



**Park Board & Recreation Board  
Agenda**

Thursday, February 19, 2026  
6:00 PM

City Hall Annex - Economic  
Development, 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 approval of the minutes from the January 15, 2026 meeting. *(Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)*

4. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Receive a report on Chisenhall Hike and Bike Trail wayfinding and signage enhancements *(Staff Contact: Jessica Martinez, Deputy Director of Parks)*

B. Receive a report on the Centennial Park Soil Remediation and Forestry Program Update. *(Staff Contact: Jessie Farris, Urban Forester)*

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

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

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

6. **ADJOURN**

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Amanda Campos

City Secretary

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**Park Board**

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**FROM:** Jen Basham, Director

**MEETING:** February 19, 2026

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**SUBJECT:**

Consider approval of the minutes from the January 15, 2026 meeting. (*Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation*)

**SUMMARY:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve.

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

**REFERENCE:**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**STAFF CONTACT:**

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BURLESON PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
JANUARY 15, 2026  
MINUTES  
**DRAFT**

Call to Order – 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Board Members Present

Matt Quinn  
Tyler Knox  
Sherry Scott  
Shannan Sutter  
Miguel Angel Sanchez  
Christian Schott  
Ashli Logan

Board Members Absent

Addison Oscarson

Staff Present

Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Jessica Martinez, Deputy Director of Parks  
Lisandra Leal, Assistant City Secretary

**Guests**

1. **Call to Order: 6:00 PM** — Matt Quinn called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

2. **Citizen Appearances**

None.

3. **General**

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the November 20, 2025 meeting. (Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)

Christian Schott noted a correction to the minutes, stating that he was listed as both present and not present. He confirmed that he was not present at the meeting.

Motion made by Ashli Logan and seconded by Christian Schott to approve the minutes with the amendment to remove Christian Schott from the attendance list.

Motion passed 8-0. Absent Addison Oscarson

#### 4. Reports and Presentations

- A. Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide staff feedback regarding the addition of a community honor area in the community park. (Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)

Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented four concepts for the addition of a community honor area in the community park. The presentation included:

- Concept 1 - Legacy Promenade  
An engraved brick/stone paver path with personalized honoree pavers to celebrate individuals, families and organizations.
- Concept 2 – Burleson “Stars” Walk of Fame  
Cast bronze Burleson star medallions in plaza, each paired with small plaque. Smartphone QR code links to City web-page with additional history about honoree.
- Concept 3 – Legacy Grove Concept  
Shaded grove with honoree trees, pavers, and bench dedication plaques for legacy and community service recognition.
- Concept 4 – Legacy Quilt Wall  
Community quilt wall.

Following discussion, the Board made recommendations and requested revised concepts for the options below:

- Option 1 – Revise the Legacy Promenade concept to serve as a fundraiser opportunity.
- Option 2 – Redesign the Burleson “Star” concept to better represent the City of Burleson by incorporating a design that reflects the community. In addition, staff was requested to develop criteria for honoring individuals who have benefited the City.
- Option 3 – Provide additional concepts illustrating the number of trees and layout for the shaded grove area.

Jen stated that staff will work with consultants to develop revised concepts and present them to the Board at a future meeting.

- B. Receive the December 2025 Department Update Presentation (Staff Contact: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation)

Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation and Jessica Martinez, Deputy Director of Parks, provided a departmental update to the Board.

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

#### 5. Requests for Future Agenda Items and Reports

- Update on signage

**6. Adjourn.**

Chairperson, Matt Quinn adjourned the meeting.  
Time – 7:09 P.M.

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Lisandra Leal  
Assistant City Secretary

**Park Board**

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation  
**FROM:** Jessica Martinez, Deputy Director of Parks  
**MEETING:** February 19, 2026

**SUBJECT:**

Receive a report on Chisenhall Hike and Bike Trail wayfinding and signage enhancements  
(Staff Contact: Jessica Martinez, Deputy Director of Parks)

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):**

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p><b>Great Place to Live</b> Through Expanded Quality of Life Amenities</p>	<p>4.1 Provide high-quality parks and recreation</p>

**SUMMARY:**

Staff will provide a report on Chisenhall Hike and Bike Trail signage updates and proposed wayfinding enhancements. The update presents a recommended approach that utilizes the existing emergency marker system as the foundation and adds color-coded trail identifiers to existing marker poles. This method improves user navigation and trail clarity while preserving established emergency numbering for responder reference.

The report will also summarize estimated signage quantities, standards considerations, and a phased implementation plan organized by trail priority. Installation is proposed through a collaborative model between City Parks staff and FWMBA volunteers where schedules and resources allow, supporting a cost-effective and scalable rollout.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

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

N/A

**REFERENCE:**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Proposed Expenditure/Revenue:

Account Number(s):

Fund:

Account Description:

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# Chisenhall Hike & Bike Trail – *Signage Update*

PRESENTED TO THE PARK BOARD – FEBRUARY 19, 2026

JESSICA MARTINEZ, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PARKS

Item A.



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# Project Purpose:

- Improve trail navigation and user clarity
- Enhance safety and emergency response support
- Standardize signage across the trail system
- Replace aging, damaged, and inconsistent markers
- Implement reflective visibility features

# Current Conditions:

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- The trail system currently includes:
  - Directional arrows at key decision points
  - Reassurance markers within trails
  - Emergency marker maps at HUB/kiosk areas
  - Trailhead and feature signs
  - Current markers are functional but:
    - Not color coded by trail
    - Limited reflective visibility



Item A.

DIRECTIONAL ARROWS ARE FOR BIKE RIDERS.  
PEDESTRIANS SHOULD TRAVEL IN THE  
OPPOSITE DIRECTION.



# CHISENHALL HIKE & BIKE TRAIL MAP



Trails maintained in partnership  
with the volunteers of BMTBR  
(Burleson MTB Riders)

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**Parks and  
Recreation**



Scan this QR code  
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Item A.

- Field Loop — 100-113
- West Loop — 200-206
- Goatmans Island — 300-312
- Northside — 400-410
- Wrecked — 500-504
- South Town — 600-623
- Keep On Truckin — 700-717
- Cactus/Goldilocks — 800-806
- Thunderdome — 900-903
- Reckless — 1000-1004

# CHISENHALL

EMERGENCY MARKER MAP

# Current Trail Signage Inventory (By Trail):

## Current Inventory Totals

- Directional / Entrance Arrows: **42**
- Trail Markers: **69**
- Single Specialty Signs: **1**
- 2-Way Trail Signs: **4**
- Trailhead Kiosk: **1**

**Total Existing Sign Elements: 117**

### Cactus Jack — 3,770 ft.

- 1 entrance arrow
- 1 trail marker

### Field Loop — 2 miles

- 2 directional arrows
- 16 markers

### Goatman's Island — 1 mile

- 10 directional arrows
- 8 markers

### Jump Line — 682 ft.

- 1 single sign

### Keep on Truckin — 2 miles

- 1 directional arrow
- 16 markers

### Northside — 1 mile

- 6 directional arrows
- 8 markers

### Reckless — 1,988 feet

- 3 directional arrows
- 1 marker

### Southtown — 2 miles

- 1 entrance arrow
- 16 markers

### Thunderdome — 2,159 ft.

- 1 directional arrow
- 1 marker

### West Loop — 3,182 ft.

- 2 directional arrows
- 1 marker

### Wrecked — 2,825 ft.

- 10 directional arrows
- 1 marker

### HUB Area

- 5 directional arrows
- Kiosk with map & information

### 2-Way Trail Signs

- Approx. 4 installed

# Proposed Upgrade Components:

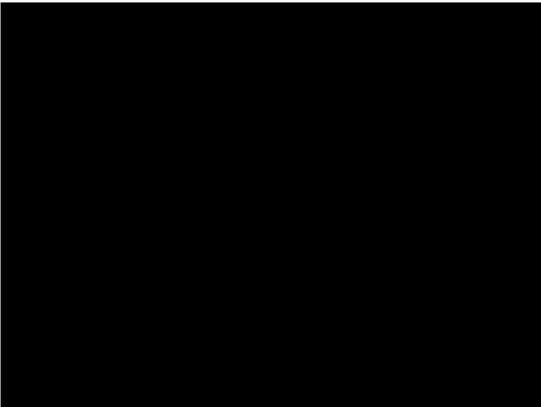
- Enhancement — not replacement — of existing infrastructure.

## Upgrades include:

- Trail color coding using existing emergency marker infrastructure
- Color coded reflective decals on markers
- Color coded reflective decals on directional arrows
- Updated emergency markers replacements, where needed

All existing posts and signs remain in place.

