



AGENDA -

Parks and Recreation Commission # 1-2015

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard ~ City Council Chambers

Thursday, January 8, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Commission Members: Chair Gutierrez, Vice-Chair Doran and Commissioners Richards, Finch, Buelt, Valentino, Kasthuri, McBurney and Katipamula.

Liaisons: Council Liaison Kent, Alternate Council Liaison Anderson and Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of January 8, 2015, Agenda

Approval of October 9, 2015 and December 11, 2014 (Special Meeting) Minutes

Council Liaison Report

Recreation Report

Parks and Public Facilities Report

Public Comments

Presentations

Unfinished Business

1. 2015 Parks and Recreation Commission Goals and Objectives

New Business

1. Discussion of 2014 Annual Report to Council
2. Project Updates

Commission Comments

Adjournment

The Next Parks and Recreation Commission Workshop is Thursday, January 22, 2015 and

The Next Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting is Thursday, February 12, 2015

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MINUTES

Richland Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting # 8-2014
Richland City Hall – 505 Swift Boulevard – Council Chambers
Thursday, October 9, 2014 ~ 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Chair Gutierrez, Commissioners Finch, McBurney, Valentino. Vice Chair Doran, Commissioner Richards and Buelt excused. Also in attendance were Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Parks and Recreation Manager Strand, Parks and Public Facilities Manager Pinard and Parks and Facilities Supervisor Sweeney.

APPROVAL OF THE October 9, 2014 AGENDA:

Commissioner McBurney **moved** to approve the October 9, 2014 agenda.
Vice Chair Doran **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE September 11, 2014 MINUTES:

Commissioner Valentino **moved** to approve the September 11, 2014 minutes.
Commissioner Buelt **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT:

Parks and Recreation Manager, Laurel Strand welcomed the public and informed all of the following events:

- Tree Sweater Weather Hike, October 21 at Howard Amon Park 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. and at Leslie Groves Park 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. No Fee
- Bateman Island GoeNature Hike, October 15 at Wye Park 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. No Fee
- Richland Senior Association monthly dance, October 17 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Fee is \$6.00 in the Riverview Room.
- Fall Carnival, October 24 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Pre-register before the event and save. Late registration at a higher fee is after 5:00 p.m. on the day of the event.

PARKS AND FACILITIES REPORT:

Parks and Facilities Supervisor, Darin Sweeney reported the following updates and progress. Pinard mentioned that crew is working on contracts for following improvements throughout the city:

- The installation of low maintenance landscaping at Fire Station # 72 and # 71 is completed, also the exterior of Fire Station # 71 was painted.
- Construction has begun on the forth Fire Station, Fire Station # 74 off of Duportail.
- Construction has begun on the new Championship Softball field at Columbia Playfields. The little league baseball field will be removed from that location in order for the additional softball field.
- Installation of the playground equipment at Gala Park is completed.
- Installation of the rubberized safety surfacing at the Sturgeon Cove playground in Howard Amon is in progress.
- Structural repairs have been made to several docks.
- The irrigation system at Central Howard Amon will be upgraded.
- Upgrades are being made to field # 3 at the Little League baseball fields at Badger Mountain Park
- The “Fingernail” at Howard Amon Park is being prepped to be painted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None – Public comments closed at 7:11 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

President of Greater Richland Little League, Zorba Manolopoulos presented an overview of the 2013 and 2014 league. Manolopoulos stated that in 2013 Richland was host to the Little League District 12 All-Stars tournament and this year Richland was host for the 2014 Little League State tournament both held at the Richland Badger Mountain Park. Manolopoulos informed all of the history of Richland Baseball Association which began in 1950 and also the history of the Floyd Gates Fields. Manolopoulos thanked the City with support and all the crews’ hard work on maintaining the fields and inquired on receiving more support from media.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Shoreline Substantial Development Application

Parks and Recreation Manager, Phil Pinard recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission forward the recommendation to the Planning Commission to approve the SM1-2014, River Shore Management Plan.

In July staff submitted a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit Application to trim and remove invasive vegetation along with the stabilization of eroding slopes along the Columbia River Shoreline front the Hampton Inn south to the Marina Vista Condominiums, generally from 486 to 156 Bradley Boulevard. The project is phased and will occur over a 5 year period commencing in 2015.

There is no fiscal impact associated with the approval of SM1-2014. Implementing the project will cost approximately \$10,000 annually for five years.

