



Parks & Recreation Board Agenda

Thursday, May 14, 2026
6:00 PM

City Hall Annex - Conference
Room, 135 W Ellison St Suite
109
Burleson, TX 76028

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **CITIZEN APPEARANCES**

Each person in attendance who desires to speak to the Committee on an item NOT posted on the agenda, shall speak during this section. A speaker card must be filled out and turned in to the City Secretary prior to addressing the Committee. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes to speak.

Each person in attendance who desires to speak on an item posted on the agenda shall speak when the item is called forward for consideration.

3. **GENERAL**

A. Consider and take possible action on the minutes from the April 16, 2026 meeting. *(Staff Contact: Sarah Heath, Senior Administrative Specialist)*

4. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Receive a report on the Junior Arborist (Trees for Tomorrow) program and associated participant data results. *(Staff Contact: Dr. Jessie Farris, Urban Forester)*

B. Receive the April 2026 Department Update Presentation *(Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)*

C. Review the June 2026 Parks and Recreation calendar. *(Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)*

5. **REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND REPORTS**

6. **ADJOURN**

(Staff Contact)

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CERTIFICATE

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Amanda Campos

City Secretary

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Parks & Recreation Board

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation
FROM: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation
MEETING: May 14, 2026

SUBJECT:

Consider and take possible action on the minutes from the April 16, 2026 meeting. *(Staff Contact: Sarah Heath, Senior Administrative Specialist)*

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p>High Performing City Organization Providing Exceptional, People Focused Services</p>	<p>1.2 Continue to improve the efficiency and productivity of operations 1.3 Deliver high-quality service and communications to external and internal customers</p>

SUMMARY:

The Parks & Recreation Board met on April 16, 2026 for a meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Parks & Recreation Board may approve minutes as presented or approve with amendments.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

REFERENCE:

FISCAL IMPACT:

STAFF CONTACT:

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BURLESON PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
APRIL 16, 2026
MINUTES
DRAFT

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Matt Quinn, Chair
Tyler Knox, Vice Chair
Shannan Sutter
Addison Oscarson
Miguel Angel Sanchez
Christian Schott
Sherry Scott
Ashli Logan

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Staff Present

Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation
Jessica Martinez, Deputy Director of Parks
Allison Smith, Deputy Director of Recreation
Sarah Heath, Senior Administrative Specialist/Recording Secretary

Guests

Representatives of the Fort Worth Mountain Bikers Association: Steven Andress and Alex Perales

1. **CALL TO ORDER - Time 6:00 PM**

Matt Quinn, Chair, called the meeting to order.
Time: 6:00 PM.

2. **CITIZEN APPEARANCES**

None.

3. **GENERAL**

A. Consider and take possible action on the minutes from the March 12, 2026 meeting. (Staff Contact: Sarah Heath, Senior Administrative Specialist)

Motion made by Ashli Logan and seconded by Sherry Scott to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

4. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Receive a report on the Recreation Department's efforts and initiatives to support inclusive and accessible programming and events for individuals with disabilities and special needs, including next steps for continued improvement. (Staff Contact: Allison Smith, Deputy Director of Recreation)

Allison Smith gave a report on the Recreation Department's efforts and initiatives to support inclusive and accessible programming and events for individuals with disabilities and special needs, including ongoing and recently implemented offerings and the establishment of a Special Needs Cohort. Next steps include a comprehensive review of Recreation Department programs and events to assess future improvements for accessibility and inclusion at the Cohort's April 23, 2026 meeting. Staff will then present recommendations to the Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities for review, followed by updates to the Parks and Recreation Board, and then future City Council consideration and discussion.

A discussion followed.

Citizen Bill Janusch addressed the Board and expressed his belief that previous Boards did not listen to the ideas brought forward by parents of children with disabilities. He would like the Parks and Recreation Board and the City's Parks and Recreation Department to improve opportunities for listening to feedback.

B. Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff feedback regarding a new bike trail feature funded and constructed by Fort Worth Mountain Bikers Association (FWMBA) at Chisenhall Hike and Bike Trail (Staff Contact: Jessica Martinez, Deputy Director of Parks)

Jessica Martinez introduced Steven Andress and Alex Perales, present as representatives of the Fort Worth Mountain Bikers Association, and gave a report regarding a proposed new wall berm on the Cactus Jack Loop to be funded and constructed by Fort Worth Mountain Bikers Association (FWMBA) at Chisenhall Hike and Bike Trail.

A discussion followed.

C. Receive the March 2026 Department Update Presentation (Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)

Allison Smith, Jen Basham, and Jessica Martinez presented the March 2026 Department Update to the Board.

The Board requested further information regarding BRiCk membership cancellations.

Addison Oscarson left the Board meeting at 6:50 p.m.

The Board requested further information regarding landscape islands in the design of parking lots.

D. Review the May 2026 Parks and Recreation calendar. (Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)

A paper copy of the programming calendar was given to the board.

As the BTX Honey Tour Carnival and end to the 2025-2026 Burleson ISD school schedule are on May 21, 2026, the Board agreed to next meet on May 14, 2026.

5. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND REPORTS

The Board requested an update on AEDs in parks.

6. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Matt Quinn, Chair, adjourned the meeting.
Time: 7:08 PM.

Sarah Heath
Recording Secretary


Parks & Recreation Board

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation
FROM: Dr. Jessie Farris, Urban Forester
MEETING: May 14, 2026

SUBJECT:

Receive a report on the Junior Arborist (Trees for Tomorrow) program and associated participant data results. *(Staff Contact: Dr. Jessie Farris, Urban Forester)*

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p>Great Place to Live Through Expanded Quality of Life Amenities</p>	<p>4.1 Provide high-quality parks</p> <p>4.2 Provide high-quality recreation opportunities, events and facilities for residents</p> <p>4.3 Provide outstanding cultural, educational and entertainment opportunities</p>

SUMMARY:

The City of Burleson’s Trees for Tomorrow program, developed in partnership with Burleson ISD, provides students with hands-on environmental education and urban forestry awareness. Presentations were delivered to Environmental Science classes at Centennial and Burleson High Schools, as well as elementary students at The Academy at Nola Dunn.

Students explored key topics including water quality and storm water runoff, groundwater recharge, urban heat island effects, native vs. invasive species, biodiversity, and the role of urban forests as nature-based solutions. The program also included participation in the City’s Arbor Day event, where students assisted in planting 25 trees as Junior Tree Stewards.

Post-program survey results indicate strong outcomes:

- 92.31% reported increased understanding of environmental impacts
- 100% identified key concepts learned

- 88.46% are very likely to take future environmental action
- 88.46% rated the program as excellent
- 92.31% found the program highly engaging

These results reflect meaningful gains in environmental literacy and community stewardship among participants

RECOMMENDATION:

No action is required. This item is for informational purposes only.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

REFERENCE:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFF CONTACT:

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Trees For Tomorrow Junior Arborist Survey Analysis

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD:
MAY 14, 2026

STAFF CONTACT:
DR. JESSIE FARRIS, URBAN FORESTER



Trees For Tomorrow Overview



The Trees for Tomorrow program is an *award winning* community education initiative led by the City of Burleson's Parks department to connect students with the environmental, ecological, and community benefits of trees.



The program combines classroom instruction with hands-on application through participation in the City's annual Arbor Day tree planting event.

Objective of the Program

To engage K–12 students in tree care and environmental stewardship through classroom instruction that transforms into meaningful, hands-on experiential learning in the field.



Item A.