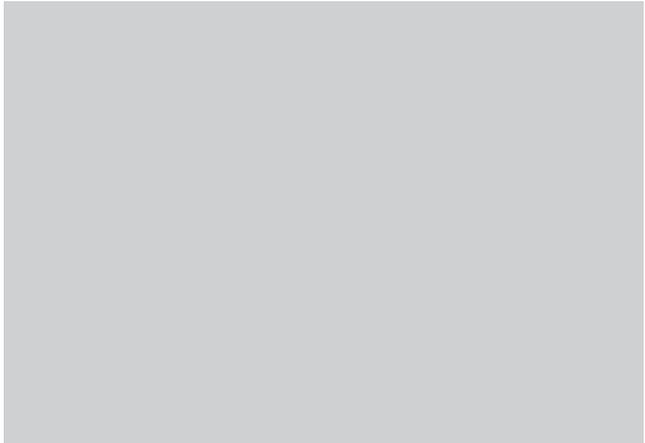




# Why This Approach:

## Benefits of Enhancement vs Replacement

- Lower project cost
- Faster implementation
- Reduced installation labor
- Preserves emergency reference system
- No responder retraining needed
- Minimal trail disturbance
- Scalable for future trail additions



# Phased Rollout Plan:

## Phase 1 — High Use Trails

*Target Timeline: Weeks 1-2*

Field Loop, Southtown, Keep on Truckin, and HUB area (kiosk)

## Phase 2 — Secondary Trails

*Target Timeline: Weeks 3-5*

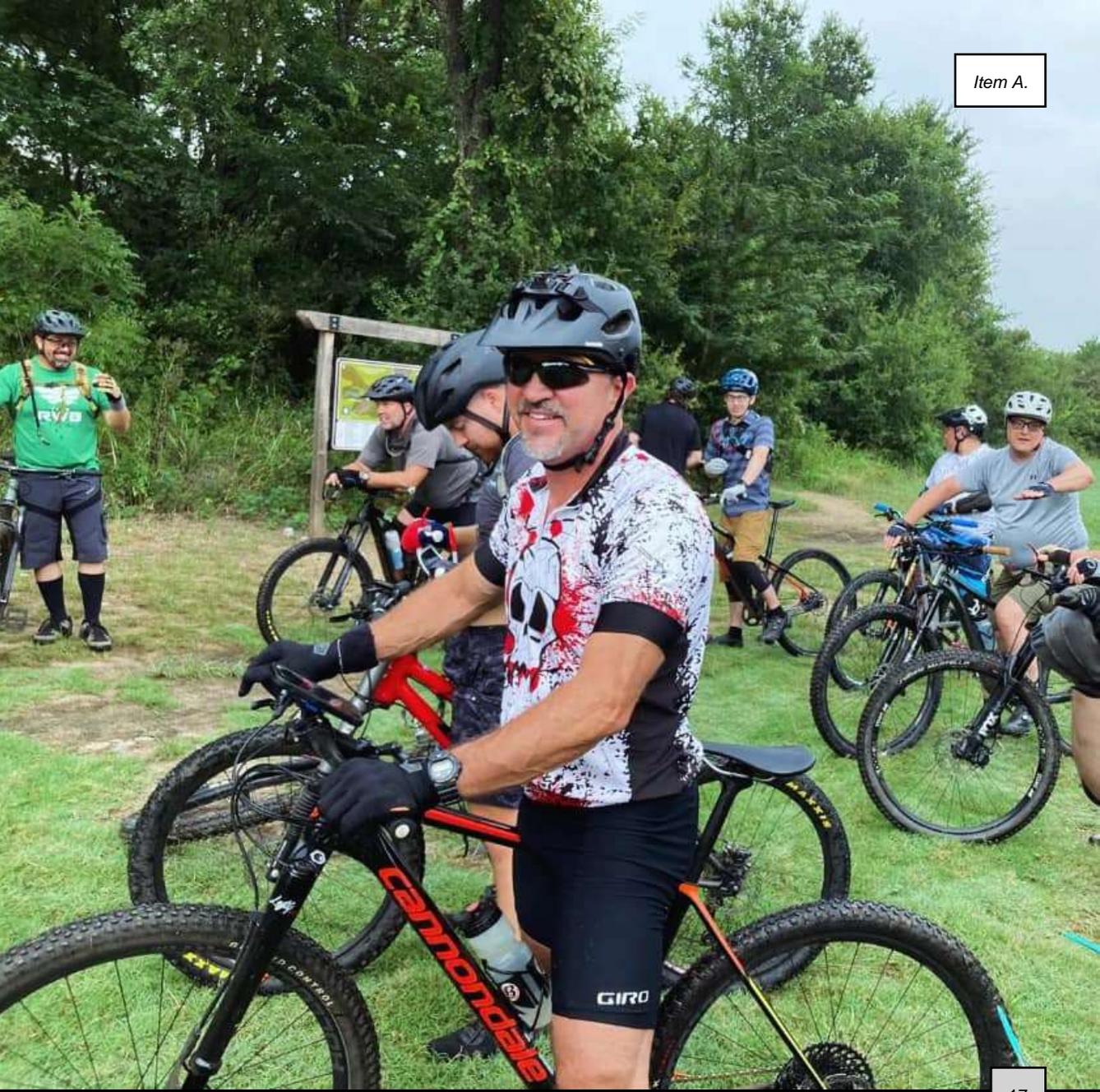
Goatman’s Island, Northside, West Loop, and Wrecked

## Phase 3 — Final Trails

*Target Timeline: Weeks 6-8*

Thunderdome, Reckless, Cactus Jack, and Jumphline

***FWMBA and City Parks staff will partner on installation efforts where schedules and resources align, with a goal of full project completion within 1–2 months.***



# Questions / Comments

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**Park Board**

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation  
**FROM:** Jessie Farris, Urban Forester  
**MEETING:** February 19, 2026

**SUBJECT:**

Receive a report on the Centennial Park Soil Remediation and Forestry Program Update. *(Staff Contact: Jessie Farris, Urban Forester)*

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):**

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 <p><b>Great Place to Live</b> Through Expanded Quality of Life Amenities</p>	<p>4.1 Provide high-quality parks</p>

**SUMMARY:**

Staff will provide a report on the Centennial Park soil remediation initiative and related forestry program development efforts. Site assessments and soil testing identified soil chemistry constraints, compaction, drainage limitations, and infrastructure conflicts contributing to repeated tree stress and loss in select areas. A phased, targeted remediation and root-zone treatment strategy is underway to improve soil function and tree health while avoiding practices that could further destabilize site conditions. This effort is also informing broader forestry program improvements, including updated species selection standards, tree inventory development, staff training, and community education initiatives.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

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

N/A

**REFERENCE:**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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# Centennial Park Soil Remediation Project

PRESENTED PARK BOARD TO— FEBRUARY 19, 2026

JESSIE FARRIS, URBAN FORESTER

# Why This Project Matters:

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- High-visibility park with repeated tree losses
- Documented soil and infrastructure conflicts affecting tree performance
- Increasing maintenance and replacement cycle costs
- Elevated storm and failure risk in stressed trees
- Opportunity to improve long-term canopy resilience and planting strategy

**Goal:** Protect public investment while improving long-term park tree health and sustainability.

# Background / Historical Context:

- Original 100 trees planted in 2014 (per Historical Aerials)
- FY 20-21: 10 trees removed, 10 planted
- FY 21-22: 25 trees removed
- FY 22-23: 5 trees removed, 10 planted Arbor Day April 2023
- FY 23-24: Community Survey October 2024
- FY 24-25: 12 removed, 15 Trees planted for Arbor Day April 2025
- FY 25-26: 2 trees removed



2014 Historical Aerial

TOTAL 81 Trees Remaining

# Current Issues

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- 100 trees initially planted
- Down to 81 (field verification 1/12/26)
- Sanitary Sewer line conflicts
- Signs of stress, soil compaction, storm damage and mechanical damage
- Soil tests positive for Phytophthora fungal pathogen

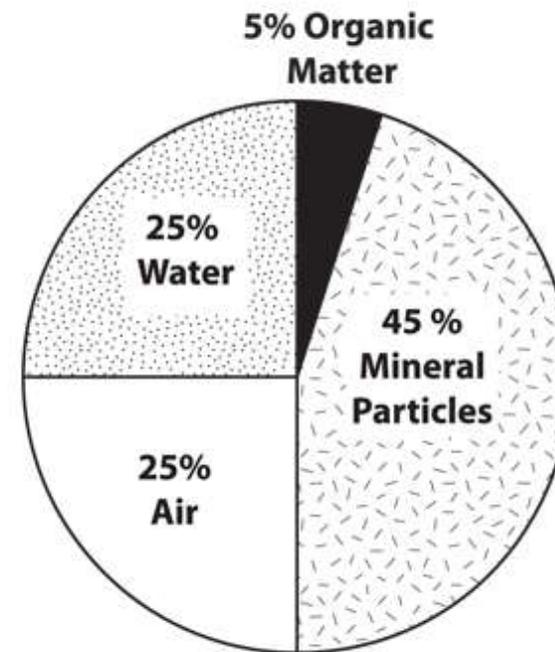


# Soil Chemistry 101

What is soil made of?

Soil is not just dirt. It is a chemical system made of:

- Mineral particles (sand, silt, clay)
- Organic Matter (decomposing plant tissues, small living soil organisms, animal waste)
- Water
- Air
- Dissolved nutrients

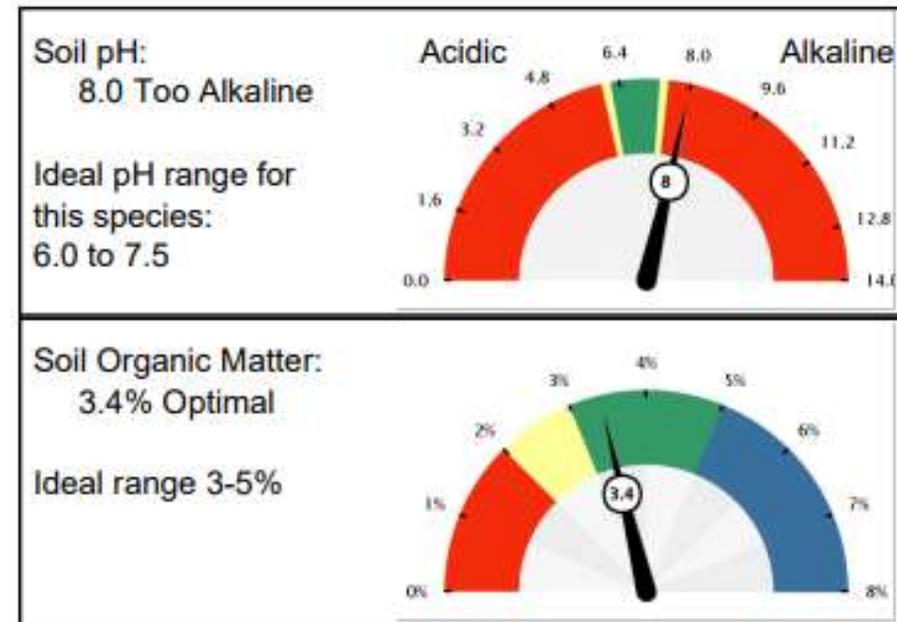


Trees absorb nutrients through their roots!

