

**October 2019**

**Fall Park Board Staff Report - Developed Parks**

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**Completed Staff Projects CY 19**

- Re-graded entrance road to Jacob's Island
- MRL art project foundation for "Scratch"
- Rebuilt post and rail fence upper Greenough Parking Lot
- Rebuilt/repaired post and rail fence various Rattlesnake neighborhood parks
- Owner provided items; Benches, Picnic Tables, Trash enclosures, irrigation etc.
- Caras Park restroom painting (interior) in partnership with MDA
- Successfully completed first KABOOM! Playground build project-Rose Park

**Current Staff Projects CY 19**

- In kind staff contribution to Cherry Gulch/Greenough bank restoration Project
- Heritage Park improve access entry, add bollard to prevent private vehicles entering park
- Replace fixtures Caras Park restroom
- Playfair Park fence repairs
- Rebuild Rose Park shed
- Fall clean up Ops Yard

**Park Asset Management Plan FY19**

- VFD well pump installation Silvers Park (in progress)
- Selective parking lot striping McCormick Parking Lot
- Additional "zero turn" mower purchased

**Fort Missoula Regional Park/Athletics CY 19**

- Phase I replacement trees scheduled for first week in October
- Installed Junior Olympic outfield fencing on FMRP and McCormick fields
- Hosted Maggot Fest, Avalanche Rumble tournament, Little league tournament to date
- Installed fence and protective netting around tot-lot playground in softball 5-plex
- Working with Dig Missoula to improve Playfair sand volleyball courts (complete)
- Discussions for a temporary Disc Golf course at FMRP (continued)

### **Herbicides throughout Developed Parks**

With continued research and controversy regarding Glyphosate. Parks Operations continues to seek alternatives, using an Integrated Pest Management approach to weed management. Herbicide applications are only considered when all other options are ineffective at a given location. When an herbicide is deemed appropriate, we attempt to control germination with pre-emergent first. If not applicable, we will use a selective herbicide. Glyphosate based products are a last resort. Park Operations is researching possible new alternative products.

### **2019 Herbicide Free Parks Include**

- Bonner Park
- Boyd Park
- Duncan Dr. Soccer field
- Garland Park
- Greenough Park (Developed Park only)
- Honeysuckle Park
- Jacob's Island
- Lester Park
- Westside Park
- Playfair fields 2 and 7

### **Divisional Goals**

- Continue to develop plans to maintain staff retention and efficiencies
- Work effectively with partnership organizations, such as;
  - Explore improvement options with the Parking Commission for Caras Park entrance
  - Explore opportunities for Community Service Workers and College of Technology working in parks
- Analyze Park Operation teams to ensure efficient delivery of services to customers, take action where necessary