2026 Program

As part of this initiative Dr. Farris, Urban Forester, delivered presentations to:

- One 3rd grade class at the Academy of Nola Dunn
- One senior Environmental Science class at Centennial High School
- Two senior Environmental Science classes at Burleson High School

Topics included: tree care, tree biology, urban heat island, trees and water quality, native vs. invasive species and more!

Classroom Education



The Academy 3/10/26



CHS 4/10/26



BHS 4/13/26

High School Participants Survey

Survey sent out 4/13/26 to BHS and CHS students

5 Survey questions:

- knowledge gains
- learning outcomes
- environmental stewardship and behavioral intentions
- program satisfaction and engagement

Results from 26 student participants.



Item A.

Knowledge Gains: Q1

Students reported a significant increase in understanding of how trees impact the environment:

- **92.31%** indicated their understanding was *much higher* after the presentation
- **7.69%** indicated it was *higher*

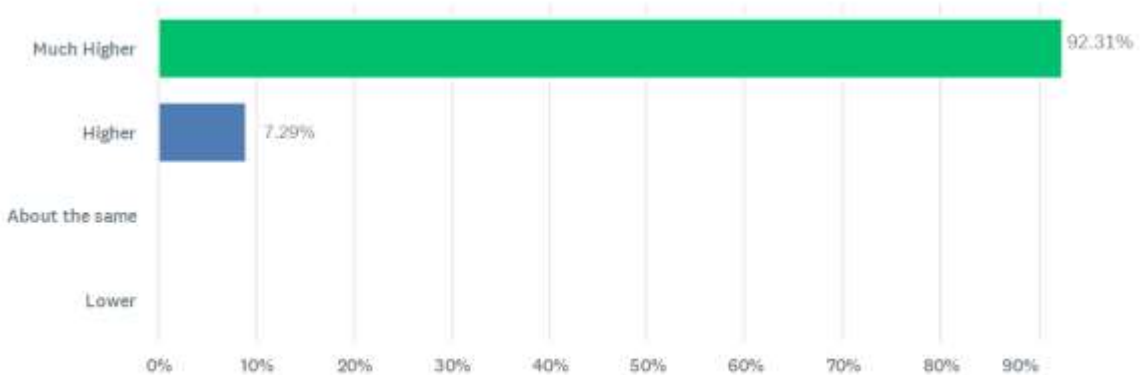


City of Burleson Trees For Tomorrow Program Survey

SurveyMonkey

Q1 After this presentation, how would you rate your understanding of how trees impact the environment?

Answered: 26 Skipped: 0

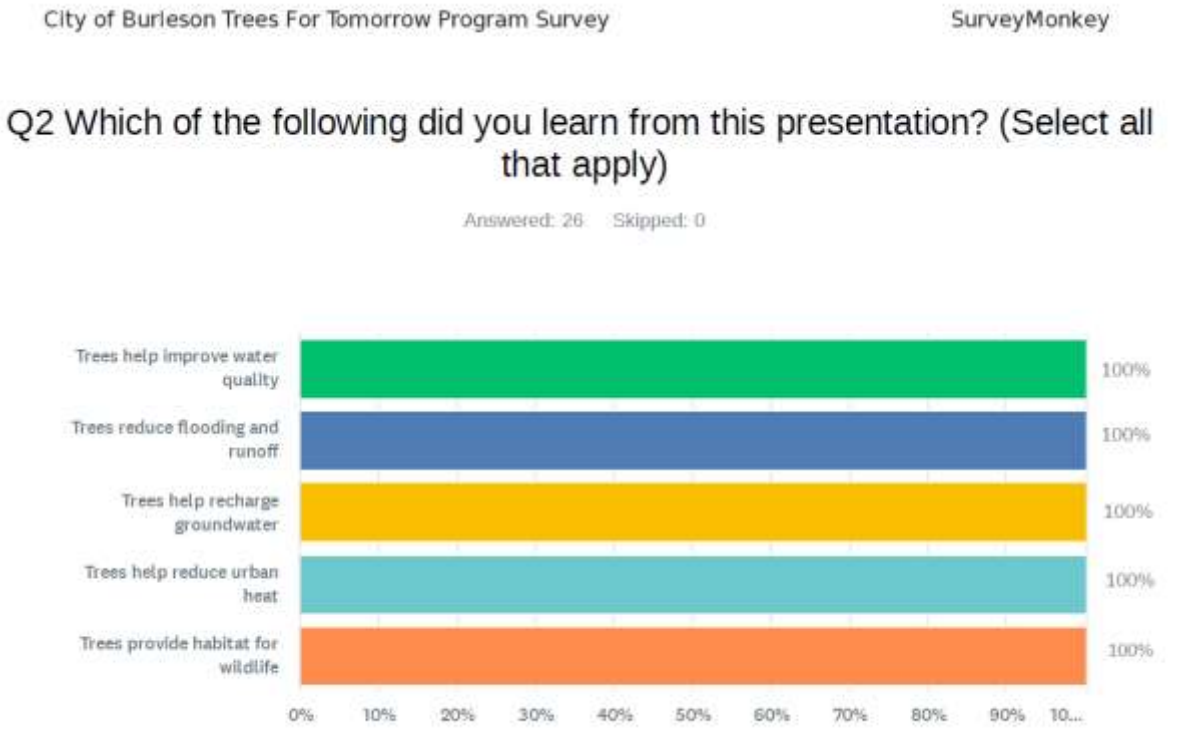


Key Learning Outcomes: Q2

Additionally, **100%** of students identified key learning concepts, including:

- Trees improve water quality
- Trees reduce flooding and runoff
- Trees help recharge groundwater
- Trees reduce urban heat
- Trees provide habitat for wildlife

These results indicate strong comprehension of core environmental concepts and successful knowledge transfer.



Stewardship & Behavioral Intent: Q3

The program demonstrated a high level of impact on student willingness to engage in environmental stewardship:

- **88.46%** reported being *very likely* to take action
- **11.54%** reported being *likely*

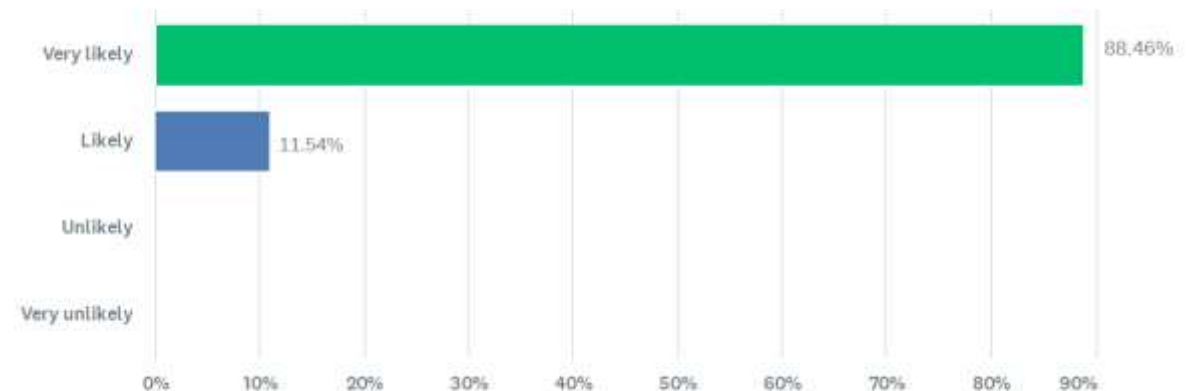
This reflects a strong connection between **education and intended behavior**, a key indicator of long-term program effectiveness.