# Understanding pH

## What is Soil pH?

- Soil pH is a measure of the acidity or alkalinity of the soil.
- Soil pH controls nutrient solubility, microbial activity, and root absorption efficiency
- Scale ranges from 0-14
  - 7= neutral
  - < 7= acidic
  - Nutrients like potassium, calcium, and magnesium may be reduced, while aluminum, iron, and zinc can reach toxic levels.
  - >7= alkaline
  - Micronutrients such as iron, manganese, zinc, and boron are often deficient.



# Macronutrients: The Big Three (NPK)

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The big 3 primary macronutrients essential for soil health and plant growth are Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P), and Potassium (K).

These elements are crucial for plant development, energy metabolism, and structure. They are needed in the largest amounts compared to other nutrients.

## Nitrogen (N)

- Drives leaf growth (chlorophyll production)
- Low N = pale leaves, slow growth

## Phosphorus (P)

- Root development
- Crucial for energy transfer
- Flowering

## Potassium (K)

- Water regulation
- Stress tolerance
- Disease resistance

# Micronutrients: Small Amounts, Big Impacts

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Micronutrients are needed in tiny amounts – but imbalance causes decline.

## Iron (Fe)

- Chlorophyll production
- Low = causes interveinal chlorosis (yellow leaves that drop off)

## Zinc (Zn)

- Growth regulation enzymes

## Boron (B)

- Regulates cell wall formation
- Aids in sugar transport
- Needed in extremely small amount

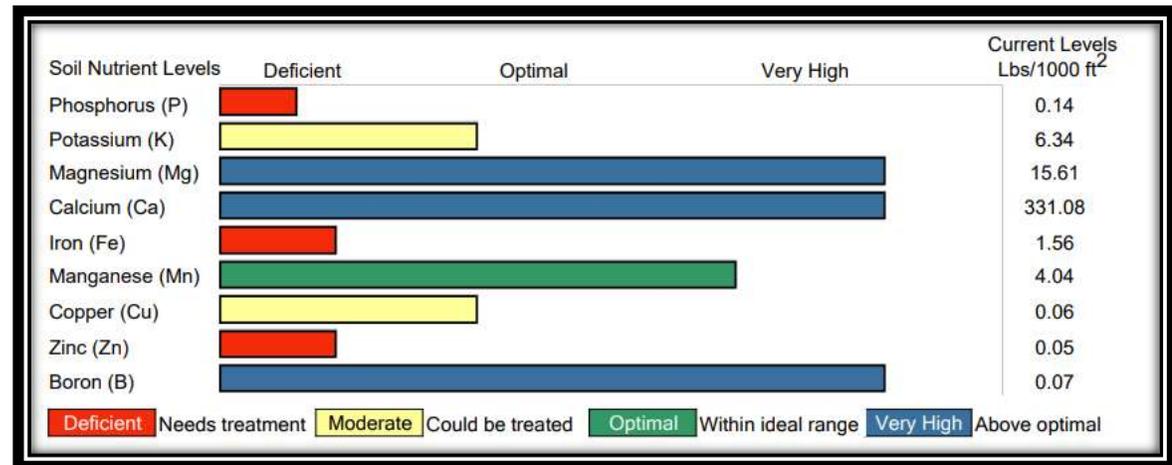
## Why high Boron matters

- Narrow window between "sufficient" and "toxic"
- Excess can:
  - Burn leaf margins
  - Damage root tips
  - Interfere with uptake of other nutrients

# Existing Conditions – Soil Health

\*per Bartlett Soil Analysis Report

- Primary limiting factors:
- Soil pH = 8.0 (too alkaline)
  - Locks up iron, zinc, and phosphorus (even if present)
  - Nitrogen (NO3) = very low
  - Phosphorus = very low
  - Iron and Zinc = low
  - Boron = **very high**
    - Easy to tip into toxicity if mismanaged
  - Calcium and Magnesium = very high
    - Typical of North Texas calcareous soil, worsened by compaction and poor drainage
- Nutrient Retention = **very high**
  - Soil holds amendments well, mistakes can linger



# Existing Conditions – Confirmed Sanitary Sewer Alignment



Existing site conditions showing SS line and removed trees 1/13/26



Burleson Internal GIS Map confirming SS line



Google screenshot showing lacebark elms prior to removal April 2025. Note the arrow indicating the SS line

# Lacebark Elm Placement Evaluation & Lessons Learned

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## Lacebark Elms:

- Develops a wide, shallow root plate
- Requires consistent lateral soil volume
- Is moderately tolerant of urban conditions – not Burleson’s native soils
- Planting them directly over a sanitary line set them up to fail, even if they initially looked healthy.
- The historical image supports this:
  - Full canopy appearance in April 2025
  - Likely internal root stress already present
  - Decline likely accelerated by weather or storm events

# Likely Outcomes if Untreated

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- Chronic Chlorosis
- Root stress – opportunistic pathogens (Phytophthora risk increases, mistletoe spreads)
- Storm failures due to poor root regeneration
  - Storm failure is defined as: Compromised root systems that elevate the risk of storm-related tree failure, defined as large limb breakage or uprooting during high winds, heavy rainfall, or saturated soil conditions
- Continued lacebark elm decline and replacement losses
- Negative public feedback

5" Lacebark Elm showing localized mistletoe presence – this implies a weakened root system, but is not the cause of the original decline



# Treatment Objectives

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- 1.Improve nutrient availability without overcorrecting pH
- 2.Enhance root health and soil structure
- 3.Reduce canopy stress and failure risk
- 4.Extend life expectancy of existing elms
- 5.Inform future species selection and planting strategy

# Immediate Priorities (First 0–6 Months)

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- DO NOT lime
  - Even though calcium shows high, lime would make everything worse. This is already an alkaline soil.
- Correct pH *functionally* (not chemically)
  - We are not trying to “fix” pH, but buffer it in the root zone.
- Actions:
  - Apply elemental sulfur OR Nutri-Sul 90 Plus
    - Do NOT tank-mix with Fortiphite (important)
  - Apply organic mulch (3–4 inches) under canopy dripline
    - Wood chips preferred
    - Keep off trunk flare
- Why?
  - Sulfur + mulch create localized acidity
  - Improves micronutrient availability without soil shock

# Soil Structure and Root Health (0-6 Months)

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- Given storm loss + suspected root rot:
  - Identify low spots or irrigation overspray
  - Lacebark elms hate saturated alkaline soils
  - Adjust irrigation schedules immediately if needed
- Air spade work (priority zones)
- Focus on:
  - Trees with repeated failure
  - Areas with historic compaction
- Decompact + incorporate:
  - Organic matter
  - Biochar (low-salt, certified)
- What NOT to Do
  - No lime
  - No high-salt fertilizers
  - No boron
  - No fast-release nitrogen
  - No blanket park-wide fertilization

# Targeted Nutrient Treatment (Year 1 Prescription)

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- Nitrogen (critical)
  - Choose slow-release only:
    - Nitroform preferred over quick-release Nitro 30
    - Prevents flush growth that increases storm damage risk
  - Application
    - Soil injection or deep root feeding
    - Avoid surface broadcast in turf-heavy areas
- Phosphorus (very low)
  - Use polyphosphate as prescribed
  - Apply once per year, reassess after 12 months
- Iron & Zinc (symptom drivers)
  - This is where lacebark elms are likely showing stress.
- Iron
  - Iron chelate soil injection
  - Avoid foliar-only programs (short-lived benefit)
- Zinc
  - Soil-applied zinc per Bartlett recommendation
  - Chelated form preferred in high-pH soils

# Targeted Nutrient Treatment (Year 1 Prescription)

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- Potassium
  - Currently medium
  - Apply light potassium sulfate only if trees show structural stress or poor wound response
  - Avoid heavy K (can antagonize magnesium further)
  
- Boron
  - Boron is already very high
  - Do not add boron
  - Avoid composts or biosolids with unknown micronutrient content
  - Monitor only
  - This is a silent failure risk if ignored.
  
- \*Drainage assessment to be considered if treatment options do not show progress after one year.

# Treatment Summary (Quick Reference)

Nutrient	Treatment Choice	Rationale
Nitrogen	Nitroform	Slow, stable growth; storm safety
Phosphorus	Polyphosphate	Available in high-pH soils
Iron	Chelated Fe	Corrects chlorosis sustainably
Zinc	Chelated Zn	Enzyme & growth regulation
Potassium	Light K sulfate	Structural support only
Sulfur	Elemental S	Micronutrient access
Boron	None	Avoid toxicity
Plus 3 Fungicide Treatments for Phytophthora pathogen		

# Strategic Recommendation for Centennial Park

- Given:
  - Repeated losses
  - Soil constraints
  - SS Line Conflicts
  - Public visibility
- Do not replant lacebark elms in problem zones



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- High-value N-fixers for alkaline soils
- Texas mountain laurel
  - Excellent alkaline tolerance
  - Reliable nodulation
  - Deep-rooted, drought tolerant
- Honey mesquite
  - Very strong nitrogen fixer
  - Outstanding soil conditioner
  - Best used in buffer zones, not high-use turf areas
- Shrub-layer fixers (often overlooked)
  - Texas kidneywood
  - Leadplant
- Shrubs often contribute more usable nitrogen through faster turnover than trees.

