



# City Updates

From City Administrator Jason Sergeant

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## Thank You City Staff!

- Recent social media posts have been directed towards City Staff. Many of these are praises and positive thank-yous, some are downright disrespectful. City Staff work hard to bring each resident and ratepayer the services they rely on daily. Many staff members have kids that go to school with your kids or grandkids, attend the same sports events you do, and volunteer at the same community organizations you rely on. You may see many of these folks working daily around the City. Be sure to say thank you to them!

## 2024 Capital Projects

- Construction work is underway on Walker street, with Almeron up next!
- The Lake Leota dams are being replaced this year. This project will require heavy equipment in the park for most of the summer. Please use caution when around the dams.

## Larson Acres Park, Evansville Aquatic Center, and Veterans Memorial Splashpad

- The new Evansville Aquatic Center will open Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, a ribbon cutting, and open house will be held earlier in the day at 10am. The city is excited to share this facility with all of you!
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> will see the ribbon cutting for the new nature-based splashpad. MSA Architects and WTI Inc (architects and designers of the new aquatic center) will be sponsoring Rock N Rollz Event trailer and serving ice cream, live music will also be on site. Following the ribbon cutting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ride the Parks event will take place!
- The construction contracts specify final project completion of all park projects in September of this year. The contracts also

identified substantial completion of the Aquatic Center and Splashpad in June of this year. This approach allows the enjoyment of the facilities as soon as possible, but also means work will continue throughout the summer, this work includes:

- Remaining outdoor park furniture (benches, bike racks, tables, trash cans) will be delivered and installed in July
- New signage for Larson Acres Park will be delivered and installed in late June
- Landscaping work will continue over the next 30 days
- An ongoing punch list of items will also be tended to over the summer (fine tuning HVAC equipment, paint touchup, landscaping adjustment, etc.)
- The ball fields are expected to see light use this summer once grass is fully established. Soccer fields are awaiting some additional fill in low areas and may be ready for light use this fall.
- A multi sport court is getting constructed late this summer as well.
  - Leonard Leota Park roads are in poor condition from construction and are scheduled to be repaved after the dam reconstruction concludes.

## General

- The first Movie in the Park will be June 14<sup>th</sup> at Leonard Leota Park!
- Leonard Leota Park roads are in poor condition from construction, most will be repaved after the dam construction concludes
- Warmer weather and long weekends bring on summer projects and code enforcement. Be sure to contact the Building Inspector about permits or enforcement questions: 608-490-3100

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