



RECREATION BOARD MEETING APRIL 14, 2026

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 PARK PLAZA
5:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. **Approval of Recreation Board Minutes from February 10, 2026**
Approve, as written, the Recreation Board meeting minutes from February 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.
5. **ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION**
 - a. **AYBA Presentation**
Presentation given to the Recreation Board from the AYBA.
6. **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**
 - a. **DIVISIONS**
 - i. **Community Agriculture and Sustainability Division Monthly Report - APRIL 2026**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Community Agriculture and Sustainability Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
 - ii. **Cultural Services Division Monthly Report - APRIL 2026**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Cultural Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
 - iii. **Recreation Services Division Monthly Report — APRIL 2026**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Recreation Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
 - iv. **Park Services (Excluding Wills Park) Division Monthly Report - APRIL 2026**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Park Services (Excluding Wills Park) Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
 - v. **Park Services (Wills Park & Equestrian Center) Division Monthly Report - APRIL 2026**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Park Services (Wills Park & Equestrian Center) Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
 - b. **DIRECTOR REPORT - APRIL 2026**
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
8. **ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS**
9. **ADJOURNMENT**



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Sarah Bausano
Meeting Date: April 14, 2026

AGENDA ITEM:

Approval of Recreation Board Minutes from February 10, 2026

Approve, as written, the Recreation Board meeting minutes from February 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve, as written, the Recreation Board meeting minutes from February 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Administrative Office Coordinator, Sarah Bausano, prepared a synopsis of the pertinent information that occurred during the Recreation Board meeting on February 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance — February 10, 2026, Recreation Board Meeting:

Recreation Board Members — Present

- Jit Saha
- Shuntel Beach
- Karla Piedrahita
- Percy Lidback
- John Norton
- Cameron Kline
- Tate Holcombe
- Derek Kaighin

Recreation Board Members — Absent

- Cheryl Rand

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2.10.26 - Recreation Board Minutes (Unofficial)



RECREATION BOARD MEETING
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2026
ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COMMUNITY ROOM | 2 PARK PLAZA | 5:30 PM

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I. **CALL TO ORDER**

- ❖ **Interim Chairman Saha called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.**

II. **ROLL CALL**

• **Recreation Board Members Present**

- Jit Saha (Interim Chair)
- Karla Piedrahita
- Cameron Kline
- Shuntel Beach
- Tate Holcombe
- John Norton
- Percy Lidback
- Derek Kaighin

• **Recreation Board Members Absent**

- Cheryl Rand

• **Staff**

- Morgan Rodgers, Director, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Amanda Musilli, Community Agriculture & Sustainability Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Kim Zane, Cultural Services Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Eric Milley, Parks Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Matt Casey, Parks Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Sarah Bausano, Administrative Office Coordinator, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. Election of the 2026 Chair

- Interim Chair Saha called for a motion.
 - Board Member Piedrahita offered a motion to elect Jit Saha as the Recreation Board Chair for 2026.
 - Board Member Norton seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved (8-0).

b. Election of the 2026 Vice Chair

- Newly elected Chair Saha called for a motion.
 - Board Member Beach offered a motion to elect Karla Piedrahita as the Recreation Board Vice Chair for 2026.
 - Board Member Kaighin seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved (8-0).

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Recreation Board Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2026

- Chair Saha called for a motion.
 - Board Member Piedrahita offered a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, from February 10, 2026, Recreation Board meeting.
 - Board Member Kline seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved (6-2-1).

VI. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

a. DIVISIONS

i. Community Agricultural & Sustainability Division – Amanda Musilli

Amanda came forward to present the current events.

RECREATION Q & A

Q What do you attribute the numbers to? (Piedrahita)

A The management of our soil and the fact that we try not to disturb it that much. (Musilli)

Q Do you plan share best practice? (Lidback)

A Programs out at the farm and through UGA connection. (Musilli)

Q At 9, is the School program maxed out? (Piedrahita)

A No, we will do more next year because we have the green house. (Musilli)

ii. Cultural Services Division – Kim Zane

Kim came forward to present the current events.

RECREATION Q & A

Q Average cost to rent the Spotlight Stage? (Beach)

- A Depends on the day and hours used. (Zane)
- iii. **Recreation Services Division – Christine Young**
Christine came forward to present the current events.

RECREATION Q & A

- None
- iv. **Park Services Division (Excluding Wills Park) – Eric Milley**
Eric came forward to present the current events.

