

**City of Alexandria, Virginia
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting**

**Charles Houston Recreation Center
901 Wythe Street**

**Thursday, May 15, 2025
7 p.m. Regular Meeting**

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order:** Dana Colarulli, Chair
2. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**
3. **Commissioner Reports & Announcements**
 - a. Staff Report – Commissioner Comments
4. **Action Items**
 - a. Approval March 20, 2025 Minutes
5. **Items of Information**
 - a. **PRGS Open Space “Refresher” Presentation**
Michael Swidrak, Urban Planner III, Planning & Zoning
Mary Catherine Gibbs, Wire Gill, LLP & Simon Beer, OJB
 - b. **Site See: Public Art Update**
Diane Ruggiero, Deputy Director, Office of the Arts
 - c. **Ewald Park Design Concept Update**
Judy Lo, Principal Planner, Park Services
 - d. **Skatepark Improvements & Community Engagement Update**
Jose Ayala, Principal Planner, Park Services
6. **Next Meeting: June 26, 2025**
 - a. Patrick Henry Recreation Center, 4653 Taney Avenue
Public Hearing – Ewald Park Design Concept
7. **Adjournment**

For reasonable disability accommodation, contact Jack Browand at Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov or 703.746.5504, Virginia Relay 711. We request that you provide 48-hour notice so that the proper arrangements can be made.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 15, 2025
TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS
FROM: LAURA DURHAM, DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION
SUBJECT: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION DIVISION UPDATE ITEM

OSTP School Year Update

Current 24-25 School Year Enrollment: 1299

Current Summer 2025 Enrollment: 932

We are currently offering Out-of-School Time Programming (OSTP) at **10 afterschool locations**, including **2 specialty programs**—Youth Achieving Greatness and TR Achieving Greatness—and **3 LINK Club locations**, for a total of **13 programming opportunities**.

The OSTP Committee is actively working on **four strategic goals** designed to align our efforts with the Division's broader Strategic Initiatives. These action items aim to enhance our internal processes and create a more seamless experience for OSTP participants and their families.

2025–26 School Year: Power-On Registration

- **Pre-registration** is available to families who qualify for federal assistance programs (free/reduced-price school meals, SNAP, and TANF).
 - Opens: **June 8**
 - Closes: **June 13**
 - Families will be notified of their eligibility by **email or phone starting June 18**.
- **General online registration** opens **June 25 at 9 a.m.**
- **In-person registration** begins **June 26 at 9 a.m.**
- Registration—both online and in-person—will remain open until all spots are filled.

Pre-registration forms can be submitted online or in person at any neighborhood recreation center or OSTP afterschool site during regular program hours.

In alignment with the City of Alexandria's **Social Equity Initiative**, priority pre-registration is available for qualifying families to ensure equitable access to the Power-On OSTP.

Partnerships & Collaborations:

RPCA partners with ACPS, UpCycle, Momentum Collective Inc., and the Buddie Ford Nature Center to enhance OSTP Power-On afterschool programming. These organizations provide specialized programming, academic support, and enrichment activities across various sites.

Program Wrap-ups:

- The **Underwater Egg Hunt** at Chinquapin attracted over 150 participants. The event featured a water-based egg hunt, where participants used baskets to collect as many eggs as possible. Afterward, they exchanged their eggs for a bag of candy, with the amount based on the number of eggs collected. The event was held in four sessions, each accommodating up to 50 participants, along with additional walk-ins.



- ACPS's concluded its **Middle School Swim and Dive season** with a swim meet on April 11th at the Minnie Howard Aquatics Facility.



- The Out-of-School Time Program at Charles Houston Recreation Center had a **fun-filled Spring Break**. Highlights included visits from Baroody Camps, the Nature Center, and the Fire and Police Departments. Participants also enjoyed making bracelets and spring-themed crafts. A clear favorite among the kids was getting the chance to spray the fire hose!



- On May 2, participants in our Out-of-School Time Program took center stage at **Night of Stars 2025**—an unforgettable evening that celebrated the talent, creativity, and spirit of our youth. The event drew over 400 enthusiastic attendees, filling the auditorium with energy and excitement.

