

**Bastrop Parks and Recreation / Public Tree  
Advisory Board Agenda**

**Bastrop City Hall City Council Chambers  
1311 Chestnut Street  
Bastrop, TX 78602  
(512) 332-8800**



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**July 02, 2026**

**Agenda - Parks and Recreation / Public Tree Advisory Board at 5:30 PM**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

At this time, three (3) minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. Anyone in attendance wishing to address the Board/Commission must complete a citizen comment form and give the completed form to the Board/Commission Secretary prior to the start of the Board/Commission meeting. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, if a citizen discusses any item not on the agenda, the Board/Commission cannot discuss issues raised or make any decision at this time. Instead, the Board/Commission is limited to making a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry. Issues may be referred to the City Manager for research and possible future action. Profanity, physical or other threats are not allowed and may subject the speaker to loss of the time for comment, and if disruptive to the conduct of business, could result in removal of the speaker.

**3. MINUTE APPROVAL**

3A. No Minutes to Approve, due to No Quorum.

Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

**4. REPORTS**

4A. Receive a report on the operations and projects of the Parks & Recreation Department Monthly Update

SUBMITTED BY: Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

4B. Receive a report on the operations of the Bastrop State Park

SUBMITTED BY: Nathanael Gold, Bastrop and Buescher State Parks Complex Superintendent

4C. Receive a report on the Bird City Coalition

SUBMITTED BY: Luke Thompson, Bird City Committee

4D. Receive a report on the Master Gardners

SUBMITTED BY: Joni Groom, Master Gardners

**5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

5A. Discuss and consider Park Trail to State Park Connectivity

SUBMITTED BY: Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

5B. Discuss and Consider and act to approve Strategic Work Plan

SUBMITTED BY: Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting as posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the City of Bastrop City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, as well as to the City's website, [www.cityofbastrop.org](http://www.cityofbastrop.org) and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: June 25, 2026 at 1:45 p.m. and remained posted for at least two hours after said meeting was convened.

/s/ Sandy Holder  
Sandy Holder, PARD and Streets Technician



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** July 2, 2026

**TITLE:**

No Minutes to Approve, due to No Quorum.

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

Section 551.021 of the Government Code provides as follows:

(a) A governmental body shall prepare and keep minutes or make a tape recording of each open meeting of the body.

(b) The minutes must:

1. State the subject of each deliberation; and
2. Indicate the vote, order, decision, or other action taken.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

No Minutes to Approve, due to No Quorum.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- N/A

# PARKS

Parks Crews are busy keeping the Splashpads running smoothly by testing and maintaining the water! Great Job Guys!!!

Parks Crews removed a down tree limb and trimmed a tree from the Riverwalk.

Parks Crews clean up the lot at Hunters Crossing

Parks Crew put up Banners at for Music in the Park.

Parks Crews assisted with the dirt in the Arena at Mayfest Park.

Parks Crews Removed broken limbs from Fishermans Park. Parks Crews Removed dead trees from Bob Bryant Park.

Parks Crews Landscaped Delgado Park, Piney Creek Bend, Fishermans, and the PW yard.

Parks Crews performed routine maintenance on the Splashpads.

Parks Crews Trimmed trees at Kerr Park.

Parks Crews shredded and mowed the trails at Bob Bryant and Pecan Parks.

Parks Crews trimmed trees at Delgado Park. Parks Crews fertilized the trees along Main St.

Parks Crews washed all the mud from Fishermans boat landing.

Parks Crews cleaned Fishermans by clearing the mud from the boat area and blowing off the grass from all walking areas.

Parks Crews Trimmed trees along Main Street and in Fishermans Park.

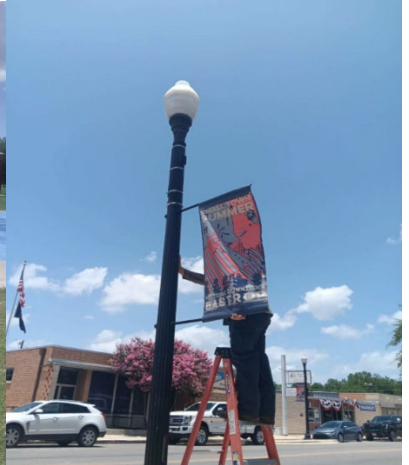
Parks Crews removed dead tree limbs from trees in Fishermans Park.

Parks Crews got ready to set the new Splash Pad rules signs at Delgado and Fishermans Parks Splash Pads.

Parks Crews even had time to save a badly hurt bird at Bob Bryant Park!

Parks Crews hung new event banners along Main St.







# STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** July 2, 2026

**TITLE:**

Receive a report on the operations and projects of the Parks & Recreation Department Monthly Update

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

Review the City of Bastrop Parks & Recreation monthly operational and project report

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Parks & Recreation Operations Project Report



# STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** July 2, 2026

**TITLE:**

Receive a report on the operations of the Bastrop State Park.

