Road**

*Bridlewood Farms* – Multi-phase with 320 residential units. Grading began in 2016 and starting on 5<sup>th</sup> phase with likely 2 future phases.

- Mr. Adams noted that the park concept plan was reviewed by the PNRC in 2017. Staff is currently working on a grading plan to bring project out to bid. This park is designed to complement the existing Oehlke Park, located in Copper Ridge, which has a basketball court, large play area designed for children 5 – 12 years old. Bridlewood is a relatively small park with a tot lot area for ages 0 – 5 years.

Mr. Adams noted that Bridlewood, Summerlin and Bailey Lake parks will be bid out all together for completion to be scheduled by year-end.

*Copper Ridge* – Multi-phase with 383 residential units. Grading began in 2016 with approximately 70 lots remaining.

- Existing Oehlke Park completed.

### **South of Bailey Road and along Woodbury Drive**

*Glen View Farms* – Multi-phase with 87 single homes, 54 detached townhomes. The third and final phase is underway.

- Trail connections
- Not a public park component

*Highcroft* – Multi-phase with 159 residential units: 50 detailed townhomes, 109 single family homes. Second edition currently underway.

- Located on the NW corner of the Highcroft development, Mr. Adams noted that Highcroft Park will serve Highcroft, Glen View Farms and Salem Meadows to the north. Maximizing the park space, the concept plan includes a combination tennis/pickleball court and significant play structure. Staff is getting ready to start the neighborhood engagement process with anticipated construction in 2021.

*Briarcroft of Woodbury* – Multi-phase with 164 residential units. Mr. Searles noted that there are two projects within a project. On the north side is a single family rental product, which is unique to the community. On the south side is a traditional single family for sale product. Separating the north and south projects, is a large stormwater management area with the future park will be located to the east. Significant grading will separate the north and south projects. Mr. Searles noted that the south project overlooks the area to the north.

- Mr. Adams noted that staff is looking to move this park project up in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) as the land offers a unique opportunity noting the neighborhoods surrounding the park, actually look down into this park space which is very wide and open.

Mr. Adams noted that the concept plan would maximize trees, vegetation and landscape to create a sense of space in this area. The land to the east of the park, which is currently undeveloped, will allow access for construction of the park space. Mr. Adams noted that to wait until after the property to the east of the park would be developed, would make it difficult to access the parkland for construction purposes, which is one of the reasons the park development has been moved up in the CIP.

### **South of Eastview Road and East of Settlers Ridge Parkway**

*Spancil Hill* – Multi-phase with 91 single residential units. Grading began in July, 2020.

*North Bluff* – Single phase with 112 residential units: 39 single family and 73 townhomes. Grading began in 2019.

- Mr. Searles noted that reliance on the park system that was built with Brookview Elementary for day in and day out and also a strong presence of trail and sidewalk networks to provide loops for recreation activities.

### **South of Hudson Road and West of Settlers Ridge Parkway**

*Sundance of Woodbury* – Multi-phase with 218 residential rental townhome units. Grading began in 2019.

- Mr. Searles noted that the future Turnberry Park will serve this development along with private amenities provided by the development for its renters.

*Beyond Apartments* – Single-phase which includes 255 apartment units, including Senior Living and multi-family. Grading began in 2020.

- Mr. Searles noted that very deliberate connections have been added to connect with the future Turnberry Park.
- Mr. Adams noted that although there is currently no concept plan for Turnberry Park, with development starting to take place in this area, the park is tentatively scheduled for development in 2023. Staff will be looking to conduct the typical engagement process to look at each of the neighborhoods the park is intended to serve and gather information on what the residents are looking for as part of the park development process.

Mr. Searles noted that the modern rental projects are bringing in a number of private amenities so it makes sense to wait for them to be constructed before public park planning starts, in order to understand where amenities and recreation opportunities are missing.

### *City Place*

Mr. Searles noted that although primarily a significant commercial development project, there is a residential component activity with a class A apartment building that will serve the area. This area includes walkability and connection to both retail and places to work.

A discussion took place with regard to the number of existing parks and estimated number of future parks. Mr. Adams noted that recreation trends change; however the goal is to have walkable walk experience within a quarter miles of most homes which includes natural space, trails and amenities. With the current state of social distancing during the current pandemic conditions, residents may place a much higher priority on open space and trail opportunities. It was noted that information on current development park projects is available on the city's

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website page:

[https://www.woodburymn.gov/departments/parks\\_and\\_trails/park\\_projects.php](https://www.woodburymn.gov/departments/parks_and_trails/park_projects.php)

**E. Valley Creek Park Update**

Mr. Adams noted the Valley Creek Park concept plan was reviewed at the City Council workshop on June 17. The conversation was described as similar to the discussions at the June PNRC meeting. Overall the Council discussion was favorable to the concept plan.