# Next Steps

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- Deep Root Fertilization and Fungicide Treatments confirmed with LATour Tree Service
  - 1st treatment Monday, February 2, 2026
  - 2nd treatment – 1st week of May
  - 3rd treatment – 1st week of August
  - 4th treatment – 1st week of November
- Launch educational social media strategy (The Trees That Grow)
- Reached out to TCU contacts for potential research collaboration
- 1 tree replacement planned by playground (Live Oak); Low risk area



# Centennial Park Tree Health & Restoration Timeline (3-Year Phased Approach)



Outcomes:

- ✓ Healthier trees, native to Texas
- ✓ Reduced-storm related failure risk
- ✓ Improved soil conditions
- ✓ Smarter, more resilient parks



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Item B.

# Rooted in the Future:

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WHAT'S NEXT FOR BURLESON PARKS FORESTRY

# Upcoming Items for Parks Forestry:

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- **TreePlotter Inventory for Parks**
  - Create a comprehensive tree inventory to track species, condition, canopy coverage, and maintenance needs
- **Tree Plantings Through Texas A&M Grant Funding**
  - Expand park canopy using grant-supported, soil-appropriate, climate-resilient tree species (65 trees)
- **Forestry Training for Parks Staff**
  - Build internal capacity through hands-on training in tree care, planting, pests & diseases, risk assessments and safety
- **Trees For Tomorrow School Program**
  - Collaboration with BISD students to learn about tree care, biology, benefits and stewardship
- **Arbor Day Planting & Education Event April 24, 2026**
  - Community tree planting paired with hands-on urban forestry education and youth activities (15 trees)
- **Urban Forestry Classes at Russell Farm**
  - Ongoing workshops on tree care, native species, and sustainable landscape practices
- **Urban Wood Reuse Program**
  - Reclaim wood from removed trees for benches, signage, and park projects—reducing waste and costs
- **Parks Forestry Department Framework**
  - Establish clear standards, roles, and long-term strategy to support sustainable park forestry management

# Questions / Comments

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**Park Board**

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation  
**FROM:** Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation  
**MEETING:** February 19, 2026

**SUBJECT:**

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

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):**

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**SUMMARY:**

Departmental updates regarding parks, recreation, and golf.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

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

N/A

**REFERENCE:**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**Health and Wellness in Parks**

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**Fitness** **Play** **Nature**

**Parks:**

- 2 parks totaling 429 acres of fresh air and adventure
- 7 playgrounds, 7 fitness stations and 1 splash pad
- sports complexes for softball, football, baseball and soccer
- sports courts featuring tennis, basketball and pickleball
- Hidden Creek Golf Course
- Russell Form Art Center

**Volunteer Opportunities** **Trails**

- Tree and landscape plantings
- Trail and park trash clean up
- Special Events
- 8.33 miles of paved trails
- 10.5 mile Hike and Bike Trail
- 2 miles nature trail



# Departmental Updates

February 2026 - Park Board



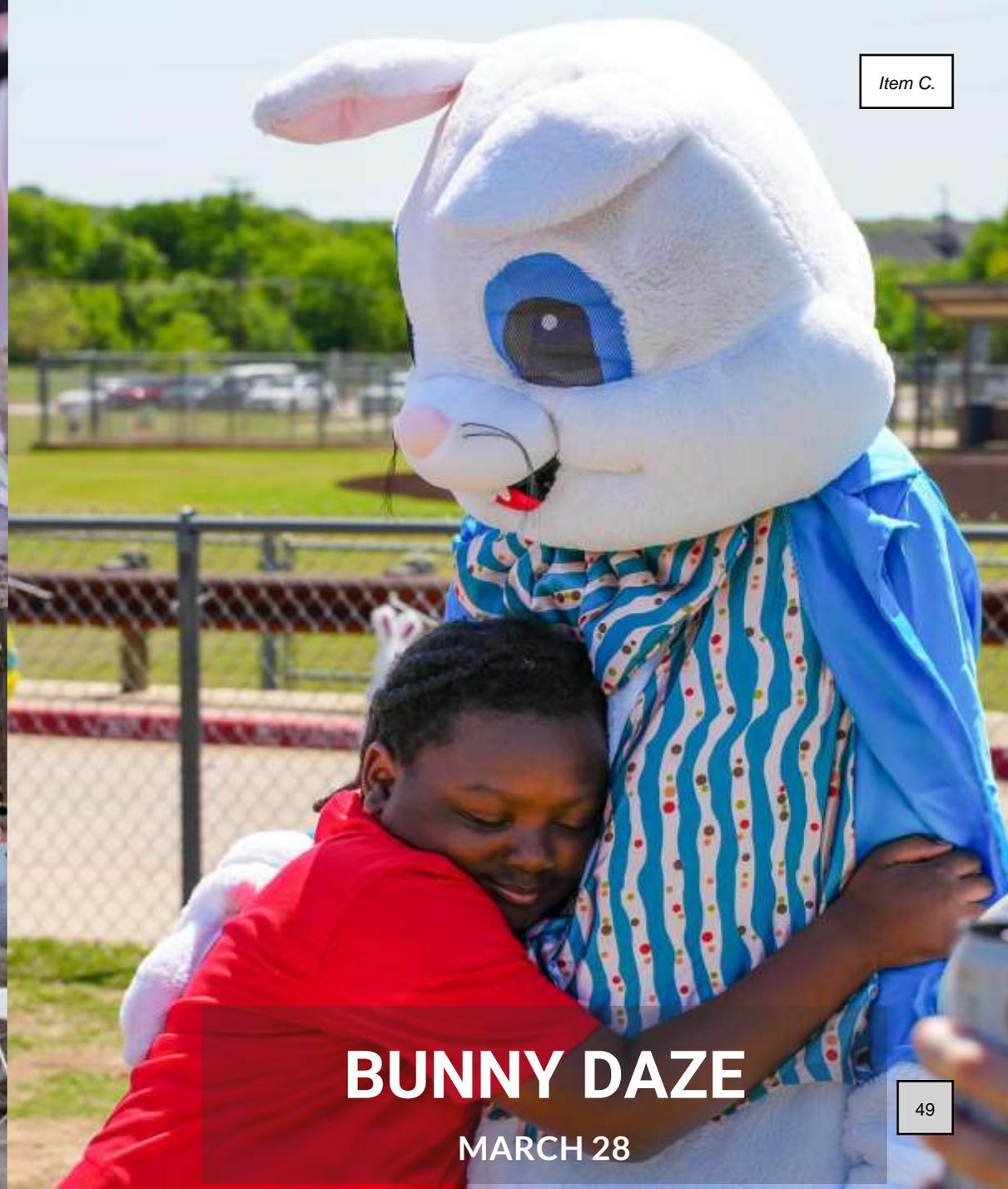
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MARCH 7



# VIETNAM VETERANS

MARCH 21



# BUNNY DAZE

MARCH 28

## UPDATE

# PROGRAMS & ATHLETICS

January Recap:

Homeschool PE (23)

School Break Camp (9)

Pickleball (23)

### HAPPENING IN MARCH:

Playmakers & Parents

Mobile Rec - Pickleball

Lunch Break!!!

Sensory Friendly Family Nights



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UPDATE

# RUSSELL FARM

January Recap:

Clucky Crafters (18)

Saturday Morning Sketch Group (23)

Open Art Studio (60)

## HAPPENING IN MARCH:

Story Time

Farm Fresh Art Workshop

Red Chair Lecture



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# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Facebook Followers: 23,057 (113 increase)

Instagram Followers: 2,424 (22 increase)

Facebook Highlight – Welcome to the team, Dr. Jessie Farris!

[Post Linked Here](#)

Post Views: 63,678



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Bunny Daze – 3/28



# BRICK PROJECTS

## DEHUMIDIFICATION SYSTEM & INDOOR POOL

- DEHUMIDIFICATION SYSTEM - IN PROGRESS
- PLAYSTRUCTURE - IN PROGRESS
- SAND FILTERS - COMPLETED
- PLASTER - COMPLETED
- BIG SLIDE - COMPLETED
- DOOR REPLACEMENT - COMPLETED
- EVACUATORS - IN PROGRESS