City of Burleson Trees For Tomorrow Program Survey

SurveyMonkey

Q3 How likely are you to take action after this presentation (e.g., attend Arbor Day, plant a tree, conserve water, or support environmental efforts)?

Answered: 26 Skipped: 0



Program Satisfaction: Q4

Students reported high satisfaction levels:

Overall Quality:

- **88.46%** *Excellent*
- **11.54%** *Good*

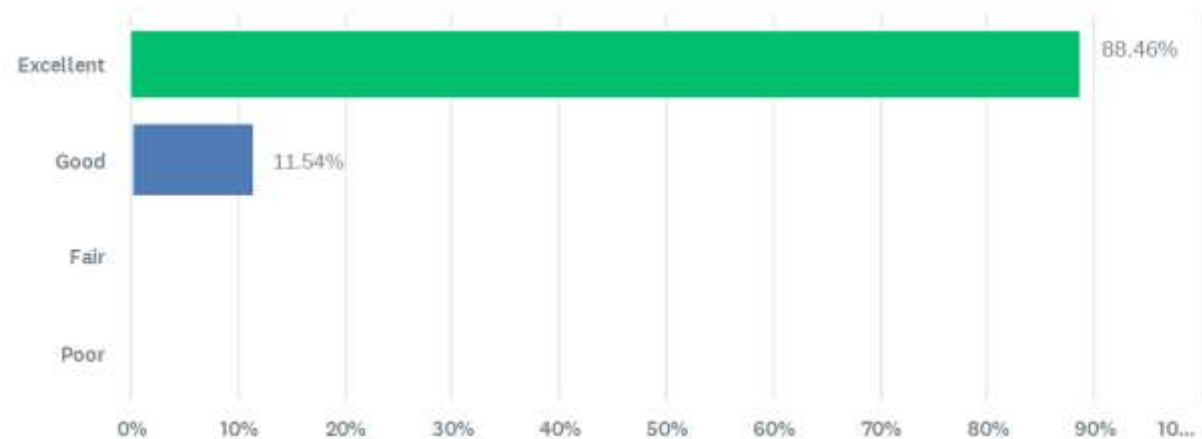
These results indicate students are very satisfied with the program.

City of Burleson Trees For Tomorrow Program Survey

SurveyMonkey

Q4 How would you rate the overall quality of the Trees for Tomorrow presentation?

Answered: 26 Skipped: 0



Program Engagement: Q5

Students reported high engagement levels:

Engagement:

- **92.31%** *Very engaging*
- **7.69%** *Engaging*

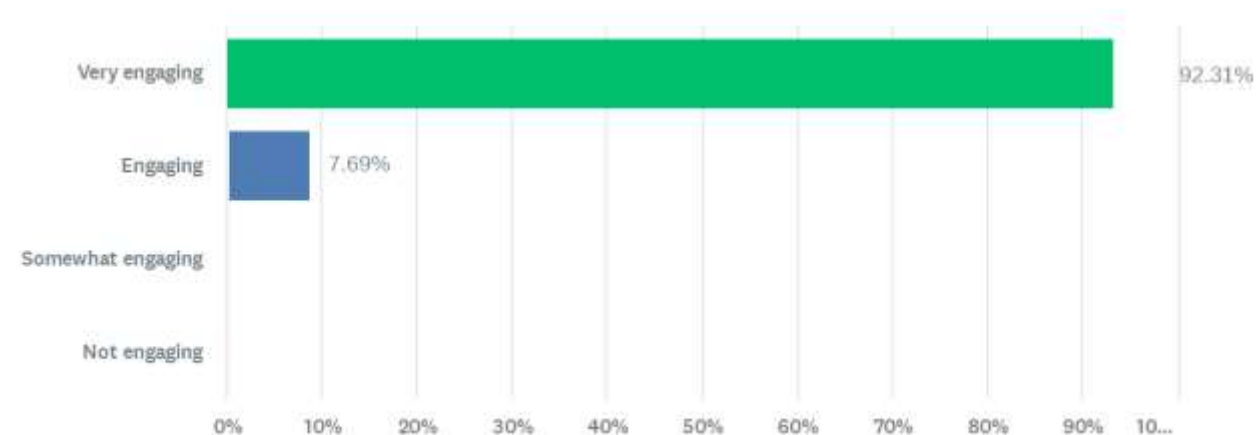
These results demonstrate that the program is both well-received and effective in maintaining student interest.

City of Burleson Trees For Tomorrow Program Survey

SurveyMonkey

Q5 How engaging did you find the presentation?

Answered: 26 Skipped: 0



Trees For Tomorrow – Program Impact

The Trees for Tomorrow program successfully:

- Increased student understanding of urban forestry and environmental systems
- Reinforced connections between land management and natural resources
- Inspired students to participate in community-based environmental action
- Supported development of future environmental stewards

Arbor Day – BHS and Academy Participation

This event reflects the core success of the Trees for Tomorrow program—bridging education with experience to build lasting environmental stewardship.

- Total students: 44
- Total trees planted: 25



Arbor Day 2026



Questions / Comments

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Park Board

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

FROM: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation

MEETING: May 14, 2026

SUBJECT:

Receive the April 2026 Department Update Presentation (*Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation*)

SUMMARY:

Departmental updates regarding parks, recreation, and golf.

OPTIONS:

RECOMMENDATION:

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

FISCAL IMPACT:

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DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

MAY 2026 – PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD



RECREATION



EARTH DAY
APRIL 22
110 ATTENDEES



Item B.

ARBOR DAY
APRIL 24
100 ATTENDEES



BTX OFF-ROAD RALLY
APRIL 25
34 PARTICIPANTS



FAR OUT FAMILY CAMP OUT
APRIL 25
120 ATTENDEES



CINCO DE MAYO
MAY 2
450 PARTICIPANTS



HONEY TOUR CARNIVAL

MAY 21-24



SPLASH DAY

MAY 25



HOT SOUNDS OF SUMMER

MAY 22, 29, JUNE 5, 12

Item B.

UPDATE

PROGRAMS & ATHLETICS

April Recap:

Homeschool P.E. (19)

Pickleball (18)

Self Defense (20)

Upcoming in June:

- First Adult Women's Softball Division
- First 4v4 Adult Soccer League
- Camp BTX



Item B.

UPDATE

RUSSELL FARM ART CENTER

April Recap:

Story Time (97)

Gardeners (62)

Cub Scout Gardening (12)

Upcoming in June:

- Fun on the Farm Camp
- Survival Camp



Item B.



RUSSELL FARM MASTER PLAN

“Louise and I seek to provide a place that promotes artistic expression. The Russell Farm has a heritage of pioneer spirit, located in a tranquil natural setting that will help aspiring artists for many years to come.”