The program featured powerful performances in **spoken word, dance, song, and poetry**, as students showcased their gifts with passion and confidence. From heartfelt expressions to creative brilliance, each act reflected the dedication and talent nurtured through our OSTP.



Night of Stars was not just a performance, it was a celebration of courage, community, and artistic excellence. The success of the evening is a testament to the hard work and collaboration of our participants, staff, and volunteers. Families, friends, and staff left inspired and proud, reminded of the incredible potential within our programs.



- During the month of April, Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center celebrated Autism Awareness Month. The month was filled with activities that ended with an inclusion pool party at the new Minnie Howard pool.



Program Updates:

- Community Outreach & Safe Place** – The **Community Cookouts** are officially underway. These events serve as valuable outreach opportunities to engage residents and share information about summer camps, youth programs, Safe Place resources, city-wide services, and upcoming community events. They also aim to strengthen relationships between the community and local law enforcement.

The Community Cookouts are hosted in partnership with RPCA, the Alexandria Police Department, Alexandria Sheriff's Office, Alexandria Fire Department, DCHS, ARHA, SAPCA, and a variety of other City agencies, local businesses, and non-profit organizations.

Cookouts will take place at designated locations across the City of Alexandria from **April 29 through July 1, 2025**.

- Buddie Ford Nature Center's **First Friday Bird Count** was a hit last month as participants spotted a red-bellied woodpecker excavating her nest. On April 4, the group returned to hear the mother woodpecker loudly guarding her nest. Everyone is excited to see nestlings on the next visit.



- On April 22, Buddie Ford staff Arianna and Dena led a **45-minute Show and Tell program** for 110 first graders at James K. Polk Elementary. The hands-on presentation featured live animals and interactive props, keeping students engaged and curious throughout. It was a fun and enriching introduction to nature.

- **Patrick Henry Recreation Center** launched a **Drop-In Soccer** program for adults on Tuesday evenings from **6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**, starting April 22, 2025. The first session saw 14 participants, showing growing interest in informal recreation.



Open to ages 16 and up, the semi-organized program is suitable for all skill levels. A staff member is present to manage the clock, track scores, and ensure fair play.

The center is using the **Meetup app** to connect local residents and expand its drop-in sports community. Games are held on the lighted field, which activates automatically at sunset.

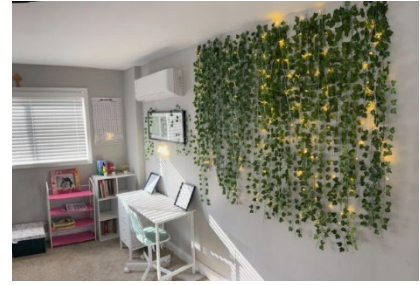
- On March 21, **William Ramsay Recreation Center** hosted a **Teen Appreciation Event** featuring competitive games, craft making, a game truck, pizza, and a DJ spinning the latest tunes. The event was a success and signals the beginning of increased teen participation in the City of Alexandria's Teen Programs.



- On March 26, **Francis C. Hammond LINK Club** hosted a **Spring Sip n' Paint** event for youth ages 11–15. The creative session encouraged social connection in a relaxed atmosphere, filled with music, conversation, and refreshments. It promoted creative expression, mindfulness, and skill development in a supportive, inclusive environment.



- Fifth-grade girls in the Space of Her Own mentoring program are completing **end-of-year room transformations**, highlighting their art and STEM projects. These personalized spaces help each girl feel supported as she transitions to middle school.



- On April 19, Mount Vernon Recreation Center hosted an Egg Hunt and Art Pop-Up event. Despite the rain, families came out for a fun-filled morning. Children ages 1–4 eagerly searched for 650 eggs and enjoyed creative arts and crafts activities with their parents and siblings.



- On May 2, Mount Vernon Rec Center and the Mount Vernon Community School PTA co-hosted “Cinco de Mile,” a community fundraiser with over 300 students joining a 1-mile run and field day. Rec staff provided support, and a DJ, bake sale, and water station added to the fun.