Commissioner Buelt **moved** to approve that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that the Planning Commission approve the SM1-2014, Rivershore Management Plan with the caveat that the Parks and Recreation Commission will be able review the final River Shore Management Plan. Commissioner Valentino **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

2. Surplus of 95 Amon Park Drive

Redevelopment Project Supervisor, Brian Moore recommend that the Parks and Recreation Commission forward a recommendation to the City Council to declare 95 Amon Park Drive surplus to the City's needs and direct staff to include the property in the negotiation and disposition of 650 George Washington Way.

Moore mentioned that the City owns and manages a building located at 95 Amon Park Drive, commonly known as the CREHST Museum. The former museum structure was moved to the site and renovated in 1996 for use by the Columbia River Exhibition of History, Science, and Technology (CREHST). They continuously occupied the space until January of 2014, when they merged with the Hanford Reach Interpretive Center. Vacation of the space was completed in June 2014 and is currently unoccupied.

The building is approximately 8020 square feet in two stories and sits on a portion of the Howard Amon Park Parcel directly adjacent the 650 George Washington Way property. The property is approximately 0.6 acre in size and, although part of the park parcel, it has ground level access at the same grade of 650 George Washington Way and secondary access at grade with the park. The building, although constructed in the 1990s, is of primarily modular design and is not consistent with the future vision of development for 650 George Washington Way.

Including this property in the disposition of 650 George Washington Way is a two-step process. The property must first be declared surplus to the City's current and future needs. The disposition of the property will occur as a second step.

The building design and location are not consistent with the long term vision for the Richland Riverfront or Downtown. Redesign and reuse of the facility would require demolition and new construction, an overall investment of more than \$1,500,000 would be required to bring this site in-line with anticipated development. Not-for-profit organizations in the community have expressed interest in leasing the space. However, the proposed leases have been at well below market rates. When combined with the incompatibility of future development, leasing the space is not a viable approach to the site.

The property is currently zoned Parks and Public Facilities with the Land Use Designation of Developed Open Space. A land use action is currently being processed to change

those to Central Business District Zoning and Land Use. Once approved, this will make the property consistent with the adjacent 650 George Washington Way property.

It is expected that this site will be combined with the negotiated disposition of 650 George Washington Way to create a larger viable commercial development. Among other conditions of the disposition, improvements to the Urban Greenbelt Trail will be required. These improvements will include a public space that links Howard Amon Park to the Urban Portion of the UGT. At this time, this request has received a positive recommendation from the Economic Development Committee and a positive with modifications recommendation from the Planning Commission (limiting the maximum building height to 50 feet).

Moore informed the commission that there will not be a fiscal impact to surplus the facility. However, successful disposition will result in increased property tax, sales tax, and new capital infusion or ground lease revenue.

Vice Chair Doran **moved** to recommend that the Parks and Recreation Commission forward a recommendation to the City Council to declare 95 Amon Park Drive surplus to the City's needs and direct staff to include the property in the negotiation and disposition of 650 George Washington Way. Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

3. \$6000 Allocation of Undesignated Park Reserve Funds to Columbia Basin BMX

Parks and Recreation Manager, Phil Pinard recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to the Council to allocate \$6,000 of Undesignated Park Reserve Funds for improvements to the BMX facility.

Pinard explained that in 2013 Columbia Basin BMX (CBBMX) was awarded \$100,000 of Lodging Tax Funds to construct a restroom for the BMX facility at the Horn Rapids Athletic Complex. Through the Annual Capital Improvement Program staff requested \$30,000 to assist with the cost of the restroom but the request was not funded.

CBBMX has completed the construction of the restroom and are \$4,000 short of funds. They have inquired if the City would be willing to cover the \$4,000 of expenses over the \$100,000 of Lodging Tax Funds.

The City also contributed irrigation materials in the amount of \$2,013.53 to install irrigation in a turf area that had been expanded by CBBMX to provide additional viewing area for the state and national tournaments. Staff would like to have this amount allocated to the parks and facilities annual operating budget to offset this significant unanticipated cost.

Pinard also explained the fiscal impact is approximately \$120,000 in the Undesignated Park Reserve Fund.

Vice Chair Doran **moved** to recommend that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to the Council to allocate \$6,700 of Undesignated Park Reserve Funds for improvements to the BMX facility *subject to the legalities of the contract*. Commissioner Buel **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Kit McBurney: Applaud to the Sweater Weather

Jackie Valentino: Richland Senior Association is hosting a bazaar on November 15 and are searching for crafty vendors.