Charlie Boren

KEY FOCUS AREAS:

- Accessibility Improvements
- Visitor Center
- Improved Parking
- Improved Walkways & Circulation
- Separation of Vehicular & Pedestrian Traffic
- Studios, Workspace, & Lodging
- Kitchen Facilities & Restrooms
- Storage & Maintenance Space
- Support Space for Events & Staff
- Signage
- Amenities





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Facebook Followers: 23,893 (474 in April)
Instagram Followers: 2,505 (43 in April)

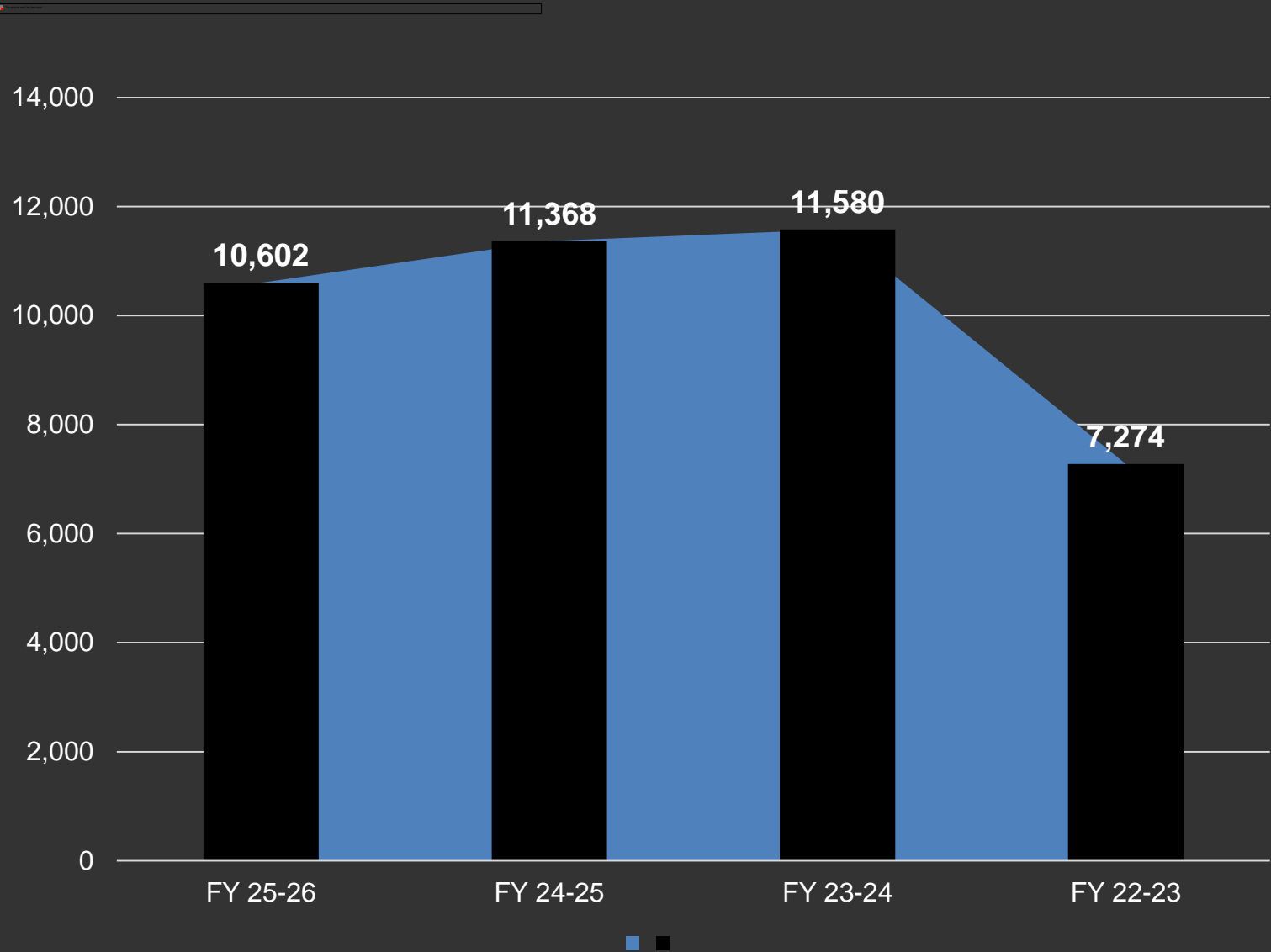
Facebook Highlight – BTX Honey Tour Carnival
[Post Linked Here](#)
Post Views: 157,995



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **May 16:** Sadi & Jed's 25th Birthday Celebration at Russell Farm Art Center
- **May 21-24:** BTX Honey Tour Carnival
- **May 23:** Honey Tour Bike Ride
- **May 30:** New date for Trash Bash
- **June 6:** Show Me How Festival at Russell Farm Art Center

BRICK: MEMBERSHIP & DAY PASSES IN APRIL



Item B.

UPDATE

BRICK: WE WANT YOU BACK: MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT

- **Target Audience:** Former members (since September 2025)
- **Offer Period:** June 1–30
- **Discount:** 20% off membership
- **Outreach Strategy:** Staff will proactively contact all eligible former members and offer the discount upon their return

Item B.



BRICK: ALL PROGRAMS IN APRIL

FY 24 - 25

390

PARTICIPANTS

FY 25 - 26

278

PARTICIPANTS



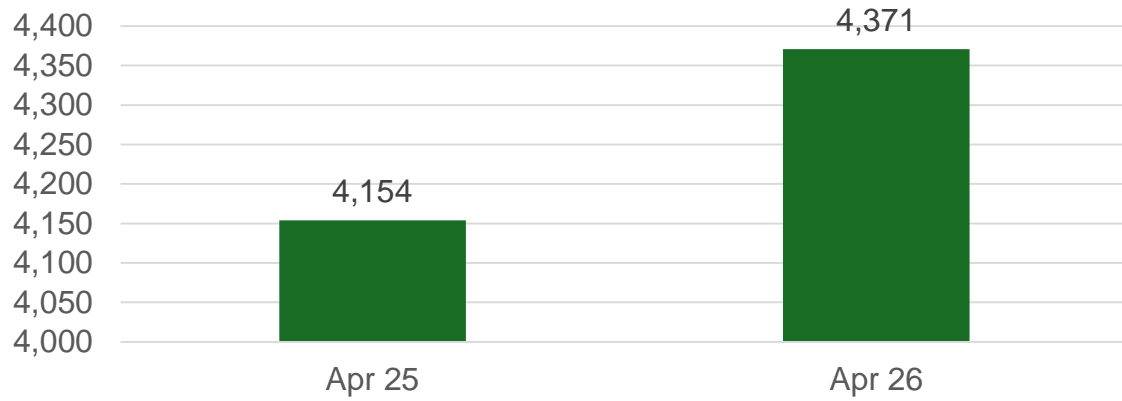


GOLF

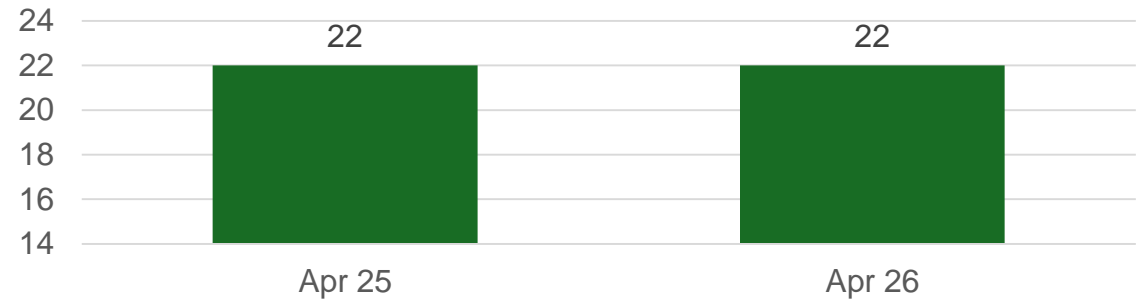
HIDDEN CREEK GOLF COURSE: APRIL COMPARISONS