After discussion surrounding the two options for the neighborhood access point off of Deephaven Drive, the Council gave staff direction to move forward with the option that will bring the trail behind the homes rather than up into the woods.

After reviewing all of the different options for the Miller Barn, the Council asked the Heritage Society to present what their proposed financial contribution would be for the Miller Barn, to be a discussion item at the July 15, City Council meeting.

**F. Monthly Update – Memorandum No. 20 – 10**

Ms. Okada noted the new format for the Monthly Update is used by staff as a reference for operating during the pandemic. Highlights included Eagle Valley Golf Course reaching 7,277 rounds of golf and the department being Awarded Best Place for Kids activities for 2019. It was noted that the county library at Central Park, is now open for library patrons with reservations only.

The Commission noted they found the new format helpful.

**Council Report – Council Member Scoggins**

Council Member Scoggins noted the City Council's July meeting schedule: July 15 and 29, and a workshop meeting on July 22, at 6:30 p.m.

**Announcements/Miscellaneous**

Ms. Okada noted staff continues to adjust to the guidelines and restrictions related to our COVID-19 response. Due to the primary election on August 11, no August meeting was on the original PNRC yearly meeting calendar. However, in preparation for the September, October and November PNRC joint meetings with the Audit and Investment Commission, staff is looking to schedule an August PNRC meeting to discuss the Parks and Trails Replacement Plan and provide some project updates.

Staff will send out a Doodle calendar to each Commissioner to check available dates to insure a quorum.

Mr. Adams noted the Bailey Lake Park entrance road is accessed from Glacial Valley Alcove in the Fairhaven neighborhood. Some neighbors have asked that the entrance road be redesigned and access be changed to an entrance coming off of Woodbury Drive, where there is a steep grade. Mr. Adams noted that the Preliminary Plat, Final Plat for the Fairhaven development, along with plans presented at commission and council meetings, have always shown the entrance road coming off of Glacial Valley Alcove. Mr. Adams again reached out to Washington County and the county would not permit an entrance road off of Woodbury Drive.

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Mr. Adams shared a photo of signage stating “Future Road Extension” which has been in place at the designed park entrance until sometime mid-April of this year. It was noted that there are a number of existing parks that are accessed through neighborhoods. Evergreen East Park was noted as example of an entrance road access through a neighborhood.

Mr. Adams noted that the plan is to package Bridlewood, Summerlin and Bailey Lake Park together in terms of development.

Mr. Adams noted that the Ojibway Park north playground has been completed.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Belinda Reed  
Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Parks and Natural Resources Commission on August 18, 2020.

**City of Woodbury  
Parks and Recreation Department**

**Parks and Natural Resources Commission Memorandum 20–11**

**August 18, 2020**

Parks and Natural Resources Commission Members:

Subject: Renaming of Bailey Lake Park

During a recent Council Workshop, City staff received direction to change the name of Bailey Lake Park. In order to formally rename park lands or recreational facility holdings, a policy has been created to guide the City's activities in this regard. The City gathered the Park Lands and Recreational Facilities Naming Advisory Committee earlier this month, to provide input during this process. This committee is comprised of Council members, City staff, Planning and PNRC representatives and a member of the Heritage Society.

The Naming Committee has proposed two potential names for the Commission's consideration:

- Red Pine Park – Named after the most predominant natural feature visible when at the park. The Red Pine is also Minnesota's State Tree.
- Fair Haven Park – Named after the development adjacent to the south of this park land, which is also where park users would access this entrance road of the park. The practice of naming a park after the development it resides is a common practice in Woodbury and serves as a wayfinding guide for access to the space.

**Recommendation**

City staff requests the Parks and Natural Resources Commission provide input and a recommendation on the proposed new names for Bailey Lake Park.