- On May 3, Mount Vernon Recreation Center hosted its annual **Mother’s Day Spa** from 11:00am-1:00pm. Moms and daughters will come out and enjoy spa treatments, massages, and manicures.



- **Track and Conditioning** participants returned to spring activities at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, where children ages 7-12 trained under Coach Jason’s guidance. Focused on discipline and work ethic, Coach Jason is preparing the youth for the upcoming City Track Meet on May 10th.



Special Features:

- On **April 30**, Recreation Services hosted a **Hiring Event** at the Oswald Durant Center, attracting over 130 candidates for positions like Recreation Leaders, Lifeguards, and Managers on Duty. The event featured multiple interview panels and was supported by RPCA HR, Workforce Development, and City Talent Acquisition. Our goal is to host similar events bi-annually to boost staffing for OSTP, Aquatics, and Classes & Camps.
- **Chinquapin** has partnered with the **Seaport Foundation** to teach **Basic Water Safety** to participants in their apprenticeship program. The program provides hands-on experience in boatbuilding, and Chinquapin's support ensures safety around water for these young apprentices.
- The **Community Engagement Team** received a **\$60,000 NRPA Grant** to develop a new mentoring program for middle school youth in West End Alexandria, aimed at engaging students showing signs of school disengagement.
- The **Oswald Durant Center** collaborated with **UnCut** to collect donations for the **2025 Citywide Formal Closet**. Donations were collected through March and April, helping 75 teens find prom dresses and accessories.



Staff Updates:

- **Calvin Simpson** has been promoted to **Regional Program Director** for the Sports Section. With experience at the Charles Houston Recreation Center and Fort Belvoir's MWR, Calvin brings 12 years of sports expertise. He holds a Bachelor's in Sports Management and a Master's in Athletic Leadership.
- **Gary Mattocks** joins the **William Ramsay Recreation Center** as the new **Manager on Duty**, bringing extensive experience to the team.
- **Lindsey Baylor** has been hired as the new **Aquatics Manager II** at **Chinquapin**, with a strong background in athletic recreation and aquatics programming.

- **Lucresha Murphy-Tate**, formerly PARKnership Manager, is transitioning to the **Recreation Services Division** as part of the community engagement team. She holds a Bachelor's in Health and Physical Education and an MBA, bringing leadership and community engagement expertise.
- **Madeline "Maddie" Nance** has been named **Regional Program Director** for the **Alexandria Mentoring Partnership**. With degrees in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management, Maddie has extensive experience in mentoring, youth services, and partnership development.
- The **Durant Center** welcomes **Misrak Brhane** as **Event Coordinator**, bringing event coordination experience, most recently with **USAID**. Misrak will oversee private rentals and improve the center's rental experience.
- **McKayla Dwyer** has been promoted to **Part-Time Therapeutic Recreation Leader** after successfully completing the On-Boarding Academy. She has a strong background in inclusion support services and program planning.
- **Jada Amoako** has been promoted to **Full-Time Therapeutic Recreation Leader**, focusing on Citywide programming, inclusion support, OSTP, and more. Jada's expertise has revitalized operations.
- **Congratulations to our Youth Activities Employees of the Month** for their dedication, professionalism, and positive impact on the youth they serve:

John Adams – Devonte Catron

Ferdinand T. Day – Rosie Washington

Charles Barrett – Tandra Thornes

Douglas MacArthur – Toshiko Smith

Francis C. Hammond – Torrey Johnson

These team members consistently go above and beyond to foster safe, supportive, and enriching environments for our children.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 15, 2025

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: JACK BROWAND, DEPUTY DIRECTOR ^{JB}
RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

ITEM 3.a.: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION DIVISION UPDATE
PARK SERVICES

NATURAL RESOURCES

Oscar Mendoza, Division Chief

The Natural Resources Division continues its seasonal efforts to manage and eradicate invasive plant species across the park system. Target species active during this time of year in Northern Virginia include Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), English ivy (*Hedera helix*), garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*), and multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*).