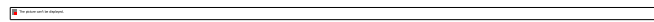
Rounds Played in April



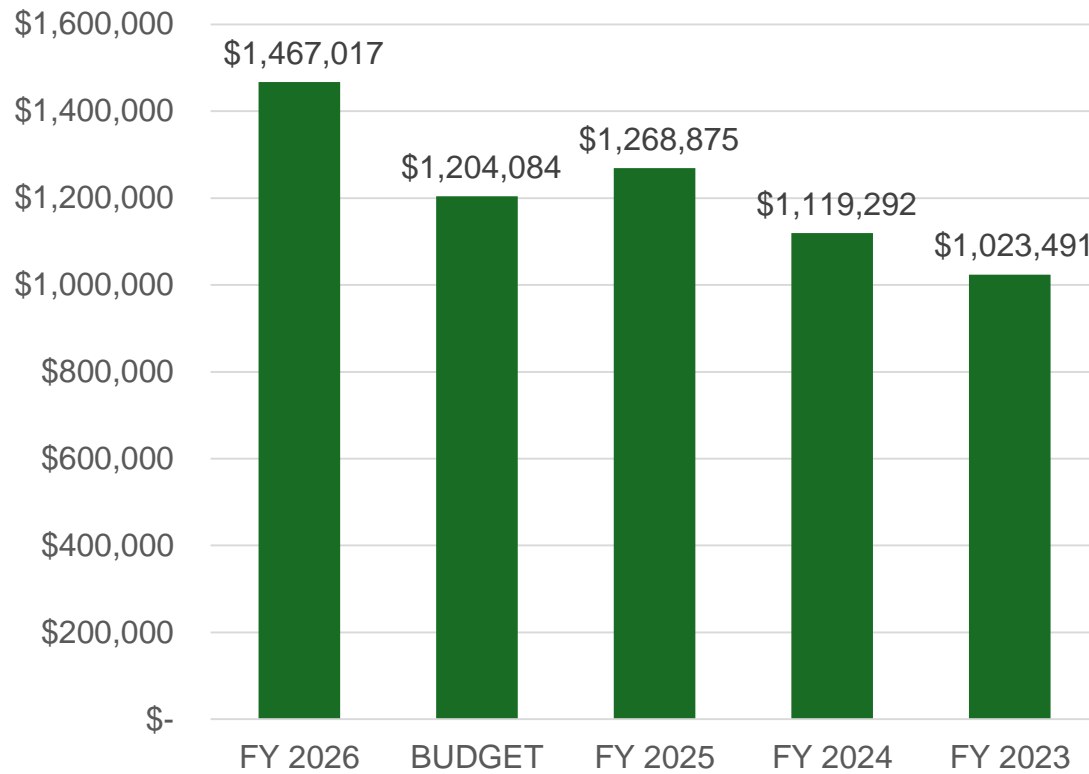
Playable Days *updated criteria with partial days