RECREATION Q & A

- C The paving at Webb Bridge Park is AWESOME. (Saha)
- v. **Park Services Division (Including Wills Park) – Matt Casey**
Matt Casey came forward to present the current events. Matt mentioned that Waggy World and Wills Park will be closing on February 16th.

RECREATION Q & A

Q Progress on the Spine? (Piedrahita)

A After the site work is finished at Wacky and Waggy World, they will start on the Spine. (Casey)

Q Footprint from the West Gate to the East Gate? (Piedrahita)

A It will go from the corner of Old Milton at the Community Center to the corner of Old Milton by the Recreation Center. (Casey)

Q Estimated timeline for the Spine. (Piedrahita)

A It is fluid right now. (Casey)

Q How many additional parking spaces are we getting with the new lot? (Norton)

A Around 42. (Casey)

Q Estimated timeline for Waggy World? (Holcombe)

A Infrastructure, drainage, and fence will be replaced. It will be a lot more user friendly and the fence will be around 6 feet high. It could take around 90 days or more. (Casey)

Q Disc Golf Course status? (Saha)

A Staff has been cleaning out the underbrush along the course. Tee pads in the next week or 2. (Casey)

b. **DIRECTOR**

i. **Director Rodgers will update the Board.**

Director Rodgers came forward with the following items:

- Corrected Matt on the number of spaces at Wills Park with the new parking lot, it is 72 spaces.
- Challenged the Recreation Board to attend one of the upcoming shows at the Spotlight Stage.
- Stated that summer staff hiring has begun.
- Director Rodgers did a presentation on all the things happening.

RECREATION BOARD Q & A

Q What will put over the trail at Webb Bridge Park? (Beach)

A It will be the same material but it will have better drainage and it will be more compacted. (Rodgers)

Q Equestrian Center Stable Renovation? (Norton)

A It was pushed back because of the lack of money. (Rodgers)

Q How are we looking on volunteer signups for Wacky World? (Kline)

- A Skilled and unskilled, we need 80 people per shift per day. Please share the link.
(Rodgers)
- Q Staffing for the Summer, do you take college kids? (Lidback)
- A Yes, please, we love to have them. (Rodgers)

VII. RECREATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Board Member Kline gave a shout out to the Staff for Wacky World, and asked everyone to sign up.
- Board Member Norton asked about the Youth Association Liaisons and how we get that set up and Christine came forward to offer help.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Saha called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Board Member Beach made a motion to adjourn.
 - Board Member Kline seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0-2).
- With there being no further business to consider or discuss, Chair Saha adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Bausano

Sarah Bausano
Administrative Office Coordinator
Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Amanda Musilli
Meeting Date: April 14, 2026

AGENDA ITEM:

Community Agriculture and Sustainability Division Monthly Report - APRIL 2026

Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Community Agriculture and Sustainability Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Board discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Monthly Highlights:

- **Garden Faire** — Saturday, April 11th, the annual plant sale, hosted by the North Fulton Master Gardeners, and in partnership with the Georgia Native Plant Society. The Alpharetta Community Agriculture Program germinated and propagated over 15,000 seedlings for the plant sale.
- **School Garden Support Program** — Three schools have been added for the 2026/2027 school year, bringing the total number of schools enrolled in this program to 12.
- **HOA Garden and Habitat Support Program** — A second HOA has joined this new program: The Gathering on Haynes Bridge and Westside Parkway.

Monthly Initiatives:

- **Summer Plant Distribution** — The summer vegetable and flower pick up starts April 18th and runs through April 25th. This will include hot-weather edible vegetables, herbs, and flowers, along with seeds.
- **Summer Camp Update** — **AG-Venture** Summer Camp at Old Rucker Farm is sold out three of the four weeks! We expect it to be fully sold out by the end of the month.
- **Volunteer Program** - We recently added a Volunteer Coordinator PT role, and this has enabled us to add two additional volunteer days each week. These slots have quickly filled up, and the additional community hands are helping us keep the farm and park in good order as the season progresses.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Kim Zane
Meeting Date: April 14, 2026

AGENDA ITEM:

Cultural Services Division Monthly Report - APRIL 2026

Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Cultural Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Monthly Highlights:

- Non-Profit Workshop Series — Alpharetta Arts & Culture Master Plan Initiative
- Alexi Torres - Solo Artist Show at the Alpharetta Arts Center
- Matilda's Music Series — The Spotlight Stage

Monthly Initiatives:

- The Spotlight Stage — Wayfinding Signage
- Continuum Alpharetta - Deanna Sirlin Art Installation
- Music Match Shows
- Power of the Print — Call to Artists Gallery Show — Alpharetta Arts Center
- The 39 Steps — Arcadia Theater at The Spotlight Stage
- Directions Outdoor Gallery Show — Alpharetta Arts Center

Monthly Happenings:

- Arts & Culture Online Calendar <https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/recreation-parks/cultural-services>
- Alpharetta Music City - Live Music Calendar <https://www.awesomealpharetta.com/calendar/category/alpharetta-music-city-live-music/>

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Staff Presentation Arts & Culture 4/2026

Alpharetta Arts & Culture Report April 2026

MANAGING A BOARD OF DIRECTORS

From Procedural Meetings to Strategic Leadership

Thursday, February 19, 2026

City of Alpharetta Arts & Culture

DESIGNING A STRATEGIC BOARD MEETING

In preparing the agenda for a successful and efficient board meeting, be sure to consider the following:

- MEETING PURPOSE**
What must be true at the end of this meeting for it to be successful?
- THE ONE STRATEGIC QUESTION**
If the board answers this well, the meeting is a success.
- WHAT BELONGS IN PRE-READS (NOT THE MEETING)**
Reports, updates, FYIs that do not require board discussion.
- HOW THE BOARD NEEDS TO ENGAGE**
What kind of work are you asking the board to do?
 - Sense-making Decision-making Commitment
 - Strategic discussion Alignment Other
- FACILITATION MOVE(S) I WILL USE**
(Examples: framing questions, time limits, redirecting to board-level issues.)

BOARD COMMITMENT MENU

How board members can emphasize their contribution this year
Guiding principle: Not everyone does everything. Every board member contributes meaningfully.

- TIME**
Optional ways to give time beyond meetings
- TALENT**
Optional ways to apply expertise or skills
- TREASURE**
Optional ways to support financial sustainability
- TESTIMONY**
Optional ways to advocate and build confidence
- TIES**
Optional ways to open doors and build relationships

Up Next



Futureproofing Your Development Program

Mar 5

In an era of economic uncertainty, sustainable fundraising requires both discipline and adaptability. This workshop helps nonprofit leaders assess and modernize their development programs to reduce risk and increase long-term resilience.

Participants will explore strategies to diversify revenue, implement donor-friendly digital tools, and shift toward values-driven storytelling that clearly demonstrates impact.

Attendees will walk away with a clear analytical framework to identify their highest-return growth opportunities and prioritize investments that strengthen fundraising performance over time.



Leveraging Technology as a Tool for Nonprofits

Mar 19

Technology should make your organization more effective—not more complicated. This hands-on workshop helps nonprofit leaders cut through the noise to identify practical, affordable technologies that improve efficiency, insight, and impact.

Participants will explore how tools like automation, data dashboards, CRMs, and emerging AI applications can support fundraising, communications, grant development, and internal operations. The session emphasizes responsible adoption, with guidance on data privacy, ethical use, and change management.

Attendees will leave with a clear framework for evaluating tools, prioritizing investments, and leveraging technology in ways that align with their mission, capacity, and values.



FROM THE ARTIST'S STUDIO

ALEXI TORRES

MARCH 4 THRU APRIL 18



ALPHARETTA ARTS & CULTURE

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MEET THE ARTIST

at the RECEPTION



Friday, March 13
5:30 - 7:30PM

ALPHARETTA ARTS & CULTURE

arts ALPHARETTA

238 Canton St.
Alpharetta GA 30009

LIVE MUSIC • GOOD VIBES • LIGHT EATS • CASH BAR

Matilda's

MUSIC AT THE SPOTLIGHT

LISTENING
ROOM
SERIES

TICKETS
ON SALE
Now!



★ TICKETS ★

JAN 31 ★ FEB 13 ★ MAR 7
Americana Roots Jazz Club Nashville Circle

awesome
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Matilda's

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AMERICANA ROOTS

APR 25

FEATURING SINGER SONGWRITERS:

BETSY FRANCK
CLAIRE CAMPBELL
JESSE WILLIAMS

NEW
DATE



Indoor Signage

Sliding Doors

What:
Logo on Sliding Glass Door

Where:
Macy's Food Court Entrance
Food Court Entrance by JCPenny's

Benefit:
Gives recognition that they have parked at the correct entrance



THE SPOTLIGHT Wayfinding Signage Proposal



Outdoor Signage

Lamp Post Signs

What:
Banners added to Lamp Post in Charlie Lot

Where:
Lamp Posts 20-27 Along outer ring of Charlie lot and leading toward Food Court Sliding Doors



Each post a different color



THE SPOTLIGHT Alpharetta Community Stage

Arrival Guide

We look forward to welcoming you to The Spotlight. Please find arrival details below for the best way to access the theater.