In April and May, the division implemented a comprehensive program of mechanical removal and selective herbicide application at several high-priority sites, including Four Mile Run, Potomac Green Park (with the support of community volunteers), Kora Kelly Park, and Angel Park. These efforts are part of a broader ecological stewardship initiative aimed at preserving native biodiversity and improving habitat health.

Additional treatment sites are being scheduled for early summer based on ecological priority and available resources.



- Urban Forestry

1. Update of the 275th Dedication Trees from last year – Residents have noticed the resurgence of these trees. Many of the trees showed severe planting shock last year during the dry weather, but we are currently reporting only ~8% die-off, which is exceptionally well for boulevard trees. Most trees look great this year and survived the winter.
2. Volunteer Plantings have begun – Urban Forestry planted our Arbor Day Tree with the Mayor on King Street in April and Urban Forestry worked with Volunteer Alexandria, a local non-profit, for the 3rd year in a row for a special commemorative planting with Holmes Run. We encourage residents and local business groups to reach out to Urban Forestry for volunteer planting opportunities.
3. Tree Seedling give away is happening through at Eco-Fair, May 10th. Trees are sponsored by Urban Forestry and are being handed out by the Beautification Commission.
4. We are continuing to deploy free trees to private residents who have requested boulevard trees, but their boulevards do not meet the width criteria. So far, we have a couple dozen homeowners enrolled in that option.



PARK PLANNING & CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Bethany Znidersic, Division Chief

Capital Improvement Project Summary Update

- May Park Planning & Capital Development Report, Park Services (*Attachment 2*)

Sites Currently Closed or Partially Closed to Public Use for Capital Projects

- Colasanto Park (active construction)
- Holmes Run Trail (Site 1 – design & Site 2 & 3 – construction)
- Holmes Run Trail between Ripley Street and Eisenhower Avenue (partial temporary

closures for pavement repairs and trail striping)

- Joseph Hensley Park (active construction)
- Oronoco Bay Park boardwalk - (closed for inspections and structural repairs)

2025 Needs Assessment Survey

Project Manager: Jose Carlos Ayala, Principal Planner

The Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA) has completed a review of the draft 2025 RPCA Community Needs Assessment report. The consultant is now finalizing the report based on staff feedback and working concurrently to format the final content for a user-friendly, web-based dashboard that will make the information easily accessible to decision-makers and the public. The final report will be available to the community in the fall of 2025. The insights gathered will inform future planning, investments, and policy development within RPCA.

LED Light Conversion Project

Project Manager: Bethany Znidersic, Division Chief & Matt Melkerson, T&ES

Over the past several years, the City has been working to upgrade existing park and pathway lighting in City parks to LED technology. This technology has numerous benefits including:

- **More Energy Efficiency:** LED lights typically use 70-80% less energy than the older lights being replaced
- **Less Maintenance:** LED fixtures have a lifespan of 15 years, compared to older fixtures where bulbs needed to be replaced every 2-5 years.
- **Less Expense:** This combination of higher energy efficiency and less maintenance results in cost savings for the City.

To date, over 420 park and pathway lights have been converted to LED in City Parks, including Ben Brenman Park, Armistead L. Boothe Park, Fort Wark Park, Chinquapin Park, and a majority of the Waterfront parks. The City anticipates completing the remaining 24 park streetlight upgrades by Fall 2025. On an annual basis, the upgrades to LED streetlights in City parks are currently saving over 215,000 kilowatt-hours of energy, which is the energy savings equivalent of powering 20 typical residential homes for an entire year.

2025 Community Matching Fund

Project Manager: Lucresha Murphy-Tate, PARKnership Manager

The Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA) launched the 2025 Community Matching Fund application period on April 7. The program connects local businesses and organizations with City-owned parks, gardens, trails, and recreational spaces to improve them for the entire community. The Community Matching Fund provides up to \$50,000 in financial support for projects that enhance the City's public spaces. Any community group that resides or operates in the City of Alexandria is eligible to apply for the matching fund. Their proposal must showcase the ability to enhance community strength and well-being through improvements to parks and recreation facilities. Interested groups can send proposals to RPCA up until May 26. alexandriava.gov/rpca/community-matching-fund.