Zach Finch: Thanked the President of Greater Richland Little League, Zorba Manolopoulos for the presentation.

Jim Buel: Inquired about the unpleasant smell at Leslie Groves boat ramp.

Vice Chair, Doran: Thanked everyone that participated in the Sweater Weather event, Doran mentioned that there are still plenty of trees left that are in need of sweaters and also informed all of the upcoming Urban Greenbelt Trail on November 8th.

Chair, Maria Gutierrez: Thanked commission and staff for all their hard work.

Reviewed by: Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Approved by: _____
Chair Maria Gutierrez, Richland Parks and Recreation Commission



MINUTES

Richland Parks and Recreation Commission

Special Meeting # 9-2014

Richland City Hall – 505 Swift Boulevard – Council Chambers

Thursday, December 11, 2014 ~ 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Chair Gutierrez, Vice Chair Doran, Commissioners Richards, Buel, Finch, Kasthuri, Katipamula, McBurney and Valentino. Also in attendance were Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl and Parks and Recreation Manager Strand.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2015 Parks and Recreation Commission Chair and Vice Chair Election

Nancy Doran **moved** to nominate Maria Gutierrez as Chair for 2015 Parks and Recreation Commission. Shanta **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

Jackie Valentino **moved** to nominate Nancy Doran as Vice Chair for 2015 Parks and Recreation Commission. Kit McBurney **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

Reviewed by: Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Approved by: _____
Chair Maria Gutierrez, Richland Parks and Recreation Commission

Recreation and Library

Sweater Weather

Trees continue to be adorned in homemade yarn “sweaters” throughout Howard Amon and Leslie Groves Park. A Tree Sweater Weather Hike is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21 at Howard Amon Park at 9:00 a.m. and at Leslie Groves Park at 10:30 a.m.



Writers Conference

This week, the library partnered with Rivers of Ink, The Richland Arts Commission, The Arts Foundation of the Mid-Columbia, The Friends of the Richland Public Library, the American Association of University Women, Adventures Underground, Etcetera Press and many local authors to put on a two-day writers conference on October 10 & 11.

More than 80 people registered to attend Rivers of Ink, which included a variety of break-out sessions, entertaining keynote speakers and a chance to talk with a literary agent.



Port of Benton

The Port of Benton held a community indicator meeting on October 7th to create a database for the community using a federal grant. This was for the economic vitality section and members from the entire Tri-City region were invited.

Raspberry Pi

On October 7th, the newly formed Raspberry Pi group met to discuss possible projects that can be hosted at the library.



Public Meeting

On October 8th, the Department of Energy held a public meeting to discuss Class 2 modifications to attachments 4 and 9 of the Hanford Facility Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Permit, Dangerous Waste Portions, for the treatment, storage and disposal of dangerous waste.



Project Linus

Quilting in the Library on October 9th, an all day, drop-in where people can come bring their sewing machines and spread out in a big space. Several **Project Linus** members meet to make assorted quilts that are donated to children in hospitals.



Voters Forum

On Tuesday, October 14th, the library hosted a Voters Forum. The League of Women Voters moderated this event that had candidates who are running for Benton County Commissioner, Assessor and Legislative District State Representative Position Two. Audience members were allowed to submit questions for each of the candidates. Mike Charboneau, recorded the event to be played on the City View channel.



Crime Resistant Community Living

On Wednesday, October 15th, Rick Kane from the Richland Police Department joined fellow officers from Kennewick and Pasco to offer a Crime Resistant Community Living (CRCL) class to landlords from the Tri-City area.



Humanities Washington

On Thursday, October 16th, the library hosted a public lecture titled, ***Why Can't We Get Along? Incivility, Political Polarization and American Democracy***. This program is part of the Humanities Washington lectures.



Project Linus

On Saturday, October 18th, the Gallery was used for **Project Linus' Make a Blanket Day**. Volunteers brought sewing machines and made blankets for children who are in need of a hug, in our community.



Compensation – Get What You Deserve

On Saturday, October 18th, **Girl Develop It** hosted a Saturday Seminar called **Compensation - Get What You Deserve** this free seminar was for women to learn about negotiating compensation at work.