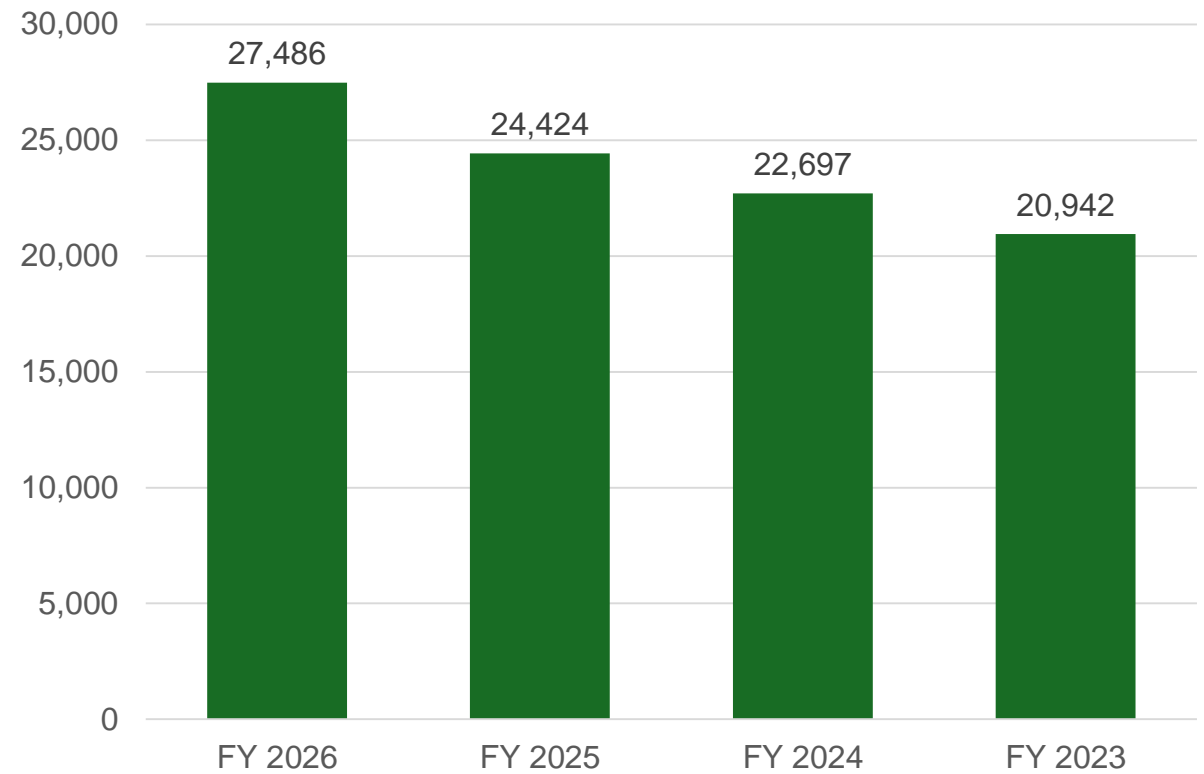
HIDDEN CREEK GOLF COURSE: YEAR TO DATE



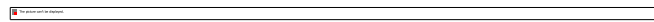
Revenue YTD October - April



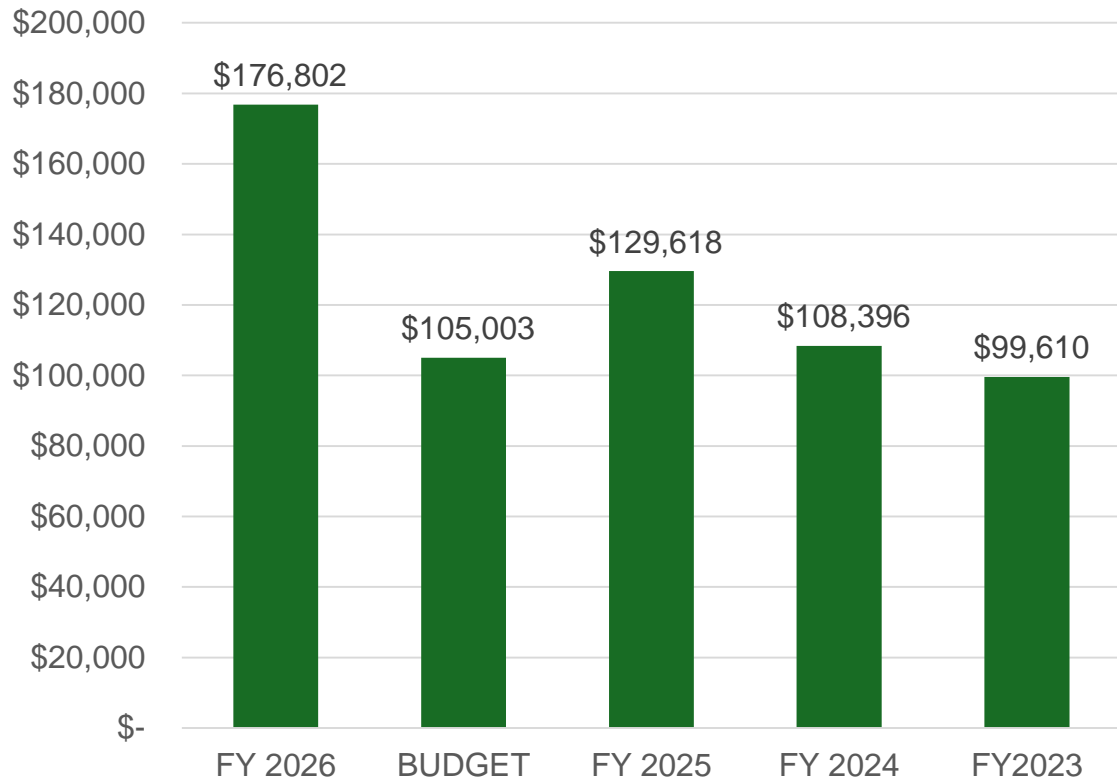
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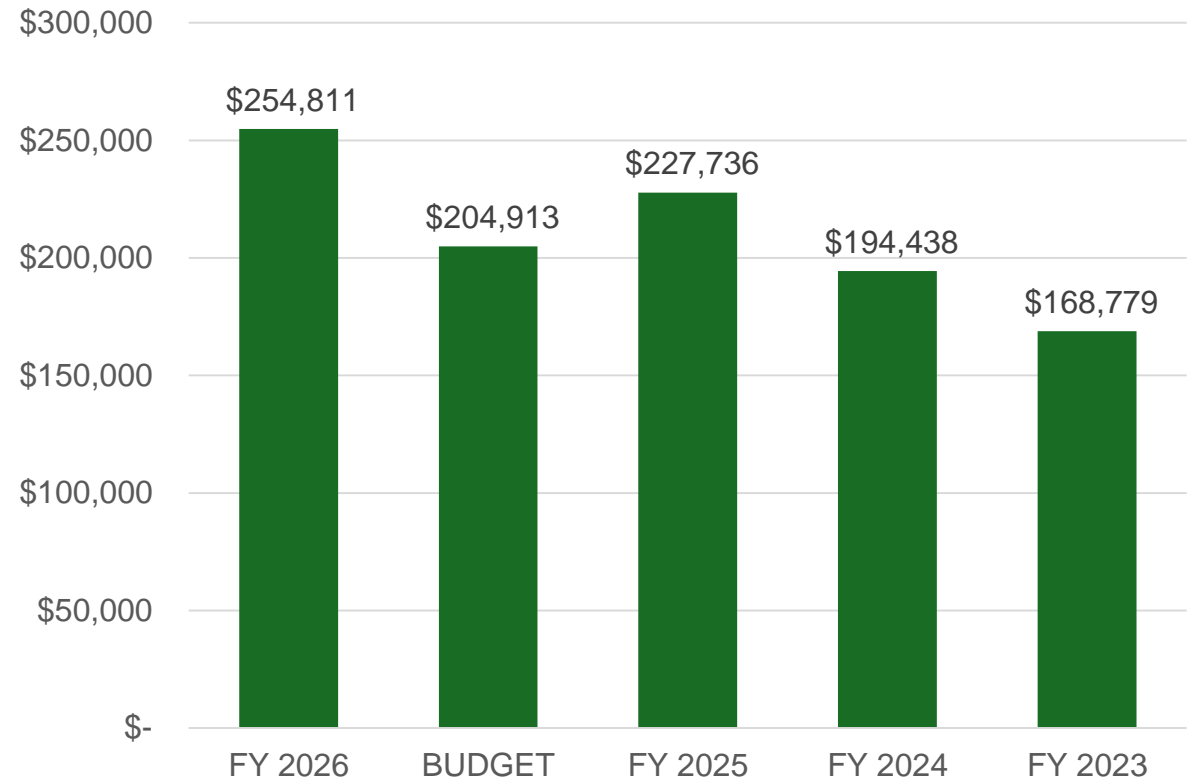
HIDDEN CREEK GOLF COURSE: PRO SHOP AND F&B REVENUE YEAR TO DATE