Hillside Park Timber Removals and Path Installation

Project Manager: Daniel Unkle, Urban Planner III

The project addresses the Hillside Park Pocket Park Improvement recommendations #3, #5, and #6. This project will revitalize the hillside path by removing deteriorated timbers/asphalt and installing a new trail. Work will take place in phases, beginning with the northern section of the park—adjacent to the shopping center. In this first phase, selected timbers and asphalt will be removed, the area will be fine-graded, and a natural gravel path will be installed. The surrounding space will then be seeded with a blend of native grasses and perennials, extending the woodland meadow. These enhancements will not only improve safety and accessibility but also elevate the park's aesthetics. Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-to-late June.

PARK MAINTENANCE

Derek Claytor, Division Chief

RPCA along with other City Departments participated in a two-day demonstration of battery powered equipment from different vendors promoting ECO friendly options vs. Gas Powered.



Bishop Ireton H.S. held another very successful annual community day of service which is an event where over 100 students went to various parks throughout the city picking up litter and debris.

PARK SUPPORT

Tonja Walls, Division Chief

Restroom, Fountain & Irrigation

Continued de-winterizing, repairs and inspection occurred throughout the park system to restore water at all facilities and parks

cc: Derek Claytor, Division Chief, Park Maintenance
 Oscar, Mendoza, Division Chief, Natural Resources
 Tonja Walls, Division Chief, Park Support
 Bethany, Znidersic, Division Chief, Park Planning & Capital Development