PARKING



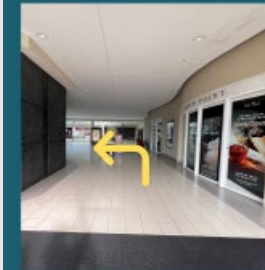
Upon arrival, follow directional signs toward JCPenny for the most convenient access. Parking is available near the 2nd Floor Food Court entrance, next to JCPenny.

ENTRANCE



Once you've parked, make your way through the entrance and follow the directional signs to The Spotlight.

ARRIVAL PATH



After going through the doors, continue straight past the escalators and take an immediate left.

DESTINATION



Please find the entrance to The Spotlight on your right. Enjoy your experience!



Facade Installation:
-Level 02 | 9'-3"H x 23'-4" W
-Level 01 | 10'-9"H x 23'-4" W
-Level 01 | 10'-9"H x 20'-6" W

Deanna Sirlin
Art Installation at 5555 Windward Parkway

continuum
ALPHARETTA





Facade Installation:
- Level 02 | 9'-3" H x 23'-4" W
- Level 01 | 10'-9" H x 23'-4" W
- Level 01 | 10'-9" H x 20'-6" W





Interior View within Public Passage

Public
Passage



Public
Passage

Live Music Match
ALPHARETTA MUSIC CITY

Levi Ransom
Thu, April 23 | 1:00 - 3:00pm

ALPHARETTA ARTS & CULTURE

W WARM WAVES COFFEE

ALPHARETTA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Live Music Match
ALPHARETTA MUSIC CITY

Catherine Evergreen
Fri, April 24 | 5:00 - 7:00pm

ALPHARETTA ARTS & CULTURE

ALPHARETTA ARTS CENTER

ALPHARETTA ARTS

ALPHARETTA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Live Music Match
ALPHARETTA MUSIC CITY

Riley Dennis
Thu, May 14 | 7:00 - 9:00pm

ALPHARETTA ARTS & CULTURE

TRUCK & TAP
FOOD TRUCKS • CRAFT BEER

ALPHARETTA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Live Music Match
ALPHARETTA MUSIC CITY

Ben Bostick
Thu, April 23 | 6 - 8pm

ALPHARETTA ARTS & CULTURE

SMOKEJACK

ALPHARETTA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Live Music Match
ALPHARETTA MUSIC CITY

Lisa Handman
Thu, May 7 | 11am - 1pm

ALPHARETTA ARTS & CULTURE

SeniorServices NORTH FULTON
MEALS ON WHEELS • TRANSPORTATION SERVICES • SENIOR CENTERS

ALPHARETTA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Live Music Match
ALPHARETTA MUSIC CITY

Trey Wright
Fri, June 12 | 5:00 - 7:00pm

ALPHARETTA ARTS & CULTURE

ALPHARETTA ARTS CENTER

ALPHARETTA ARTS

ALPHARETTA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Live Music Match
ALPHARETTA MUSIC CITY