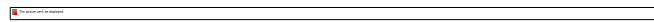
Pro Shop Revenue YTD October - April



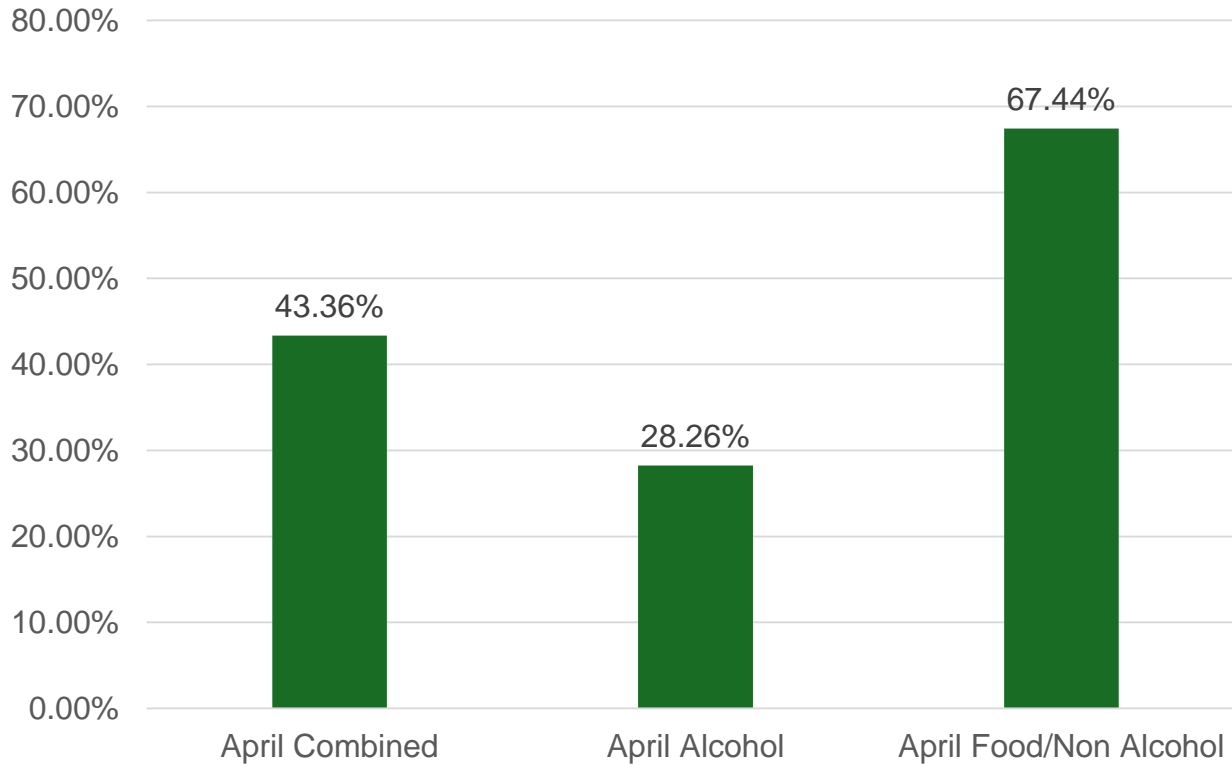
F & B Revenue YTD October - April



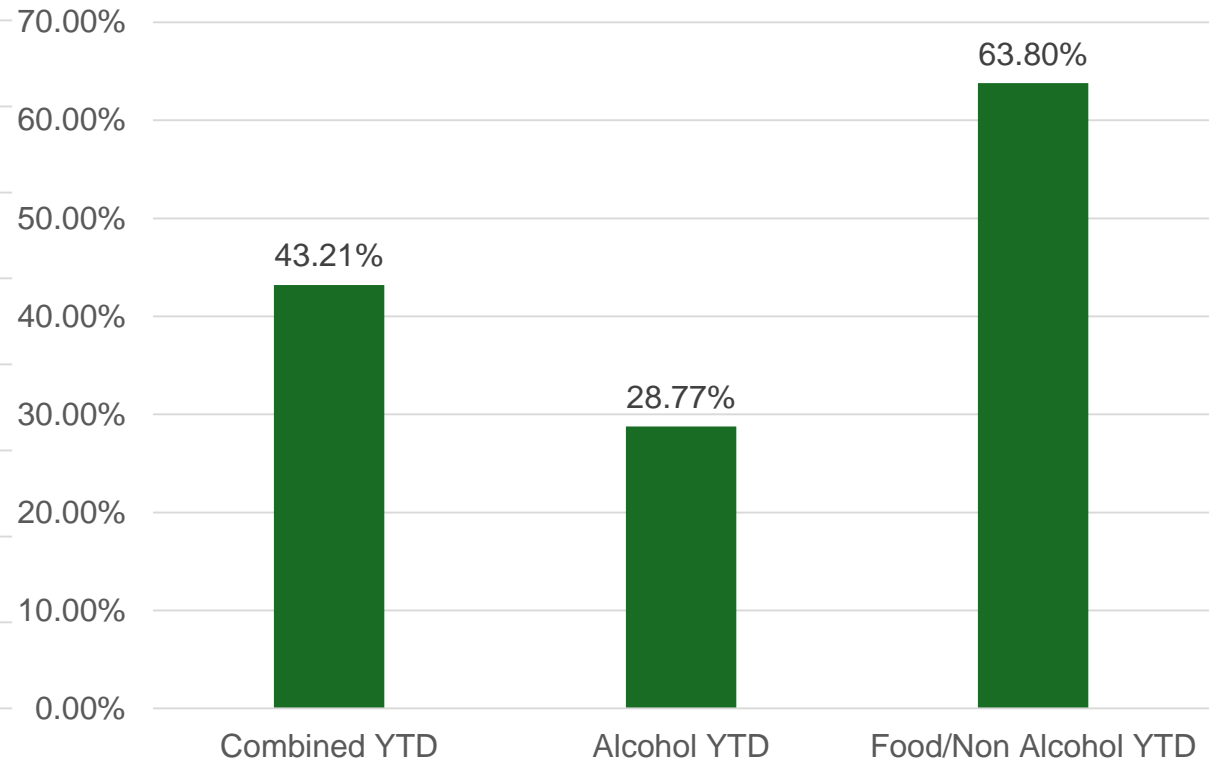
HIDDEN CREEK GOLF COURSE: FOOD AND BEVERAGE COST OF SALES PERCENTAGES



April Cost of Sales%



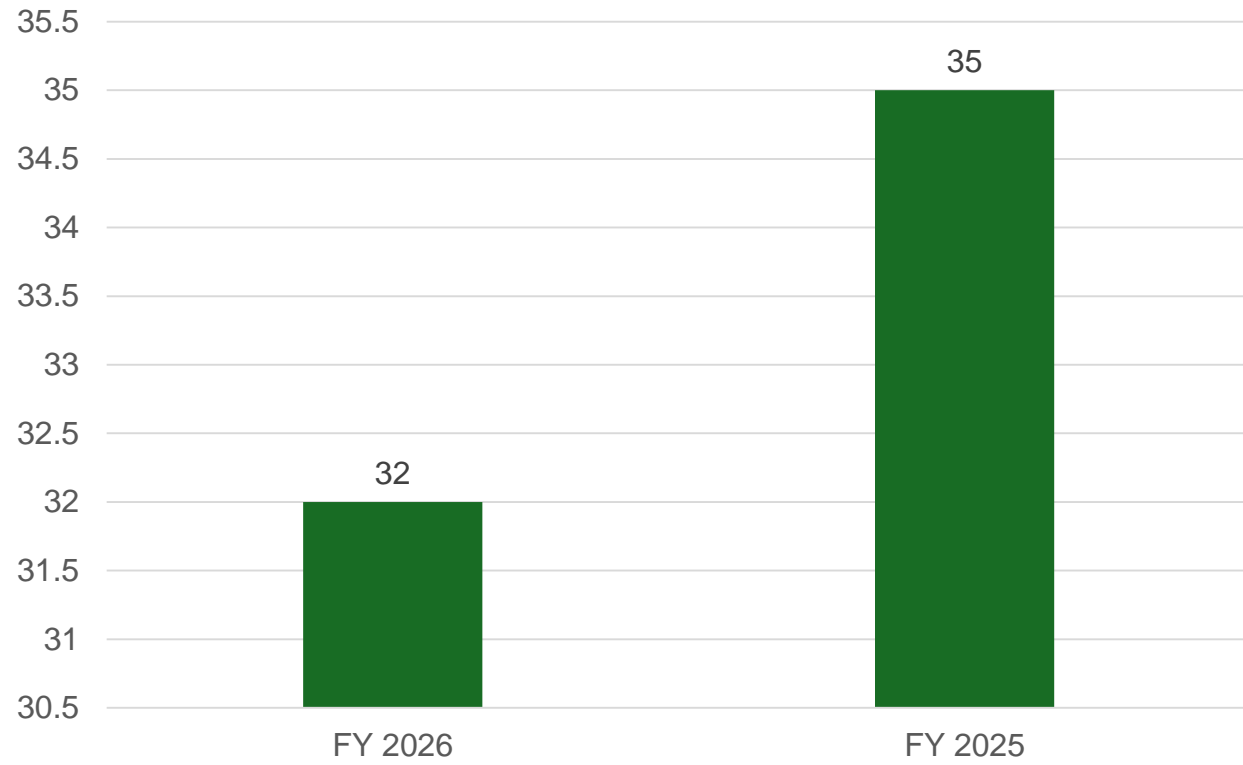
Food and Beverage Cost of Sales YTD



HIDDEN CREEK GOLF COURSE: TOURNAMENTS

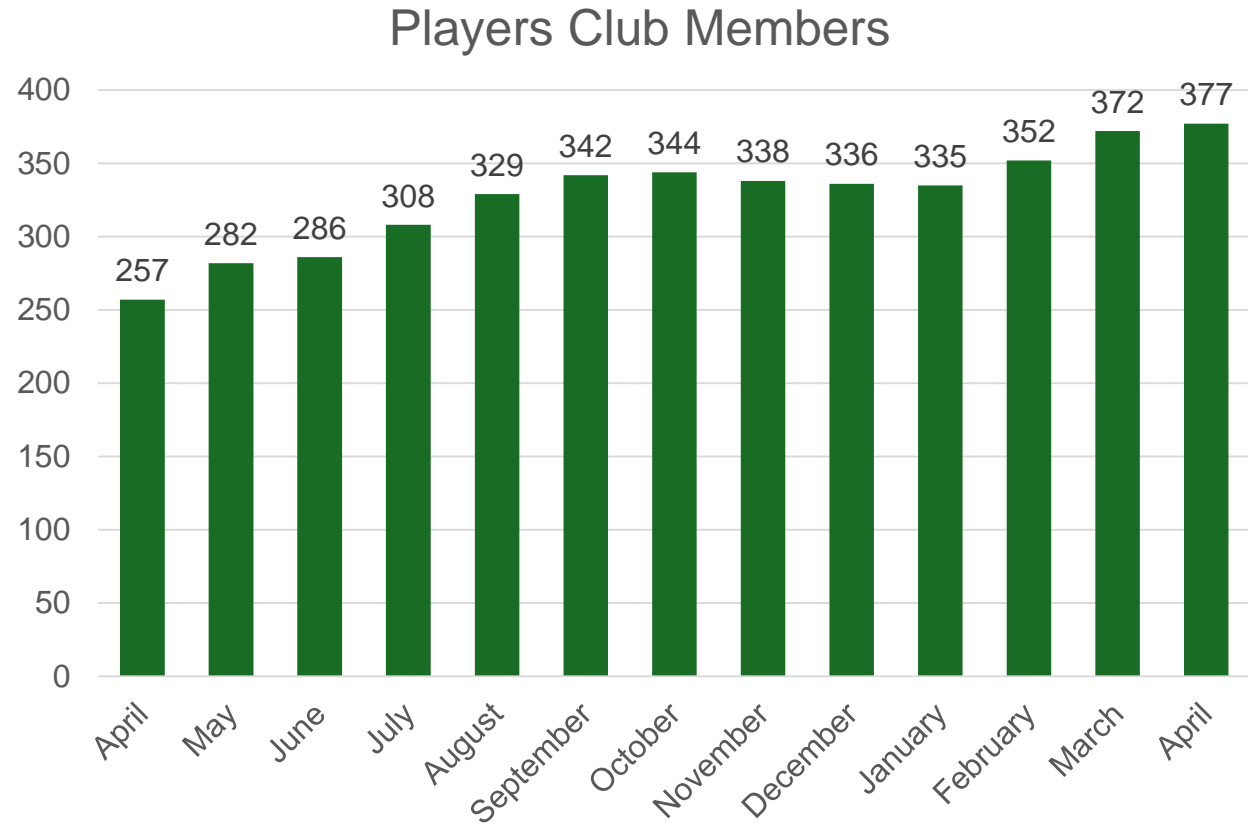


Tournaments YTD



HIDDEN CREEK GOLF COURSE: MEMBERSHIPS

BY PROJECT REPORT





CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES



UPDATE

Item B.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

SHANNON CREEK

CURRENTLY IN BID PREPARATION
 ANTICIPATING BIDDING PROCESS:
 JULY 2026

WARREN PARK MASTER PLAN

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
 SURVEYING IN PROGRESS;
 IN PERSON ENGAGEMENT
 EVENT:
 JUNE 6 (9AM-12PM)

GREEN RIBBON: PHASE 1, 2, & 3

PHASE 1 –
 UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PHASE 2 – CURRENTLY AT
 90% DESIGN STAGE – PLANS
 WITH TXDOT FOR REVIEW

PHASE 3 – PROJECT UNDER
 DEVELOPMENT FOR SUBMITTAL
 TO TXDOT

LEGACY PARK

CURRENTLY IN BID PREPARATION
 ANTICIPATING BIDDING PROCESS:
 JUNE 2026





GENERAL PARKS UPDATES



**PARKS TEAM WELCOMES
SEAN BUTLER,
SENIOR IRRIGATION TECHNICIAN**

UPDATE

Item B.

OPERATIONS

HIGHLIGHTS:

- COMPLETED ANNUAL TREE PLANTINGS; INSTALLED 98 (EXCEEDED INITIAL GOAL OF 50)
- RECEIVED 2026 TREE CITY USA GROWTH AWARD
- 5 GRANT SUBMISSIONS TO DATE

TEAM UPDATES:

- HOSTED REGIONAL TRAINING FOR CERTIFIED PLAYGROUND SAFETY COURSE (APRIL 14-16); 71 PARTICIPANTS
- DR. JESSIE FARRIS RECOGNIZED FOR DFW ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AWARD

CURRENT & UPCOMING PRIORTIES:

- OAK VALLEY TRAIL STRIPING (TO START MID-MAY 2026)
- HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL SIGNAGE (AWAITING MATERIALS)
- 5 YEAR SERVICES RENEWAL

PARK METRICS: BY THE NUMBERS

- **38 PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS:**
1 REPAIR (CEDAR RIDGE FENCE)
- **1 GRAFFTI ABATEMENT**
SUNNY MEADOWS DRAINAGE BRIDGE



UPDATE

Item B.

OPERATIONS - CHISENHALL SPORTS COMPLEX