2014 Fall Carnival

The 2014 Fall Carnival, held at the Richland Community Center on Friday, October 24th, proved to be the best-ever with a turnout of 754 participants and over 50 community volunteers! This record breaking attendance was up nearly a 1/3 over last year's event. Participants enjoyed carnival games, a hayride, costume competition, storytellers, bingo, TAZ tennis, Big Top the Clown, movies, take-home photos, a "guess-the-weight-of-the-pumpkin" contest (76.6 lbs.) and most importantly, over 5,000 pieces of candy!



Pooch Parade

The first annual “Pooch and their Person Costume Parade”, held in John Dam Plaza on Saturday, October 25th, enjoyed high praises from its participants and front-page photo status in the Sunday edition of the Tri-City Herald. Costumes for the pooches and their people ranging from Seahawks and banana splits to more traditional Halloween attire such as pirates and witches happily paraded through the plaza. Over 400 pounds of dog food was collected for the Richland based **Pet Over Population Prevention** folks, and \$175.00 in donated prizes went to the winning entries. Everyone is excitedly looking forward to next year’s event!



Sweater Weather Winners Announced

With over 50 sweaters are adorned on the trees in Howard Amon and Leslie Groves Parks and more that keep popping up. The winners of the four award categories are:

Mayors Choice: Camille Page



Park Commissioner’s Choice: Pat Johnson



People’s Choice: Sheep’s Clothing



Park Ranger’s Choice:
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Playtime Fitness

No more paying for a sitter or fitness club dues. This one hour class focuses on the body weight and resistance training plus cardio, all while holding and interacting with your child. This class is every Tuesday and Thursday thru the month of November.



Sweater Weather

On Thursday, October 30th, Bettina Pickett found the Park Ranger Choice winner by following a set of GPS coordinates.



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month and on October 30th the Domestic Violence Services of Benton and Franklin Counties held a vigil at John Dam Plaza. Luminaries and silhouettes were lit to honor the survivors and the victims.



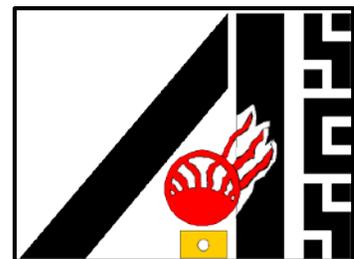
Children's Halloween Party and Costume Parade

The annual Children's Halloween Party and Costume Parade took place on Monday, October 27th. There were a variety of stories and craft projects to keep the kids entertained.



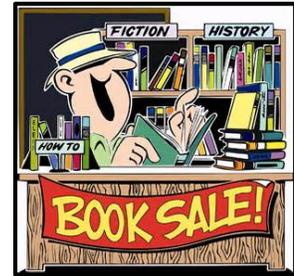
American Indian Science & Engineering Society

The library co-hosted "Native American Arts, Crafts & Cultural Day" with The American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES). More than 300 people of all ages enjoyed the native dance demonstrations, drum-making session, storytelling and all of the fun hands-on activities like fish painting and tulle reed decoy making.



Fall Book Sale

The Friends of the Richland Public Library held their annual Fall Book Sale from October 30th through November 2nd. Final counts are not in yet, but the books were flying out of the sale in bags, boxes and even wagons! The money raised at the book sales are used to fund library programs.



Richland Senior Association (RSA) Holiday Bazaar

On Saturday, November 15th, the RSA hosted a holiday bazaar at the Community Center. A variety of vendors were on hand displaying their choices of handmade crafts and much more.



Heritage Garden Workshop

The Library hosted the Benton Conservation District's annual Heritage Garden Workshop on Saturday, November 15th. Attendees learned how to incorporate native plants into home landscaping.



Annual Thanksgiving Children's Program

The annual Thanksgiving children's program was held on Thursday, November 20th in the afternoon. Coming for stories and crafts was the perfect program for the kids who had the day off from school due to the ice storm.



Project Linus

Quilting in the Library was held on Thursday, November 13th. This is a monthly workshop where participants can make quilts and blankets for Project Linus. Project Linus is a local organization that provides these quilts to children in hospitals and trauma situations.



Winter Piano Recitals

The first of the winter piano recitals have started. If you come into the library on a weekend from now until the end of December, chances are you can listen to some music.



Jingle Bell Run/Walk

On Friday, November 21st, participants of the event picked up their packets at the community center lounge. The Jingle Bell Run/Walk for arthritis, kicked off the holidays by helping others.