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Nathanael Gold, Bastrop and Buescher State Parks Complex Superintendent

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

Review the Bastrop State Park monthly operational report.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Review the Bastrop State Park monthly operational report.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Bastrop State Park Monthly Operational Report

# BASTROP & BUESCHER

## July Programs



**SMITHVILLE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE** 10:30AM

**Location:** Down town Smithville, Tx. We will be in the parade, come cheer us on!



**Bastrop:** **CONSTITUTION TO NATURE** 2PM

**Meet:** Inside Interpretive Center Learn how to make Oak Gall Ink and write your own constitution with a feather pen!

**11<sup>TH</sup>**

**SPRINGFEST Free Community Event by CASA** 10AM - 2:30PM

**Location:** Fisherman's Park in Bastrop, Tx.

We will have two activity tables set up at this free community event, come say hi and join in on the fun!

**18<sup>TH</sup>**

**Buescher:** **BIRDING FOR BEGINNERS** 9AM

**Meet:** Outside Lakeview Restroom Learn how to use binoculars (borrow ours for free if you need one) and the basics of birding!



**Bastrop:** **VIEW THE MOON** 2PM

**Meet:** Outside Interpretive Center Come take a closer peak at our lunar friend through the telescope and then head inside for a craft to help you navigate the night sky!



**20 to 23**

**Bastrop:** **JR RANGER ACADEMY** 10AM TO 12:30PM

**Meet:** Inside Bastrop Refectory

Registration Required: Use QR code to go to online event posting for registration info.

Monday

- Aquatic Life
- Backyard Bass
- Toad Craft

Tuesday

- Life in the CCC
- If Trees Could Talk
- Carving Craft

Wednesday

- Jr. Wildland Firefighter Training

Thursday

- Binoculars & Birds
- Wildlife Discovery
- Air Rifle

**25<sup>TH</sup>**

**Buescher:** **AQUATIC EXPLORATIONS** 9AM

**Meet:** Canoe Launch Fishing Area Waterbugs can tell us a lot about the health of our lake! Investigate what critters lurk below.



**Bastrop:** **SKINS & SKULLS** 2PM

**Meet:** Inside Interpretive Center Learn about the cool critters that call the Lost Pines Home while staying cool inside the air conditioned Interpretive Center!

**17<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**Bastrop:** **SUNSET SWIFTS** 7:45PM - 8:45PM

**Location:** Park Scenic Overlook, walk to water tower Learn about and watch these aerial acrobats!



# STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** July 2, 2026

**TITLE:**

Receive a report on the Bird City Coalition

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Luke Thompson, Bird City Committee

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

Review staff Bird City Coalition Report.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive Bird City Coalition Report.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

N/A



# STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** July 2, 2026

**TITLE:**

Receive a report on the Master Gardners.

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Joni Groom, Master Gardners.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

Monthly Review of the Master Gardners Report.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive Master Gardners Report.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- N/A

# Bastrop County Master Gardener Association Update

Item 4D.

July 2026

## Supporting the City Through: Beautification • Education • Community Partnerships • Environmental Stewardship

Since the previous Parks Board meeting, the Bastrop County Master Gardener Association (BCMGA) has continued its partnership with the City of Bastrop by advancing projects that enhance public spaces, expand educational opportunities, strengthen community partnerships, and promote environmental stewardship throughout our community.

This report is intended to provide the Parks Board with a monthly summary of BCMGA activities that support City parks, community education, beautification, and collaborative initiatives benefiting the citizens of Bastrop.

### Highlights Since the Previous Council Meeting

- Hosted the inaugural Junior Master Gardener Summer Camp at the Bob Bryant Demonstration Garden, providing local youth with hands-on environmental education.
- Continued development of the Fisherman's Park Educational Initiative in partnership with the City of Bastrop Parks and Recreation Department.
- Continued stewardship of the Bob Bryant Demonstration Garden and Downtown Bastrop Planters.
- Expanded public outreach through Ask a Master Gardener educational events.
- Advanced planning for the 2026 Water Conservation Symposium.
- Continued development of an educational partnership with the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry.

### City Partnership Projects

**Bob Bryant Demonstration Garden** – The Demonstration Garden served as the location for BCMGA's inaugural Junior Master Gardener Summer Camp while continuing to provide year-round educational opportunities for residents, volunteers, schools, and community organizations.

**Fisherman's Park Educational Initiative** – Planning continued for the installation of educational tree and plant identification signage that will create a self-guided learning experience highlighting native and adapted plant species while promoting environmentally responsible landscaping practices.

**Downtown Beautification** – Volunteers continued seasonal maintenance and enhancement of downtown planters, contributing to the beauty and welcoming character of Bastrop's historic downtown district.

### Community Education & Partnerships

BCMGA volunteers continued providing research-based horticultural information through Ask a Master Gardener outreach events while preparing for the 2026 Water Conservation Symposium, which will focus on water conservation, native plants, soil health, and sustainable landscape practices.

Development also continued on a partnership with the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry to establish educational demonstration gardens promoting home food production, nutrition education, and sustainable gardening techniques for the community.

Submitted by:

Joni Groom

Bastrop Parks Board Ex Officio Committee Representative

Bastrop County Master Gardener Association



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**MEETING DATE:** July 2, 2026

**TITLE:**

Discuss and consider Park Trail to State Park Connectivity

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**



# STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** July 2, 2026

**TITLE:**

Discuss and Consider and act to approve Strategic Work Plan.

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:** Strategic Work Plan was discussed at prior meetings.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**