Jon Oswald
Thu, June 11 | 7:00 - 9:00pm

ALPHARETTA ARTS & CULTURE

TRUCK & TAP
FOOD TRUCKS • CRAFT BEER

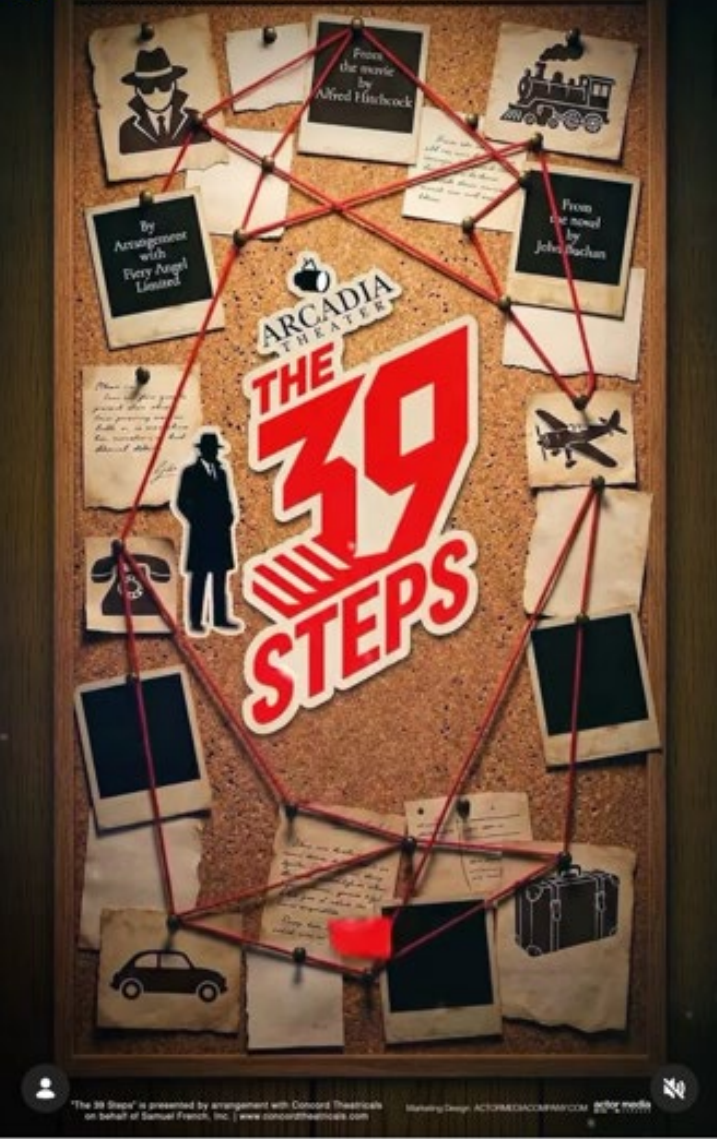
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POWER OF THE PRINT



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alpharettaartsandculture EXTENDED DEADLINE: POWER OF THE PRINT... more
March 20



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Take it Slow and Enjoy Your Direction



DIRECTIONS
COMMUNITY ART GARDEN
@ALPHARETTA ARTS CENTER

Artists: Marianne Casey

Like, Comment, Share, Save

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STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

Submitted By: Christine Young

Meeting Date: April 14, 2026

AGENDA ITEM:

Recreation Services Division Monthly Report — APRIL 2026

Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Recreation Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Board discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Monthly Highlights:

- Spring Sessions began March 2nd
- Staff Changes
- Summer hiring continues
- Teamwork at Wacky World!!

Monthly Happenings:

Upcoming Events

- Food Truck Alley starts Thursday, April 23rd at 5:00 p.m.
- Songwriters at Sundown begins on Saturday, April 25th in Brooke Street Park at 7:00 p.m.
- Taste of Alpharetta is on Thursday, May 14th from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Pool opening day May 23rd, Sharks practice, senior, lap, and water fitness begins May 11th

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

Submitted By: Eric Milley

Meeting Date: April 14, 2026

AGENDA ITEM:

Park Services (Excluding Wills Park) Division Monthly Report - APRIL 2026

Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Park Services (Excluding Wills Park) Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Monthly Highlights:

- Most of the staff at all parks have been assisting the Wacky World 2.0 Community Build. Although the building was 10 days there was a lot of preparation leading up to it and there were a lot of breakdowns when build was finished. Tables, sawhorses, pods, tents, and tools had to be cleaned, organized, counted, and sent back.
- Webb Bridge Trail renovation will begin this month.
- Webb Bridge dog park landscape project will begin this month.
- North Park concession stand rebuild is well under way, target completion date is June.
- Farmers Market is back in session for the season starting April 4th.
- We are currently completing Employee Evaluations.
- Barry Pike will be retiring April 10th, 2026, and we are currently going through applicants to fill that supervisor position.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

Submitted By: Matt Casey

Meeting Date: April 14, 2026

AGENDA ITEM:

Park Services (Wills Park & Equestrian Center) Division Monthly Report - APRIL 2026

Report on the latest updates, projects, events and/or initiatives of the Park Services (Wills Park & Equestrian Center) Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Monthly Highlights:

- Bond Initiatives have continued at Wills Park. Wacky World playground structure is complete. We are now shifting focus to the poured surface and perimeter fence.
- The restroom at Wills Park has also made tremendous progress.
- The Waggy World Dog Park layout and fencing will be completed soon.
- The Equestrian Center continues to make strides in its renovation.
- Concrete at the Equestrian Center has been poured the tiered viewing walls.
- The Equestrian Center main entrance will start getting poured in the next couple weeks.

Monthly Initiatives:

- Continue focusing on park enhancements moving into the spring season.

ATTACHMENTS:

None