Park & Recreation Commission -Park Planning Report



May 15, 2025

Project	Project Description	Monthly Update	Status	Planning District	Target Completion Date	Assigned To	
1	RPCA Needs Assessment	This project will conduct a needs assessment to better understand the community's desires for park and recreation facilities, and will provide statistically valid data to inform future planning for open space and community recreation.	The RPCA team met with the consultant to finalize edits to the documents and begin the community document. A web-based dashboard is in progress and draft materials will be reviewed by staff in mid-May. This dashboard will showcase the key points of the findings and allow for the public to explore the data in greater detail.	Planning	Citywide	05/01/25	Jose Ayala
2	Community Matching Fund	The Community Matching Fund promotes collaborative partnerships among Alexandria community organizations by providing matching dollars for groups that propose fundraising for park improvement projects. The Fund is designed to foster public/private partnerships and cultivate innovative ways for residents to have a greater stake in improving the park and recreation facilities that they use. Community groups interested in receiving matching funds will compete for grant aid amounts up to \$50,000	The 2025 Community Matching Fund application process is in progress. The application period will close May 26.	Initiation	Citywide	11/28/25	Lucresha Murphy-Tate
3	City Gateway Planting Renovations	This project will renovate planting beds throughout the City's 14 gateway locations in partnership with the Beautification Commission. These highly visible locations are viewed by thousands each day. The renovations will enhance and improve the appearance of the City by incorporating sustainable native plantings.	Phase I of the landscape enhancement around the City's newly installed gateway signs has been successfully completed. Six ornamental beds were created and enhanced with native plants.	Implementation	Citywide	11/01/24	Oscar Mendoza
4	Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (NVCT) MOU	Annual MOU agreement with the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust	RPCA and NVCT have agreed on the timeline, work plan, and annual report to align with the fiscal year. This agreement will be effective from October 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026, spanning twenty-one months.	Active Agreement	Citywide	09/30/26	Jose Ayala
5	Nannie J Lee Pool Demolition	Project will fill in the existing pool and convert the former pool area to a new public space.	The pool has been drained and cleaned. Survey and Geotech consultants will perform on-site work week of May 5 and demolition of the pool shell and surrounding concrete will follow.	Procurement	Citywide	07/15/25	Jesse Van Wick
6	Bike Trail Striping	This project will stripe the network of off street trails located along Holmes Run and Eisenhower Valley. The markings will enhance visibility and safety. Work includes restoration of deteriorated trail markings	The Holmes Run trail will be striped in June following completion of scheduled trail maintenance. https://www.alexandriava.gov/sites/default/files/2025-04/trail_maintenance_notice.pdf	Implementation	Citywide	07/31/25	Judy Lo
7	Shared Use Path Repairs	Project will repair the Citywide network of off-street shared use trails. Work may include trail re-surfacing, reconstruction of trail subbase, root pruning, crack repair, sealant and drainage improvements. Anticipated locations include but are not limited to the Holmes Run trail, Eisenhower Ave. trail, Metro Linear Park, Mt. Vernon Trail, Waterfront Park, Cameron Station Linear Park, Ben Brenman Park, Potomac Greens Park, Chambliss Trail, Mill Road and Oronoco Bay Park. Locations are rated Poor/Fair in the 2022 Pavement Condition Index	The first area for improvement (Holmes Run Trail) has begun. The website and site signage provide additional information for the community. The contractor began work on May 5. https://www.alexandriava.gov/sites/default/files/2025-04/trail_maintenance_notice.pdf	Implementation	Citywide	07/31/25	Jesse Van Wick
8	Waterfront Park Furniture Replacement	This project will replace the existing moveable site furnishings located throughout the park	Furniture installation occurred at the end of April and the materials are in use by the community.	Complete	District 1	09/01/25	Daniel Unkle