PAST EVENTS:

2D SPORTS - APRIL 26
(78 TEAMS)

PERFECT GAME - MAY 1-2
(104 TEAMS)

2D SPORTS - MAY 10
(79 TEAMS)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

2D SPORTS - MAY 10

PERFECT GAME - MAY 16-17

PERFECT GAME - MAY 23-24

MAY 30-31

CONCESSION ITEMS:

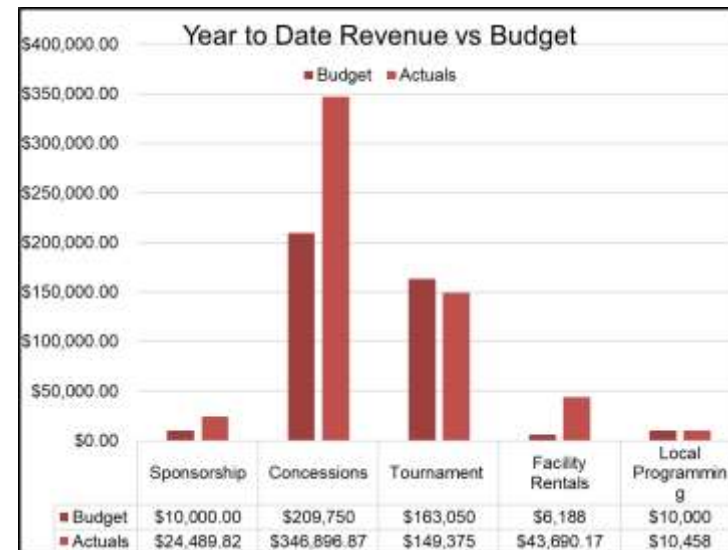
BOTTLED WATER: 3052

HOT DOGS: 1760

BLUE POWERADE: 1665

COKE: 1286

NACHOS: 1228



QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

Item C.

THE CITY OF
BURLESON
TEXAS
Parks and
Recreation

JUNE
2026



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	SUMMER CAMP BTX					
		FUN ON THE FARM CAMP				
	LINK UP	OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL	OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL		OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL HOT SOUNDS OF SUMMER	RUSSELL FARM BOREN HOME TOURS & SKETCH GROUP
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	SUMMER CAMP BTX					
PICK UP CLUB - CORNHOLE ADULT SOCCER	SELF-DEFENSE ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALL MEN'S BASKETBALL	OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL MEN'S SOFTBALL ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL	OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL	WOMEN & MEN'S SOFTBALL	OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL HOT SOUNDS OF SUMMER	RUSSELL FARM SKETCH GROUP
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	SUMMER CAMP BTX					
ADULT SOCCER	ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALL MEN'S BASKETBALL	OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL MEN'S SOFTBALL ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL	OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL	WOMEN & MEN'S SOFTBALL	SURVIVAL CAMP OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL HOT SOUNDS OF SUMMER & JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION	RUSSELL FARM SKETCH GROUP FATHER'S DAY FISHING TOURNAMENT
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	SUMMER CAMP BTX					
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28	29	30				
	SUMMER CAMP BTX					
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