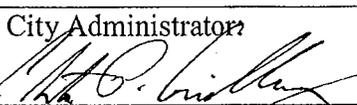
Attached is the Park Naming Policy, which gives greater detail on the priorities when selecting a name of a park land or facility.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mike Adams  
Parks Planner

Attachment: Council Directive Park Naming Policy

 <p><b>COUNCIL DIRECTIVE</b></p>	Adopted: 1-12-11 Revised:	Number: CD-PKREC-7.4
	Mayor: 	City Administrator: 
	For: <b>Parks and Recreation</b>	
	Subject: <b>Procedure for Assigning Names to Park Lands and Recreational Facilities</b>	

PURPOSE

From time to time, there is a need to name park lands or recreational facilities. The City also occasionally receives requests for the renaming of lands and facilities. The following policy is to provide a process for appropriate naming of park lands and recreational facilities.

POLICY

It shall be the policy of the City of Woodbury to refer any activity involving the naming or changing of names of any city-owned park lands or recreational facilities to an ad hoc advisory committee. The Park Lands and Recreational Facilities Naming Advisory Committee shall recommend to the City Council, for approval, names for new lands, facilities or portions thereof. This includes any changes in names to existing lands and facilities. The formation of the ad hoc Park Lands and Recreational Facilities Naming Advisory Committee shall constitute the following members:

- a) Mayor
- b) Mayor Pro Tem
- c) Chair Planning Commission
- d) Chair Parks and Recreation Commission
- e) Woodbury Heritage Society representative
- f) City Administrator
- g) Parks and Recreation Director

The naming of park lands and recreational facilities will be given consideration by the Park Lands and Recreational Facilities Naming Advisory Committee based on the following three priority factors:

**Priority 1 – primary considerations per comprehensive plan:**

- Natural, geological or other prominent features of the property, i.e., Carver Lake Park
- According to adjacent neighborhood or housing development, i.e., Wedgewood Park
- According to location or street name, i.e., Valley Creek Park

**Priority 2 – secondary considerations:**

- Historical ownership of the parcel, i.e., Bielenberg Sports Center
- According to usage, i.e., Hassenbank Open Space
- Naming as a condition of acquisition, i.e., Kargel Park
- To honor a regional or national people group, i.e., Ojibway Park
- According to adjacent schools, i.e.
- Based on public comment or suggestions

**Priority 3 – unique circumstances:**

Only under unique circumstances will consideration be given to the names of individuals (alive or deceased) and/or organized groups, associations or businesses, such as;

- When 50 percent or more of the value of the property is donated by the person or organization.
- When 50 percent or more of the cost of development is donated by the person or organization.
- When an individual, group, association or business played a specific and major involvement in the land acquisition and/or development of a public facility.
- When a major contribution has been made for the enhancement of the quality of life in the community.
- Outstanding accomplishments by an individual for the good of the community. Quality of the contribution should be considered along with the length of service by the individual.

Recognition plaques, memorial plaques or dedications may be placed throughout the Parks and Recreation system by the Parks and Recreation Director, subject to the approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**Adopted by the Woodbury City Council on January 12, 2011 – Resolution No. 11-11**

**City of Woodbury  
Parks and Recreation Department**

**Parks and Natural Resources Commission Memorandum 20–12**

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The Parks and Recreation Department continues to adjust to the Governor’s Executive Orders, and guidelines presented by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**Eagle Valley Golf Course – Dan Moris**

We celebrate another spectacular month of golf at Eagle Valley which hosted 7,836 rounds of golf in the month of July. That is the best month since 2002. For a comparison, July of 2019, was a great month with 6,839 rounds.

August is tournament month and we hosted our first tournaments with the First Tee on Friday, Aug. 7 and Lions Club/Veterans Memorial on Monday, Aug. 10. A few of our regular tournaments canceled, but we hope to welcome them back next year.

**HealthEast Sports Center (HSC) – Katie Broderick**

We celebrated Dave Black, HSC Manager and his 25 years of dedicated service. He officially retired on July 31, 2020. Staff is adjusting to life without Dave.

Both rinks are fully operational and field house rentals are in progress.

- The building is open to rental groups, camps and tournaments with limited spectator guests
- HSC hosted three tournaments since July and is looking forward to hosting three additional tournaments in the month of August.
- Hours of operation continue to adjust based on reservations, in general the facility is open as it would normally be:
  - Monday through Friday 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
  - Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m.–10 p.m.

**Recreation Division – Reed Smidt**

We are excited that the guidelines will allow for some modified programming this summer.

- Some of our full-time recreation staff continue to support Eagle Valley maintenance and operations.
- July programming was successful and we continue to offer programs as registrations support.
- Staff is working to produce a modified fall brochure. We are again preparing for programming that can follow all state guidelines. Additionally, we are producing a limited brochure mailing. This is a new approach that will significantly reduce the printing expense.