Hardwoods at Community Center

The Community Center was closed on Monday, November 24 through Sunday, November 30 to allow the hardwood floors in the Riverview room and Activity room to be refinished.



Winterfest...a wonderland of activities in Richland

There was a wonderful turn out for the festivities at the Uptown on Thursday evening, and for the performances at John Dam Plaza on Friday by CW Mojo Marimba (Cottonwood Elementary), Richland High School Choir, Lewis & Clark Elementary Choir and the Hanford High School and Kennewick High School drummers. It was awesome to see so many people from our community enjoying the performances that make the event so amazing – with well over 300 in attendance at the community center after the tree lighting!



The Richland Community Center was filled with smiles and laughter on Friday and Saturday for Winterfest. We had over 650 hundred people that attended our activities during the weekend at the Community Center. On both evenings, we had special guest visits from Santa, his elf and the Grinch. Together, Santa and the Grinch enjoyed highlights on KEPR during the weather report on Friday evening. On Friday, evening we had pictures with Santa, four bounces houses, holiday arts and crafts, family bingo with Santa's Elf, model railroad display, photo booth, game trailer, and hot chocolate to keep everyone warm and toasty. On Saturday, we had musical performances by the Mid-Columbia Mastersingers, Three River Saxettes, and The Columbia River Chordsmen. We also had pictures with Santa, two bounces houses, family bingo with Santa's Elf, and model railroad display.



Library Updates

Monday, December 1st – A screening of a short documentary about field study in India was shown by Matt Merrill.

On Wednesday, December 3rd, a public lecture for people interested in cross country skiing and snow shoeing was sponsored by the Intermountain Alpine Club (IMAC). They also discussed the schedule of winter trips the club has planned.



Four different piano recitals were held throughout the week by the Washington State Music Teachers Association.



A new art show was installed in the lobby. Artist, David Vasquez was on hand to discuss his work with people on Saturday, December 6th. He is planning some sessions where he will set up and paint in the lobby during the month of December so people can see his process.

On Thursday, December 4th, Librarian Judy McMakin held a workshop for library staff on helpful tips for providing reader's advisory to library patrons.

Library Updates:

Lewis Wealth Management hosted a free public tax workshop in the Gallery on Wednesday, December 10th.

On Thursday, December 11th, the ever popular monthly “Quilting in the Library” took place with several people making quilts to be donated to children.

On Friday, December 12th, the “Musically Sharp String Ensemble” a group of very talented fifth grade students, performed in the lobby to a crowd of about 60 people.

Caitlin’s School of Dance held a holiday dance recital in the Gallery on Friday, December 12th.

On Sunday, December 14th there was a Christmas recital hosted by the Royal Conservatory of Music Development.

On Monday, December 15th, the library hosted a “Holiday Crafts for Kids” program with an assortment of projects for all ages.

On Thursday, December 18th the library hosted a Washington Humanities Lecture, titled “Theodore Roosevelt, Washington’s Wilderness Warrior”.



On Saturday, December 20th “The Celtic Two” performed in the library lobby. This was a harp/Irish whistle concert.

The library piano has been getting a workout over the past few weeks with the Washington Music Teachers Association holding recitals in the gallery. These are always open to the public and free of charge.



Richland Senior Association

Richland Senior Association celebrated their annual end of year meeting with a good old fashioned holiday sing-a-long at the Community Center on Thursday, December 18th.



STEAM

On Monday, December 22nd the library hosted a “Building STEAM” program. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. There were 107 people in attendance for this family hands-on program.



Hair Tinsel

On Monday, December 22nd the library hosted a “hair tinsel clinic”. This program was extremely popular for girls of all ages! The youngest was eight months and the oldest was in her seventies. The Friends of the library provided assorted colors of silk hair tinsel that was tied into hair and could then be styled for the holidays.



Strings Recital

On Friday, December 26th, a strings recital was held in the Gallery. Staff opened the lobby, set up for the concert and welcomed the 135 attendees.



Family Bingo

Saturday, December 27th marked the first in our winter-quarter family bingo series. We had a great turn-out with a diverse group including parents, grandparents and kids. Families enjoyed multiple games of bingo, lots of popcorn and great prizes. Fun was had by all!



Planning and Construction

Fire Station # 74 Progress

The building pad has been cut down to slab depth and the footings have been excavated. The contractors began to pour the concrete footings for Fire Station # 74 the week of October 20th.