## HVAC

UPDATED TIMELINE: SEPTEMBER - MARCH 2026

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NO CLOSURE NECESSARY

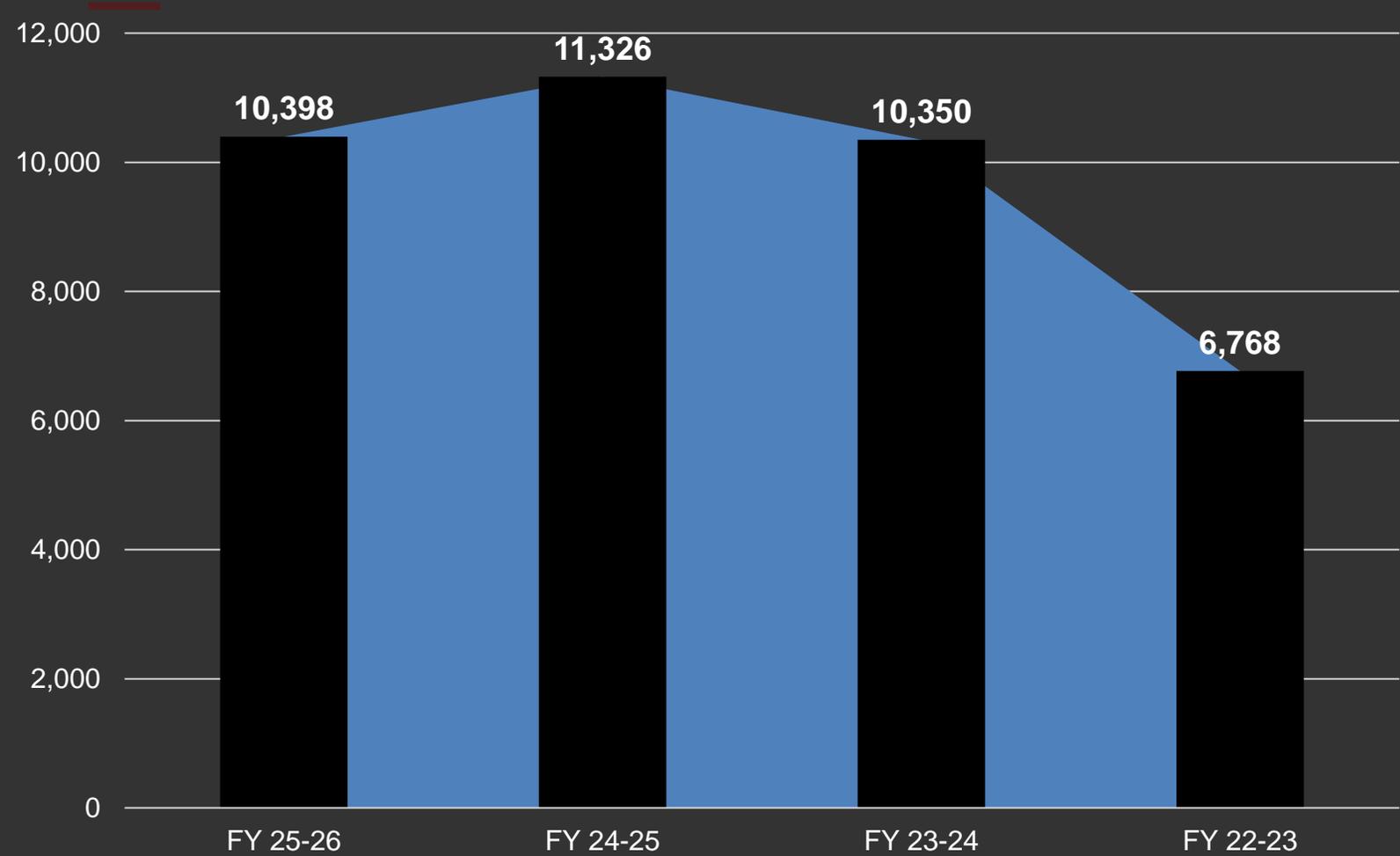
## ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- PLAY AREA - COMPLETED
- FURNITURE - COMPLETED
- SIGNAGE - COMPLETED
- PARKING LOT STRIPING

## MEETING ROOM AV & WOMENS LOCKERS

- MEETING ROOMS - COMPLETED
- LOCKERS - COMPLETED

# BRICK MEMBERSHIPS & DAY PASSES - MONTH OF JANUARY



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# ALL PROGRAMS - JANUARY

FY 24 - 25

**156**

PARTICIPANTS

FY 25 - 26

**162**

PARTICIPANTS



# RECREATION *PROMOTION HIGHLIGHTS*



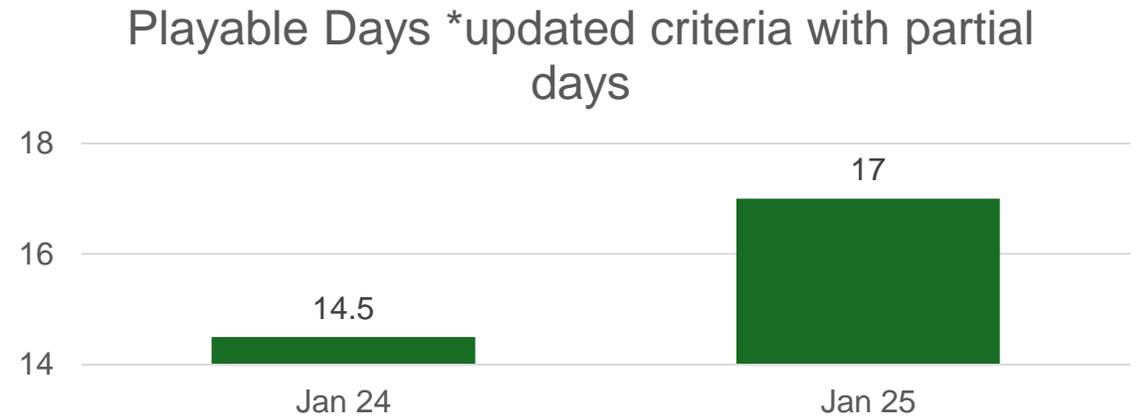
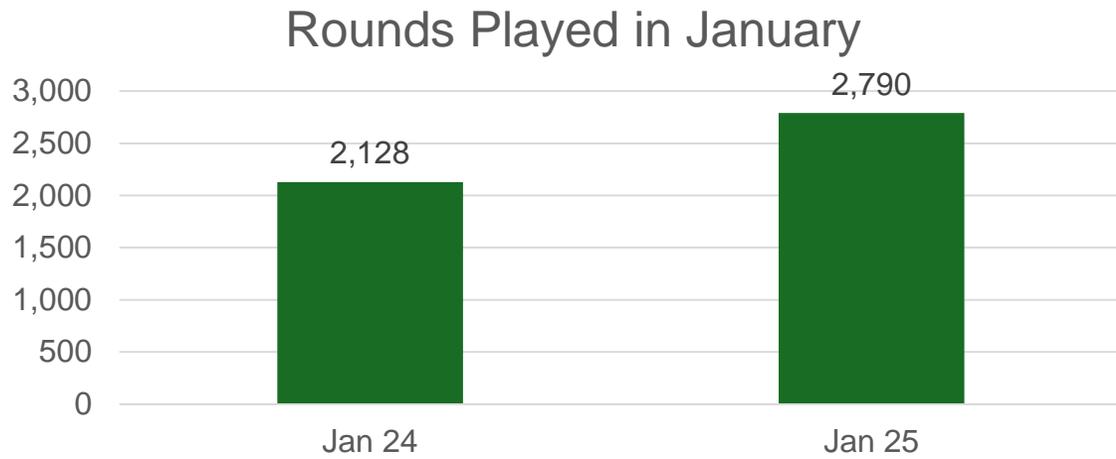
**RUSSELL FARM  
MANAGER:  
ELIZABETH DAVIDSON**