<b>Program Offerings in July and August</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Youth Sport Camps</li><li>• Youth Tennis</li><li>• Couples Golf Nights</li><li>• Miracle League</li><li>• Leaders in Training</li><li>• Geocaching Adventure</li><li>• Youth &amp; Preschool Playground Programs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yard Games League</li><li>• Jr. Golf League</li><li>• Adult Pickleball Lessons</li><li>• Tiny -Tot Triathlon &amp; Duathlon</li><li>• Movies in the Park</li><li>• Pickleball Club</li><li>• Soccer Shots</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mountain bike lessons</li><li>• Group Golf Lessons</li><li>• Adult Tennis Lessons</li><li>• Adult Softball</li><li>• Rhythm Kids online</li><li>• Skateboard Camp</li><li>• Art Classes</li><li>• Science Explorers</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Golf Leagues (men’s &amp; women’s)</li> <li>• Online</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amazing Athletes</li> <li>• Mayor Arts and Music online</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Movie in the Park</li> </ul>
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**Central Park – Polly Blom**

The facility is open to allow rentals, host programming, and in cooperation with the library needs. Hours in coordination with the library are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday/Thursday, noon-7 p.m.

- August 4-8 and August 10 early voting in lower level county offices. Primary election in Valley Creek room August 11.
- Bridge wedding ceremony took place on Saturday, Aug. 8. This was first ceremony to take place since the pandemic started in March. Almost all others have cancelled or rescheduled in 2021.
- Farmers Market, Sundays, June 7-October 25, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Restricted access to lower level unless a renter is utilizing the space.
  - At this time, we will not be opening the doors from the YMCA to Central Park. Once the Library and Central Park open to free-flowing public, those doors will re-open.
- Lookout Ridge Indoor Playground remains closed to the public until this fall at the earliest. Staff is working on a community survey that will gather information related to re-opening and future interest, as part of the Central Park remodel project.
- Senior programming will be delayed until later this fall due to the special attention needed to program for this demographic.

**Facility and project updates**

- **Tamarack Nature Preserve Boardwalk** - this project was slated to begin in July, but due to a shortage of deck boards this project will begin next week. It will take approximately three weeks to complete the replacement. Staff is working with the Friends of the Fen group on an event to get people out to enjoy the space and new boardwalk; watch for those details in September.
- **Highcroft Park** – Public engagement will begin this fall with construction completed by the end of 2021.
- **Ojibway North Playground** was replaced in June.
- **Bridlewood Farms Park** - Survey work has been completed and the project will be bid this fall, contractor availability will determine construction this fall or next spring.
- A number of **trail connections** are being completed in coordination with roadway projects, including: Brookview Elementary Trail and Powers Lake Trail.
- **Summerlin Park and the Park adjacent to Fairhaven Development** - Grading plans are being finalized and projects will be bid this fall, contractor availability will determine construction this fall or next spring.
- Staff is working with the Engineering Department and consultants on a study to evaluate all of our public spaces as it relates to physical accessibility. The consultant will identify areas for improvement and assist staff in prioritizing needs within our budget over the next several years.
- **Park Monument Signage** – Ten signs with masonry bases were completed last month. An additional 15 signs without masonry bases will be installed this fall.
- **Carver Lake Park Parking Lot** – The project will kick-off Monday, Aug. 24, and wrap-up by the end of September. The park will remain open, but car access into the park and parking lots will be affected during the project. The main components of the project include repaving and a minor redesign of the main parking lot and road, an expanded parking lot by the new bike park playground,

adding an electronic gate at the main road entrance, and enhancing the pedestrian crossings for paved trail and off-road cycling trail users. Paved trails in the park are being repaved in advance of the larger parking lot reconstruction project.

- **Splash Pad** opened June 17.
- **Carver Lake Beach** remains closed.
- **Park buildings and shelters**
  - Available for rent, following modified occupancy.
  - Most of the building restrooms are open for public use with daily cleaning.
- **Athletic fields** are open and utilized as activities can conform to guidelines.
- **Playgrounds** remain open with caution; we are not able to clean those amenities between users.

**Other**

Staff is supporting an event with the Woodbury Community Foundation and Woodbury Thrives to bring the community together in a fun and safe way. A community drive-thru Parade is being planned for Sunday, Aug. 30, from 1-3 p.m., at HealthEast Sports Center and East Ridge High School. The event is being theme as “*You’ve Got a Friend in Woodbury – Back to school Drive-Thru Parade*” and will showcase local business, non-profits and community groups that participate.

Respectfully submitted,

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