9	Lee Center Basketball Court Surface Repairs	This project will repair the court surface to address existing cracks.	The project is substantially complete. The Contractor will work on punch list items in the spring of 2025.	Close-out	District 1	06/02/25	Daniel Unkle
10	Washington Street Medians Irrigation Repairs	This project will repair and replace the existing irrigation system located in the medians.	The irrigation contractor received notice to proceed. The irrigation work will be completed in May.	Implementation	District 1	06/30/25	Daniel Unkle
11	Powhatan Park Improvements	Implementation of the Neighborhood Park Plan recommendations #3, #6, #7, #8 and #9. https://media.alexandriava.gov/docs-archives/recreation/parks/neighborhood-plan=powhatan.pdf	A task order to design the park improvements will be issued under the Landscape Architect Engineer of Record contract. Staff are currently reviewing the proposal and an award is anticipated in May.	Design	District 1	12/01/25	Daniel Unkle
12	Old Town Pool Replacement Design	This project will include planning and design for the replacement of Old Town Pool.	The design task order has been issued to the design team for proposal. The City anticipates awarding the contract in late May 2025/early June. Design is anticipated to start in summer 2025.	Planning	District 1	04/30/25	Jack Browand
13	Montgomery Park Tennis Court Repairs	This project will include crack repairs, color coat surface, and reline tennis court.	This project will include crack repairs, color coat surface, and relining the tennis courts. Work is anticipated in Summer of 2025, and the courts will be closed during the work. Waiting schedule from contractor.	Implementation	District 1	09/30/25	Daniel Unkle
14	Windmill Hill Basketball Court Surface Repairs	This project will include crack repairs, color coat surface, and reline the basketball court.	This project will include crack repairs, color coat surface, and relining the basketball court. Work is anticipated to begin in Summer of 2025, and the court will be closed during the work. Waiting contractor schedule.	Implementation	District 1	09/01/25	Daniel Unkle
15	Chinquapin Rec Center Elevator Upgrade	Replacement of the existing elevator with an interior lift and exterior elevator.	The construction invitation to bid for Phase I improvements was released and bids were received. The City's Purchasing Division is reviewing the bids and performing due diligence checks. A contract is anticipated to be awarded in June. Construction scheduling will be coordinated with RPCA's team to minimize disruption to the community. Partial closures/temporary impacts to portions of the building are anticipated during construction.	Procurement	District 2	12/01/25	Jenine Kotob
16	Colasanto Interactive Fountain Construction	This project phase includes funding for construction of interactive fountain.	Construction began at the end of March and demolition work is in progress. Please see the project website for more information: https://www.alexandriava.gov/rpca/project/del-ray-gateway	Implementation	District 2	10/31/25	Bethany Znidersic
17	Four Mile Run Water Access	This Community Matching Fund project, with the Four Mile Run Conservatory Foundation, will provide a new accessible water access (kayak launch) at the end of Commonwealth Ave.	The general contractor completed site mobilization and started installation of the helical pile supports.	Implementation	District 2	12/01/25	Judy Lo
18	Mount Jefferson Park Improvements	This project includes the City responsibilities per the Development Special Use Permit (DSUP) conditions.	Double entry gates for the Raymond Avenue dog park entrance will be installed this May/June. Spring landscape cleanup is in progress, and replacement plantings are scheduled for late spring. Invasive plant control activity will also resume this spring to remove tree of heaven and mulberry. A volunteer tree planting event is scheduled for May 18.	Close-out	District 2	04/17/25	Judy Lo
19	Elbert Triangle Access Improvements	Access improvements to the park as recommended in the Pocket Park Plan https://media.alexandriava.gov/docs-archives/recreation/parks/elbert.pdf		Implementation	District 2	03/03/25	Jesse Van Wick

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20	Sunset Mini Park Access Improvements	Access improvements to the park as recommended in the Pocket Park Plan https://media.alexandriava.gov/docs-archives/recreation/parks/sunset.pdf	Improved curb ramps were installed in March and the site is open to the community.	Complete	District 2	03/03/25	Jesse Van Wick
21	Hillside Park Erosion Control and Timber replacements	This project aims to replace deteriorated timbers and implement erosion control measures on the hill. It will be executed in phases, with the first phase focused on the northern section of the park (near the shopping center). In this initial phase, selected timbers and asphalt will be removed, the area will be fine-graded, and a stone dust path will be installed. The disturbed area will then be seeded with a native grass and perennial mix, creating a woodland meadow.	The contractor was given notice to proceed to start the project. Work is anticipated to start in June.	Implementation	District 2	07/10/25	Daniel Unkle
22	Potomac Yard Trail Glass Paver Repairs	This project will repair the glass pavers along Potomac Avenue and Mainline Blvd.	The repairs are complete and the site is open for use.	Complete	District 2	03/28/25	Daniel Unkle
23	Simpson Park Renovation Construction	Construction of the Simpson Park Renovation Project	The construction bid opening was held on February 21. The City is currently evaluating the contractor responses and an award is anticipated in early May. The park will remain open for community use as usual at this time. Utility relocation work will begin as weather permits. The fields and central portion of the park are anticipated to be closed in July. Please see the project website for more information: https://www.alexandriava.gov/parks/project/eugene-simpson-athletic-diamond-fields-renovation-plan	Procurement	District 2	01/30/26	Bethany Znidersic
24	Witter Fields Synthetic Turf Recarpeting	Initial Scope: This project will replace the carpet and infill on both fields and the middle turf space. The project will include diagnostic testing of the drainage system and review of the impact board and nailer board.	RPCA approved shop drawings for turf and the turf is currently being manufactured. Construction is anticipated to begin late June/early July and will run through July and August.	Implementation	District 2	06/30/26	Jesse Van Wick
25	Miracle Field Resurfacing	Initial Scope: This project will replace the surface of the Miracle Field, repair and replace the fence where needed.	Staff is in the procurement process for the surface replacement. Installation will be scheduled for Summer 2025 after the spring season.	Procurement	District 2	08/31/25	Daniel Unkle
26	Luckett Field Natural Turf Renovation	This project will remove the infield mix and prepare the site for conversion to a baseball field, amend the soil, fine grade the site, and re-sod the field.	The field has been reskinned. Extended poles have been installed and netting will be installed week of May 5.	Implementation	District 2	04/01/31	Jesse Van Wick
27	Four Mile Run Park Multi-purpose Court Color Coating	This project will include crack repairs, color coat surface, and reline the basketball and futsal courts.	This project will include crack repairs, color coat surface, and relining the court. Work is anticipated to begin in Summer of 2025 and the court will be closed during the work. Waiting contractor schedule.	Implementation	District 2	09/01/25	Daniel Unkle
28	Potomac Yard Park Basketball Court Repairs	This project will include crack repairs, color coat surface, and reline the basketball court.	This project will include crack repairs, color coat surface, and relining the court. Work is anticipated to begin in Summer of 2025 and the court will be closed during the work. Waiting contractor schedule.	Implementation	District 2	09/01/25	Daniel Unkle
29	George Mason Recreational Space	This project will fund a full sized gym, dedicated RPCA storage and office space, as well as outdoor accessible restrooms for the new George Mason facility.	Alexandria City Public Schools is in the design phase for the George Mason Elementary School Modernization Project. The Project Development Special Use Permit is scheduled for City Council public hearing on May 17. Please see the ACPS website for more information: https://gm.acps.k12.va.us/about/facility-modernization-maintenance	Design	District 2	08/03/26	Bethany Znidersic
30	Fort Ward Park ADA Parking	Upgrade existing parking to meet ADA requirements	Project anticipated for implementation in spring/summer of 2025. Partial closures of the parking lot will occur during the work.	Implementation	District 3	09/01/25	Daniel Unkle
31	Patrick Henry Outdoor Improvements	Project includes installation of athletic field and field lighting, parking lot and other landscapes improvements delayed due to MacArthur Swing Space determination.	Project is substantially complete. Punch list items identified.	Close-out	District 3	03/18/25	Jack Browand
32	Ben Brenman Picnic Area ADA Path	Provide improvements to create accessible pathway, grills, and picnic facilities, based on the plans developed in FY2017.	RPCA confirmed internal survey work to be done to verify existing grades on site. The survey request is in process. Design work will be completed in-house and will resume immediately after verified Survey.	Design	District 3	09/30/25	Jesse Van Wick
33	Hensley Park Renovation Phase I	This project will renovate Hensley Park based on the Citywide Parks Improvement Plan concept (2014).	Construction is in progress and is anticipated to be complete in spring 2025. The park restrooms will be complete in the summer of 2025. Please see the project website for more information: alexandriava.gov/rpca/project/joseph-hensley-park-renovation	Implementation	District 3	07/01/25	Bethany Znidersic
34	Fort Ward Playground Relocation	Relocate playground to an accessible location as recommended in the Fort Ward Management Plan	The 100% plans are complete and the plans were approved. The bid documents are in progress with the solicitation to be advertised in May.	Procurement	District 3	09/01/25	Judy Lo
35	Ewald Park Site Design	Design of Ewald Park per the 2015 Neighborhood Parks Plan	The draft park improvement plan recommendations were completed. The 30 day public comment period will run from April 21 - May 21. The draft plans are available on the project website: https://www.alexandriava.gov/parks/project/john-ewald-park-improvements The Commission Public Hearing is scheduled for June 26.	Planning	District 3	02/16/27	Judy Lo
36	Holmes Run Trail Repairs Construction	This project includes the restoration of four sections of Holmes Run Trail damaged and closed following July 2019 heavy rains.	Site 1, Dora Kelly Park, bridge construction contract award in process with construction start anticipated in July 2025. Completion of site 1 is anticipated fall 2026. Site 2 (west 395 bridge) & Site 3 (Ripley crossing) are under active construction. Completion of site 2 is anticipated in June. Site 2 will open with completion of Site 3. Site 3 began installation of concrete pilings completed and removal of coffer dam and temporary bridge in May 2025. Completion of sites 3 is anticipated in September 2025. Note: Site 2 & 3 when completed will provide full trail connection from Van Dorn St. to N. Beauregard St.	Implementation	District 3	12/01/25	Jack Browand
37	Ewald Park Basketball Court Repairs	This project will include crack repairs, color coat surface, and reline the basketball court.	This project will include crack repairs, color coat surface, and relining the basketball court. Work is anticipated to begin in Summer of 2025 and the court will be closed during the work. Waiting contractor schedule.	Implementation	District 3	09/01/25	Daniel Unkle
38	Fort Ward Athletic Field Lights - Re-Lamping	This project will re-lamp the existing athletic field lights, which are due for re-lamping after 5,000 hours of use.	The re-lamping project is complete and the lights are in service for community use.	Complete	District 3	05/01/25	Bradley Alger