**ASSISTANT  
RECREATION  
MANAGER:  
HANNAH PAZOS**

**AQUATIC  
MAINTENANCE  
SPECIALIST:  
COLE GARNER**

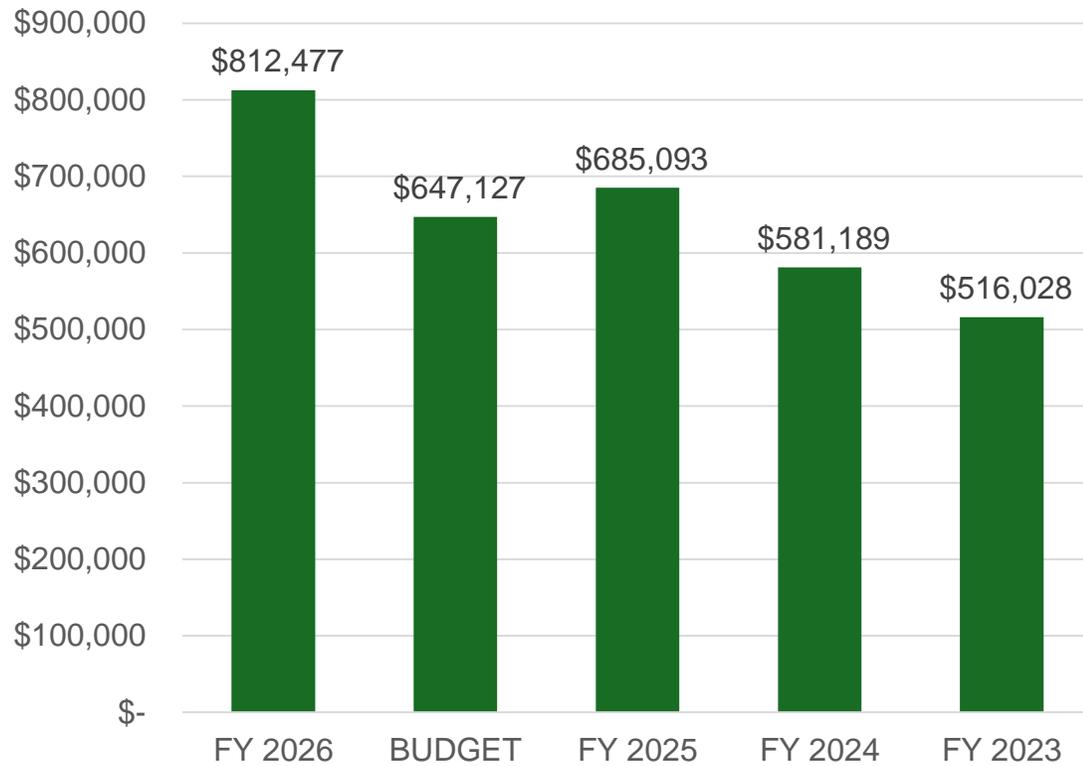
**EVENT SUPERVISOR:  
KYLIE LOPEZ**

# Hidden Creek Golf Course- January Comparisons

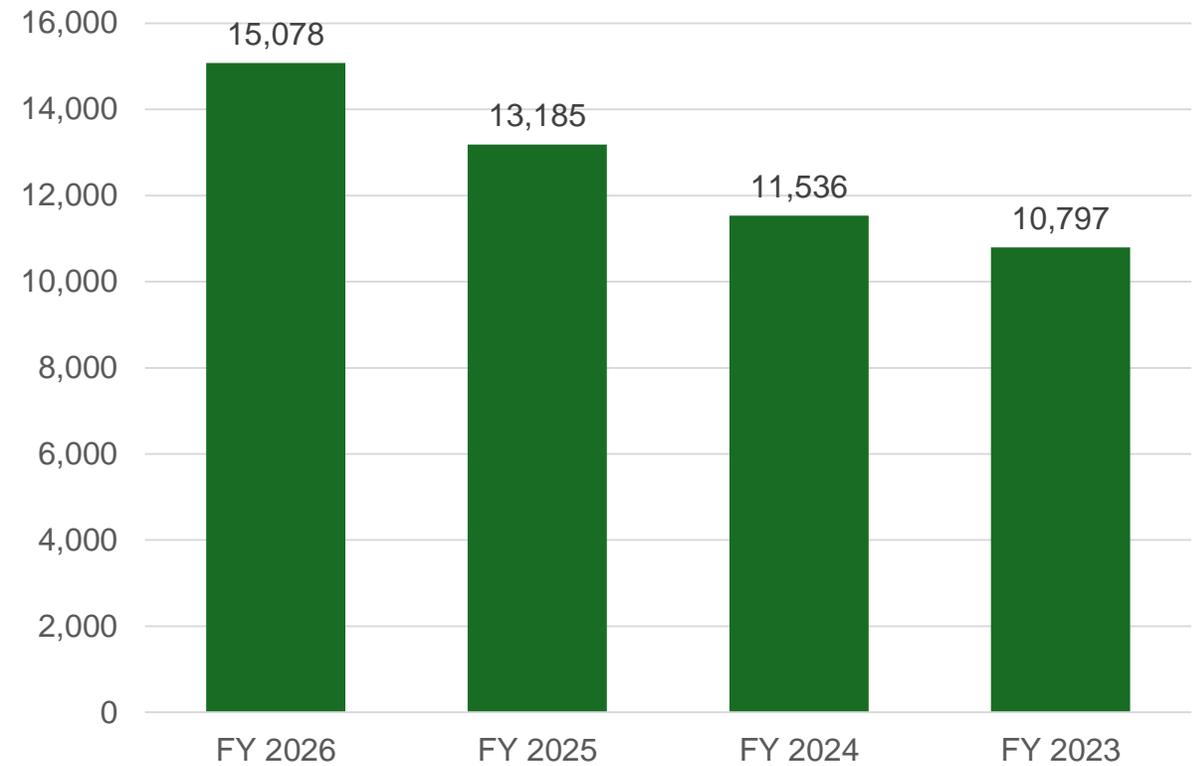


# Hidden Creek Golf Course- Year to Date

### Revenue YTD October - January

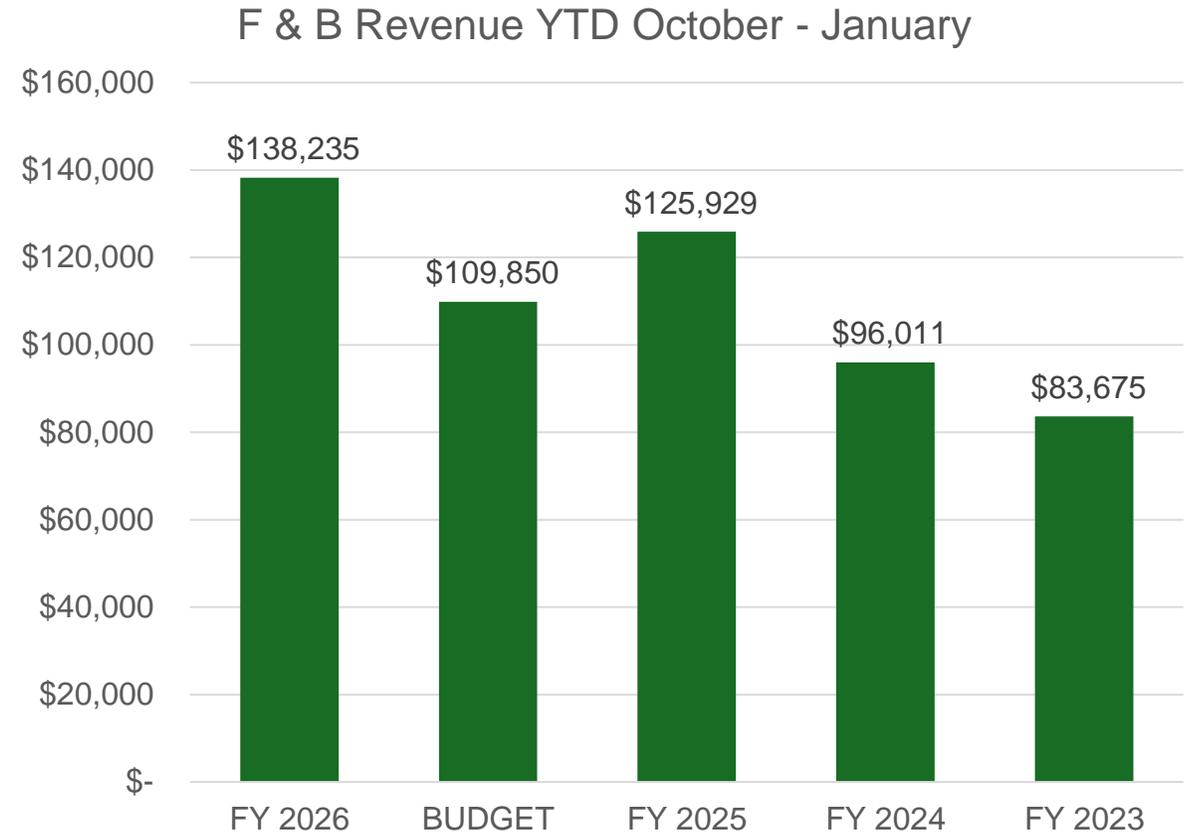
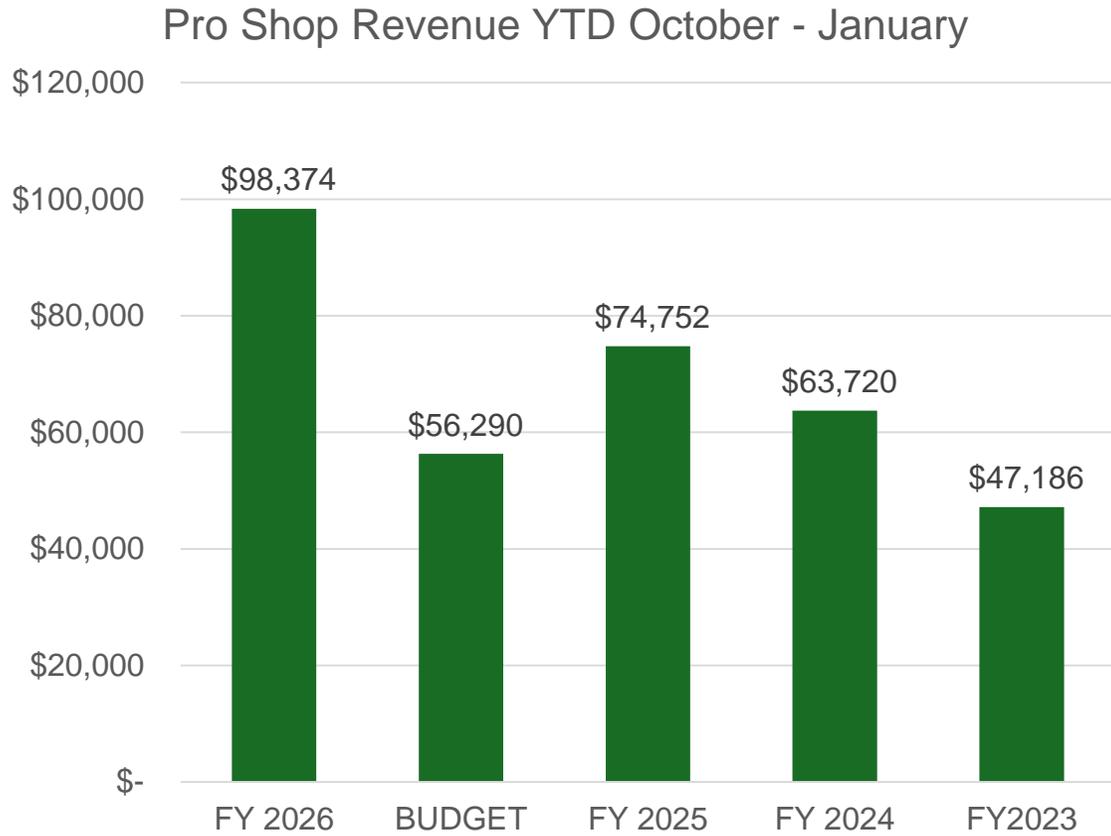