Fire Station #74

Week of October 27th

The footings have been poured and the foundation stem walls are almost completely formed and ready for concrete. The week of November 3rd, the stem walls will be poured, crews will start underground utility work and also the final color for the exterior of the building will be selected.



Fire Station # 74

Fire Station # 74 has been a hub of activity during the past week. Warmer weather and final approvals have allowed us to make some great progress. The following outlines of what has been done and what is currently in process:

1. Storm drain has been completed and connected across the north access to the city storm pond.
2. Underground electrical is completed and backfilled.
3. Final footings and stem walls have been poured now that the storm drain system has been re-routed.
4. Fire sprinkler riser has been installed.
5. Water line is being installed.
6. Interior is being backfilled and will be ready for gravel/concrete slab prep soon.
7. Oil/water separator for the apparatus bays has been installed.



Attached is the final rendering of the building exterior. Based on the available colors and materials to fit the budget, this rendering shows a realistic view of what the station will look like. It is going to fit in very well to the City Shops complex and be a beautiful addition to the area.



Fire Station # 74

Another great week at the Fire Station 74 site. We have been concentrating on getting all the underground utilities (including the training hydrant) installed so we can get the floor slab poured. All the utilities/underground work have been installed and backfilled. We are installing the vapor barrier so we can get the gravel base down soon. Even though the underground work isn't the most visually exciting part of the project, it is feeling really good to finally get it all in the ground so we can go vertical. The weather has been a HUGE ally for us and we hope the "warm" weather continues as we get ready for block walls.



Fire Station # 74

Not much has changed since the last update before the Holiday Season. We made the decision to hold off on the concrete floor until the weather improves next week. The floor is such a critical part of the project, we want to make sure it is done right. For now, the slab area will be kept under blankets to minimize any freezing.



Parks and Facilities

Eagle Scout Project

On Saturday, October 11th Joseph Whitter, completed the landscaping in front of City Hall for his Eagle Scout project.



New Look for the Fingernail

It was built as an office in 1962 by Tri- Stone Concrete, Richland's non-segmented ellipsoid (or "fingernail" as it is more commonly known) was relocated to Howard Amon Park in 1982. It was moved there from the intersection of George Washington Way and the Bypass Highway to make way for the construction of I-182. Through that journey the fingernail remained with the same paint shade until Monday, October 13th, the fingernail received a new look. The shades of paint chosen are very similar to several of the public buildings throughout the City.



Sturgeon Cove

On Thursday, October 23rd, renovations were completed at the Sturgeon Cove playground in South Howard Amon. Parks and Facilities opened up the areas where the new playground safety surfacing was installed.



Jefferson Park

On October 28th the irrigation crew installed a new irrigation system at the north little league field at Jefferson Park.



Gala Park

Work has been completed at Gala park including a new playground and sidewalks.



Barth Park

The 2014 work has been completed at Barth Park. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds have been used to install a new perimeter fence, sidewalk and basketball court. If CDBG funds are allocated in 2015 the playground equipment and safety surfacing will be installed to complete the park improvements.



Stevens Park Restroom

Scout Ryan Warren is progressing on the restroom construction. Rough plumbing and electrical have been completed and the floor slab is ready to pour.



Sprinkler Blowouts

Beginning the first week in November, the facility crew has been preparing the parks irrigation sprinkler system for the cold winter months.



Christmas Lights

The facility crew completed hanging Christmas lights on several city buildings off of George Washington Way and on landscaping at John Dam Plaza. The lights will be turned on at the Winter Wonderland kickoff event which will be on Friday, December 5th.



Central Howard Amon Park Irrigation Replacement Project

Work has begun on the irrigation replacement project in central Howard Amon Park. The 50 year old system is being replaced as well as major turf maintenance. This portion of the park will be closed from January 1, 2015 through July 17 and again from September 2, to the end of the year to establish the new turf.



Columbia Playfield

Work has begun on the east parking lot expansion. A 48 inch diameter pipe will be installed and the stormwater ditch filled north of Mansfield Street. Ten RV parking spaces and 38 car stalls will be added and the north and south parking lots connected for better accessibility. A portion of the Urban greenbelt Trail will be moved to the east property line.



Parks and Facilities crews have begun work on the Little League field conversion to a 5th girl's fastpitch softball field. Work will carry on to the spring of 2015.



McMurray Park Community Gardens

A new perimeter fence has been installed around the perimeter of the garden area. Community Development Block Grant funds financed the project.