### Rounds Played YTD October- January



# Hidden Creek Golf Course- Pro Shop and FB Revenue Year to Date

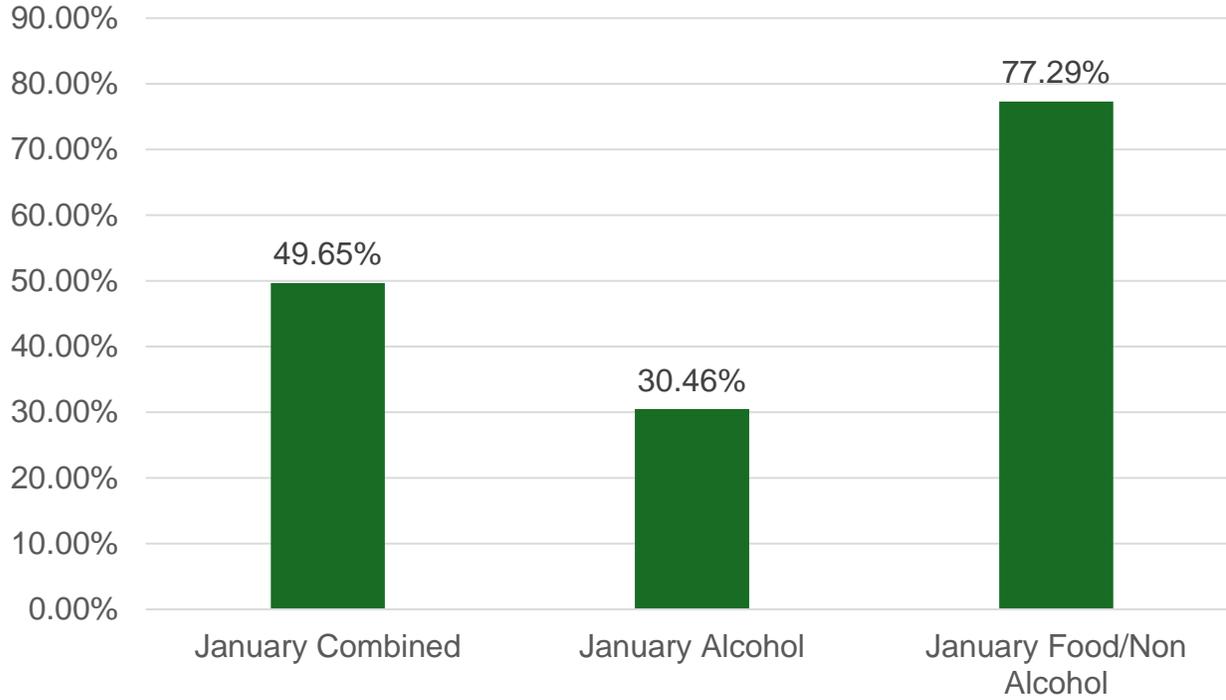
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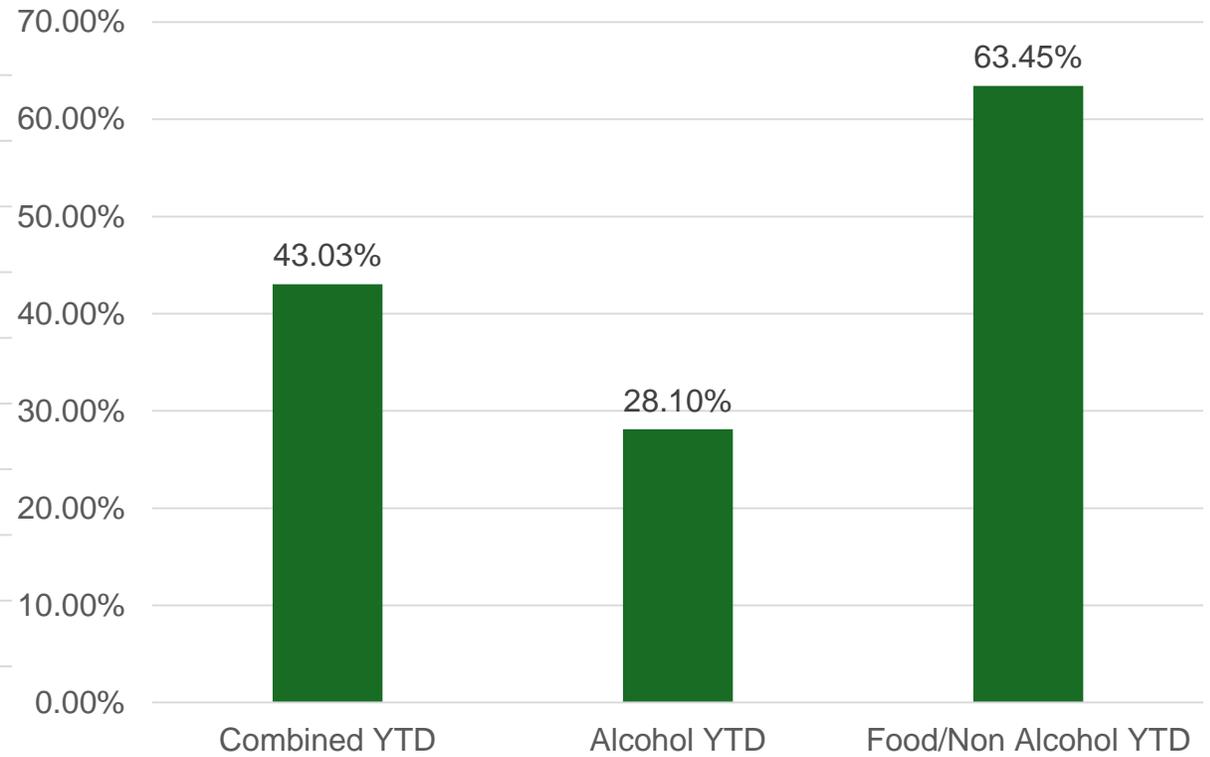
# Hidden Creek Golf Course- Food and Beverage Cost of Sales Percentages

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### January Cost of Sales% Closed last 9 days - expired product



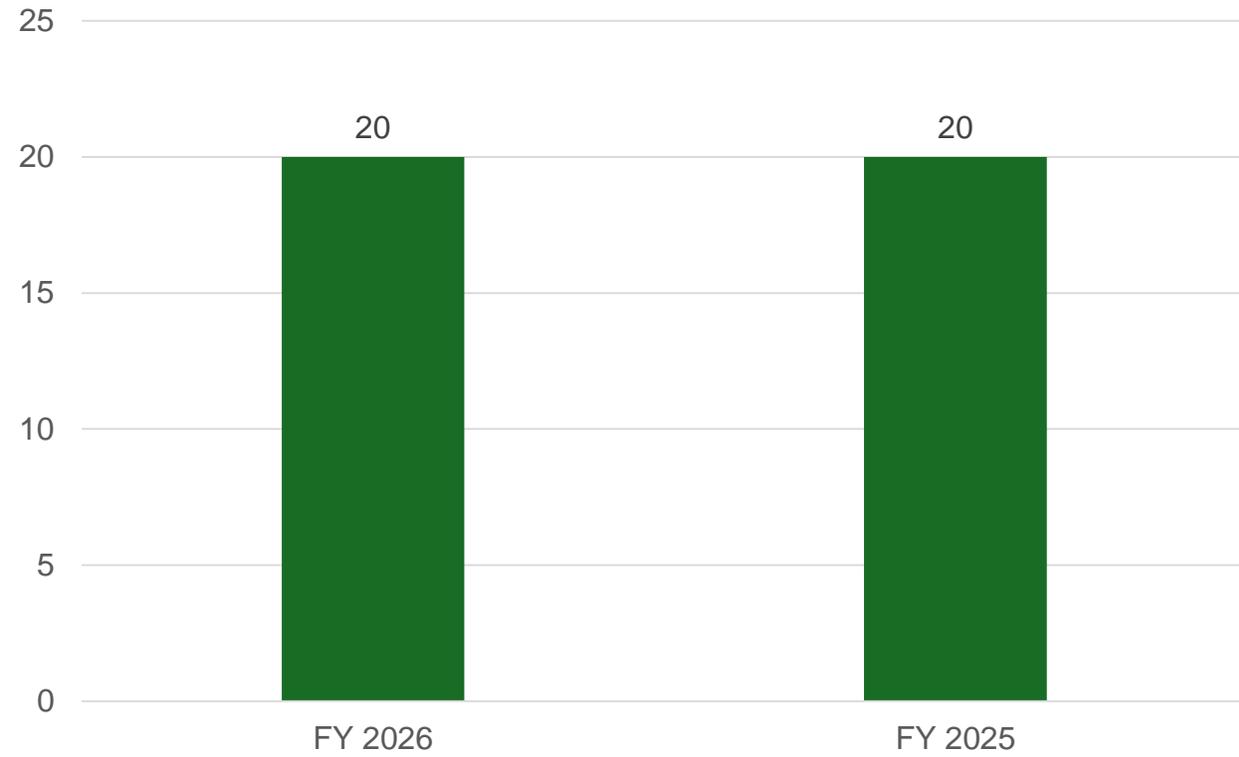
### Food and Beverage Cost of Sales YTD



# Hidden Creek Golf Course- Tournaments



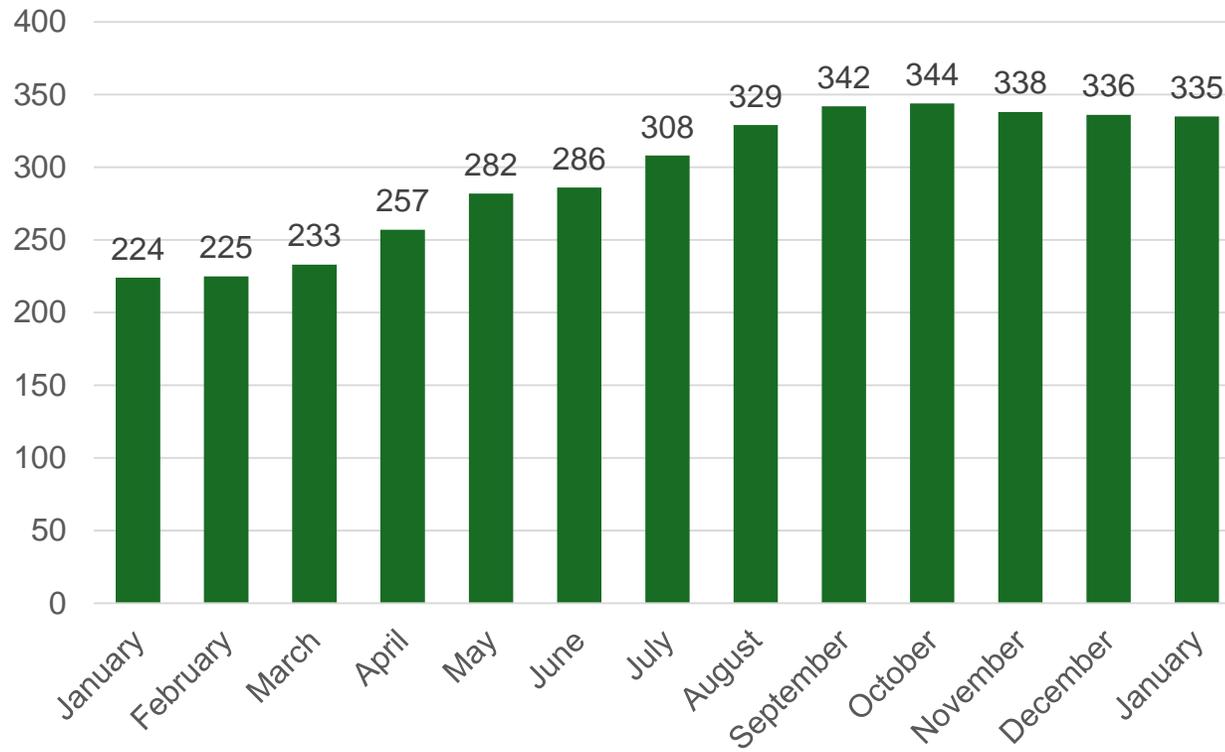
Tournaments YTD



# Golf-Memberships

— 335 Current Members

## Players Club Members



# CAPITAL PROJECTS *UPDATES*

# CAPITAL PROJECTS: UPDATES



PHASE ONE PLAN

**SHANNON CREEK**  
PRESENTED TO COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 2, 2026; FEEDBACK RECEIVED TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT

**WARREN PARK MASTER PLAN**  
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND SITE INFORMATION COLLECTION IN PROGRESS

**GREEN RIBBON**  
CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 16; ESTIMATED COMPLETION (56 WORKING DAYS)

**COMMUNITY PARK**  
PHASED 1 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS (IN PROGRESS)

# CAPITAL PROJECTS: GRANT AWARD HIGHLIGHT



## CONCEPTUAL GRAPHICS



### **Grant Award Announcement:**

\$750,000 Awarded for Community Park Nature-Based Playground

We're excited to share that the Community Park project has been awarded \$750,000 in grant funding from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to support development of a nature-based playground experience.

### **Project Impact:**

- Expands outdoor play through nature-inspired design
- Encourages exploration, creativity, and active play
- Enhances inclusive recreation opportunities
- Invests in long-term community wellness and access to the outdoors

A strong example of partnership, planning, and community investment in parks.

# GENERAL PARKS *UPDATES*



**DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL AWARD,  
JEN BASHAM**

**DFW DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION**

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***AWARD RECOGNITION:***

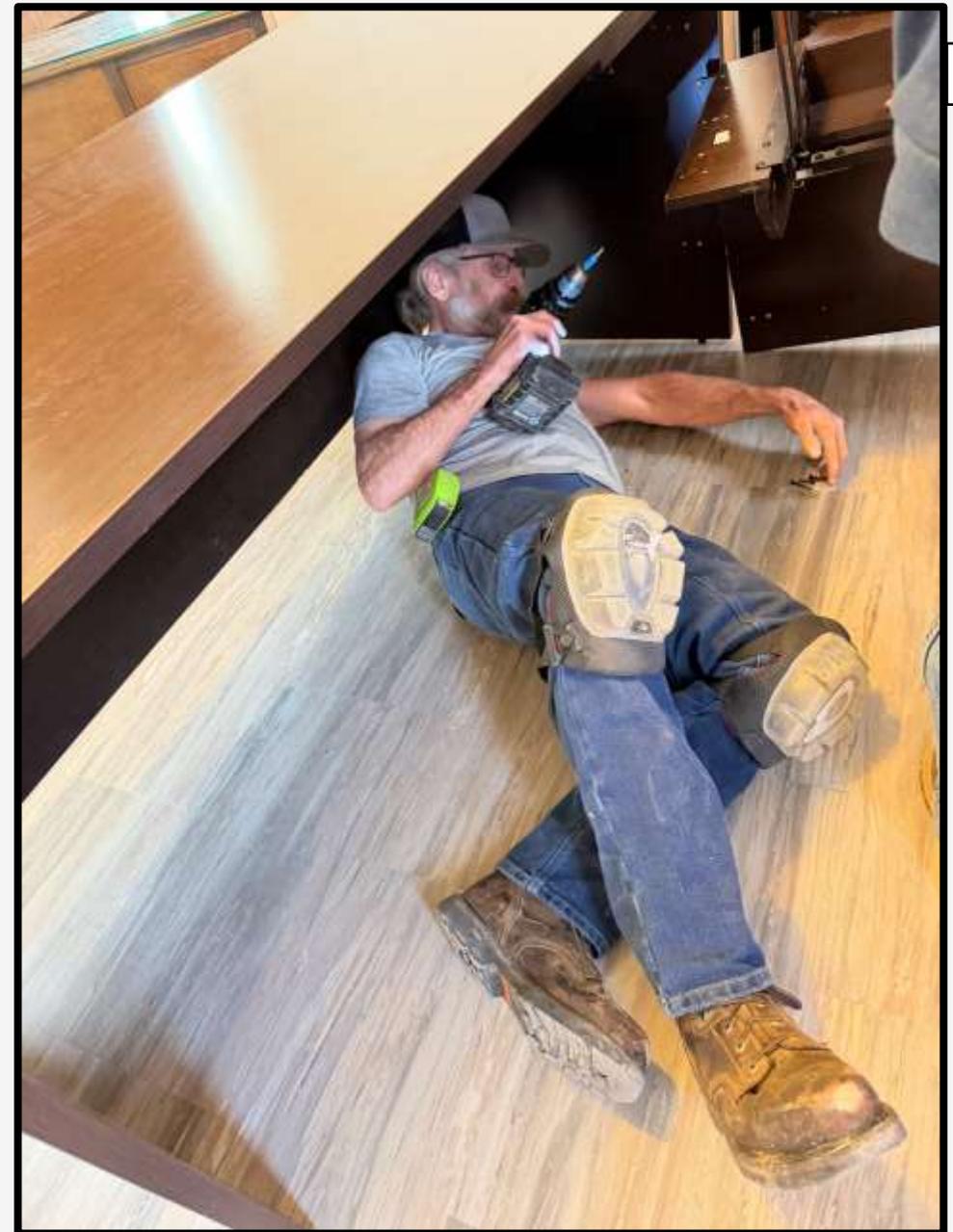


**INCLUSION AWARD, CENTENNIAL PARK  
CITY OF BURLESON**

# WINTER PROJECTS: UPDATE

121 COMPLETED TASK - 60% COMPLETED

HIGH IMPACT PROJECTS COMPLETED:  
DRAINAGE CLEAN UP, WATER FOUNTAIN REFRESH, AND  
DEPARTMENT COLLABORATION PROJECTS



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DEPARTMENT COLLABORATION: RUSSELL FARM

# UPCOMING ITEMS:



**PARK MONUMENT SIGN  
PROGRESS UPDATE  
(ADDRESS TO BE ADDED)**

**MOWING & LANDSCAPING SEASON PREPARTION:**  
Equipment, staffing, and contractor prep underway for mowing season.

**PARK BENCH UPDATE - BAILEY LAKE TRAIL:**  
New seating with backs being added along Bailey Lake Trail.

**TREE PLANTINGS UPDATE:**  
80 trees scheduled for phased planting across parks and corridors.

**HIKE & BIKE TRAIL SIGNAGE:**  
Phased implementation of wayfinding signage to take place.

**FORESTRY PROGRAM UPDATE:**  
Urban forestry standards and framework in development for SOPs; Grant submission

**BARTLETT COMPLEX SPRING SEASON:**  
Spring field prep and operations underway for season kickoff.

# OPERATIONS: *BY THE NUMBERS*

## PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

24

2 MINOR REPAIRS:  
WARREN PARK - REPLACED TENNIS COURT NETS  
CLARK PARK - REPAIRED LOOSE HANDRAIL

## GRAFFTI ABATEMENTS

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# Feedback / Questions

# MARCH 2026

THE CITY OF  
**BURLESON**  
TEXAS  
Parks and  
Recreation



**SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	SPORTS 101 BASKETBALL LINK UP SELF DEFENSE	HOMESCHOOL PE OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL	OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL MINI MOVERS & MUSIC DIFFERENT ABILITIES	HOMESCHOOL PE	RUSSELL FARM STORY TIME & FIRST FRIDAY FIELD TRIP OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL SENSORY NIGHTS	RUSSELL FARM SKETCH GROUP & BOREN HOME TOURS DOGS & DONUTS
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
PICK UP CLUB	PLAYMAKERS & PARENTS SPORTS 101 BASKETBALL LINK UP	HOMESCHOOL PE MOBILE REC - PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL	OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL DIFFERENT ABILITIES MINI MOVERS & MUSIC ROOTS & WINGS ARCHERY	HOMESCHOOL PE OFF SEASON - BASKETBALL BTX NIGHT HIKE	RUSSELL FARM STORY TIME OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL SENSORY NIGHTS	RUSSELL FARM SKETCH GROUP VIETNAM VETERANS EVENT
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	SPRING BREAK FUN CAMP					
		RUSSELL FARM SPRING BREAK CAMP: NAILED IT!				
	PLAYMAKERS & PARENTS SPORTS 101 BASKETBALL	HOMESCHOOL PE OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL	OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL DIFFERENT ABILITIES ARCHERY	HOMESCHOOL PE	RUSSELL FARM STORY TIME OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL SENSORY NIGHTS	RUSSELL FARM SKETCH GROUP & FARM FRESH ART WORKSHOP
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
PICK UP CLUB	PLAYMAKERS & PARENTS	HOMESCHOOL PE LIGHTS, CAMERA, CREATE! OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL	OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL DIFFERENT ABILITIES ARCHERY	HOMESCHOOL PE	RUSSELL FARM STORY TIME OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL LUNCH BREAK!!! SENSORY NIGHTS	RUSSELL FARM SKETCH GROUP & RED CHAIR LECTURE BUNNY DAZE
29	30	31				
WOMEN'S 3V3 BASKETBALL	PLAYMAKERS & PARENTS	LIGHTS, CAMERA, CREATE! OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL				