

City of Portland Parks Commission Agenda



The mission of the Portland Parks Commission is to advocate for the enhancement and stewardship of our parks and open spaces. Review and propose projects that impact parks and open spaces and recommend action. Foster collaboration among park users and the City. Promotes public access and enjoyment. Advocate for public and private funding for parks and open spaces. Enjoy Portland for life.

Commission Members:

Alexis Lopez Del Vecchio, Beth Rabbitt, Donna Gartland, Griffin Bourassa, Jaime Parker, John Clark, Kaley Sweeny, Marie Gray, Robert Foster, Sarah Michniewicz (City Councilor), Stephen Campbell, William Elting, Zach Mgoon.

City Staff:

Alex Marshall (Parks Director), Jen DeRice (Parks Assistant Director), Jessica Teesdale (PRF Sr. Executive Assistant)

August 6, 2026 at 5:00 PM

On the first Thursday of the month at 5:00 pm, the Portland Parks Commission will hold a meeting at Parks, Recreation, and Facilities, 212 Canco Rd., Suite A conference room. The Parks Commission will conduct this meeting in person. Public comments may only be submitted in person or in writing. To submit written public comment on an agenda item, email parkskommission@portlandmaine.gov. Submissions must be received by 12:00 pm the day before the Parks Commission meeting to guarantee their inclusion in the agenda packet. All submissions must include the person's name and legal address. To help ensure your comment is submitted for the correct item, please include the name of the agenda item (see below).

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- I. Call to Order
- II. General Citizen Comment Period
 - a. Public Comment emails 3.5-8.5 2026
- III. Agenda Items
 - a. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: March 5, 2026
 - b. New Business
 - i. Welcome New Commissioners
 - ii. Commission Chair and Vice Chair Nominations and Vote
 - c. CIP Process and Outreach
 - d. Old Business
 - i. Committee Organization
 - e. Communications and Updates
 - i. Parks Division Report
 - ii. Land Bank Commission Report

f. Commissioner requests for Agenda Items

IV. Adjournment



From: **sarah nadeau** <sarah.m.anania@outlook.com>
Date: Sun, Apr 26, 2026 at 8:33 PM
Subject: Trash in Payson Park
To: parkscommission@portlandmaine.gov <parkscommission@portlandmaine.gov>

Hello, I was enjoying the park today and noticed there were no trash receptacles like there are on the eastern prom. As I was leaving the park onto the boulevard I did see a blue trash can mixed in with the cars of the parking lot. Am I missing these? It would be ideal to have one at the baseball field, playground and next to the courts.

Sarah

Sent from my iPhone



Thu, Jun 4, 2026 at 2:23 PM

Hello,

I have recently been informed by my neighborhood friends that the City wants to close down Payson Park to traffic. I have been taking the route through the Park just about everyday for the past 35 years and I have seen maybe 2 accidents that entire time. With Washington Avenue already a gridlock, where does the City think the traffic will go? I also use the park to walk my dogs and recreate. It seems to me that the City should have many other concerns that our tax dollars could be sent on. What happened to the plan to increase parking in the Park for the Sports fields? That would be a better use of money.

Darryl Johnson
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Thu, Jun 4, 2026 at 2:30 PM



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From: **Alex Marshall** <amarshall@portlandmaine.gov>
Date: Thu, Jun 4, 2026 at 2:24 PM
Subject: Re: Closing Payson park to traffic
To: <darryljay5@gmail.com>
Cc: <parkscommission@portlandmaine.gov>

Hi Darryl,

I am glad to hear your neighbors tried to spread the word about the project but it seems some misinformation is being sent.

To clarify, we did not close the Park to traffic; instead, we are piloting a closure of one leg of the triangle leading into the park to create a safer, more park-friendly feel for users. We understand many residents consider this park a cut-through, but that use brings significant speeding and unnecessary vehicular activity at certain times of the day. To help mitigate that we are including speed tables, removable bollards, and striped bike lanes so all users feel safer when entering. Additional work will include widening Arboretum Way to allow for more event parking. Improved signage will also be added throughout so visitors know the proper places they can and cannot park during events or high volume times. We have heard multiple times that folks feel we should spend taxpayer dollars elsewhere. The money being used on this project is from the Back Cove Festival donation in 2025. After receiving this funding, City Staff worked with the neighbors, Portland Trails, The Parks Commission and Friends of Payson Park to develop a priority list for how the funding could be used. The overwhelming consensus from those groups was safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. We are confident these improvements will positively impact the park.

Thank you!

Alex

On Tue, Jun 2, 2026 at 7:52 AM Darryl Johnson <darryljay5@gmail.com> wrote:



Catafalque Drive closing

3 messages

'Andrew Skvorak' via Parks Commission <parcscommission@portlandmaine.gov>

Wed, Jul 29, 2026 at 7:50 AM

Reply-To: askvorak@yahoo.com

To: parcscommission@portlandmaine.gov

Hello -

I would like to object to the closing of the end of Catafalque Drive in Payson Park. As a Portland resident who lives nearby and drives that road often, I do not see the benefit of having it closed, especially since there is a perfectly good trail that runs parallel to it. In the month and a half that it has been closed, I have seen 3 people use the closed section of road for walking and biking. Many, many more continue to use the gravel walking trail.

Additionally, entering and exiting the park by car from Baxter Blvd has become much more dangerous due to the tightness of the turn and poor sight lines. I have witnessed multiple near accidents there already.

While I fully support slowing cars down and allowing safe bicycle traffic through the park, this is not the way to do it.

Thank you,
Andrew Skvorak
Austin St
Portland ME

Alex Marshall <amarshall@portlandmaine.gov>
To: Jessica Teesdale <jteesdale@portlandmaine.gov>

Wed, Aug 5, 2026 at 4:38 PM

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From: Andrew Skvorak <Unknown>

Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 7:50:17 AM UTC-4

Subject: Catafalque Drive closing

To: parksco...@portlandmaine.gov <Unknown>

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City of Portland | Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management

Ethan Hipple, *Director*

Alex Marshall, *Director of Parks*



Commission Members:

Present: Alexis Lopez Del Vecchio, Beth Rabbitt, David Little, Jaime Parker, John Clark, Marie Gray, Robert Foster, William Elting.

Not Present: Ashley Burdick (submitted resignation 3/2026), Donna Gartland, Elizabeth Pagan (submitted resignation 3/2026), Griffin Bourassa, Sarah Michniewicz (City Councilor),

City Staff:

Alex Marshall (Parks Director), Jen DeRice (Parks Assistant Director), Jack Phillips (Director Portland Parks Conservancy), Jessica Teesdale (PRF Sr. Executive Assistant)

Parks Commission Minutes

March 5, 2026

5:00 PM

Parks, Recreation, and Facilities
212 Canco Rd. Suite A
Portland, Maine 04103

This meeting was recorded and is available to watch on the Agendas and Meetings Portal here:

<https://portlandme.portal.civicclerk.com/event/8259/media>

I. Call to Order- B. Rabbitt called the meeting to order at 5:05pm

II. Citizen Comment Period–none

III. Agenda Items

i. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: November 6, 2026

Motion to accept minutes made by M. Gray and seconded by David Little. Motion passed 6-0 with 1 abstention

b. New Business

i. Portland Parks Conservancy Strategic Plan–Director of Portland Parks Conservancy presented the guiding framework for the Parks Conservancy.

- Mission- The mission of Portland Parks Conservancy is to enhance Portland's parks and recreational programs by raising philanthropic capital and engaging the community.
- Background
- Vision
- Strategic Pillars
 - Destination parks
 - Equity and access
 - Activation, Stewardship, and Community
 - Youth and recreation
 - Sustainability
- Current/Ongoing Commitments
 - Portland Youth Corps
 - Portland Harbor Common
 - Urban Forestry
 - Volunteerism
 - Events
 - Priority Spaces
- Future Commitments to consider
 - Eastern Prom playground construction
 - Increase Park Serve Score
 - Youth Swim Program
 - Outdoor exploration guide
 - Mini grants
 - E-newsletter
 - Annual event

c. Communications and Updates

i. Committee Updates

Annual Report- B. Rabbitt presents the draft for the 2025 annual report. Commissioners proofread the letter to the commission

Motion by M. Gray and seconded by J. Parker to approve the 2025 Annual Report Draft pending suggested edits to be made by B. Rabbitt and W. Elting.

Special Projects

- Party in the Park-
 - Date June 16.2026 4:30-6
 - Theme-Safety in Parks
 - Traffic Calming
 - Music
 - Snacks
 - Games

ii. Parks Division Report- J. DeRice

iii. Land Bank Commission Report

Parks Capital Improvement Plan Timeline

Project Selection Criteria

- **Legal Obligations:** Court orders, compliance with state or federal legislation
- **Park Equity:** 10 minute access to a park or trail, distribution between neighborhoods, populations served, islands, etc...
- **Compliance with Adopted Plans and Studies:** Match with city priorities
- **Impact of Service to Public:** Safety issues, improved service delivery
- **Access:** ADA access, facilities for diverse age groups
- **Departmental or Community Priority:** The project is important to a Departmental mission or community interest. Does the project meet a demonstrated need from the community?
- **Funding Source:** The project includes a match from grants, federal or state match, community fundraising
- **Budget Impact:** The project decreases operating expenses
- **User Group:** Does the project serve a diverse user group, or a particular user group that is not already well-served?
- **Prior Phases:** Projects that are a continuation of viable projects funded in past years.

May--July:

1. Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities issues call to stakeholders (Friends and Neighborhood Groups, the schools, and the public) for project proposals.
 - a. Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities will publicize the existing 10-year Parks Capital Improvement Plan, so that stakeholders will be aware of the current city-wide 10-year schedule of projects and prioritization.
 - b. If a stakeholder group submits more than one project for consideration, the projects should be listed in an itemized, prioritized list.
 - c. Stakeholders submitting projects not already on the 10-year Parks Capital Improvement Plan should include cost estimates from a qualified engineer, contractor or landscape architect.
2. Project Requests and cost estimates due to Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities by July 19.

July

1. Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities compiles and reviews project requests. Sources:
 - a. Existing 10-year Capital Improvement Plan
 - b. Unfunded requests from prior years
 - c. Portland Open Space Vision and Implementation Plan, Parks Master Plans, Facilities Master Plans, Athletic Facilities Task Force Plan, City Comprehensive Plan, and other relevant plans
 - d. Departmental knowledge and professional insight
 - e. Requests from Friends Groups, schools, and other stakeholders
2. Projects from stakeholders are submitted as requests. Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities will review all requests and either:
 - a. Add to 10-year Parks Capital Improvement Plan according to 10-year schedule and budget parameters.
 - b. File the project request if deemed inappropriate, undesirable, or unfeasible.
3. Department of Parks and Recreation prepares and submits 10-year Capital Improvement Plan to Parks Commission by July 31.
 - a. Includes in submission all requests from stakeholders
 - b. Includes in submission all recommended projects for upcoming fiscal year.

August--September

1. Parks Commission reviews project proposals for upcoming fiscal year by undertaking these steps:
 - a. Review materials submitted by the Department of Parks and Recreation (which includes requests from public stakeholders)
 - b. Conduct a public meeting(s) to hear from Friends Groups, Neighborhood Associations, and other

interested stakeholders

- c. Following public meeting(s), Parks Commission shall provide recommendations on projects being proposed for upcoming fiscal year, submitted to Department of Parks and Recreation by September 30.

October

1. Final review of 10-year Capital Improvement Plan by Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities.
2. Backup materials prepared, quotes finalized for projects being recommended for upcoming fiscal year.
3. Staff input of CIP requests into City financial system by October 31.

November

1. Department of Parks, Recreation and Facilities submits the final Departmental recommendation to the City Manager's office; attaches the Parks Commission Recommendations.

PRF 10 Year Capital Improvement Plan											
	The following schedule illustrates the long term plan for upkeep and improvements of Portland Parks and Open Spaces. It represents the Parks Division's best estimate for timing and cost. Dates and amounts are subject to										
Note: FY27 Projects approved in March of 2026		2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Annual Total	District	\$4,775,000	\$13,500,000	\$6,165,000	\$4,995,000	\$6,544,000	\$4,735,000	\$3,050,000	\$4,537,000	\$1,675,000	\$1,075,000
Athletic Facilities											
Athletic Facilities Garage, Office & Storage Facility				900,000							
Deering High School Field Upgrades	5				\$200,000	\$275,000					
Deering Oaks Baseball and Quinn Field Reconstruction (Sod, Drainage, Irrigation)	2	\$1,000,000									
Deering Oaks Volleyball Court Replacement	2							\$75,000			
Fencing: Softball field at Talbot School	1				\$75,000						
Fitzpatrick Paving and ADA Improvements	2			\$235,000							
Fitzpatrick Stadium Entrance Upgrade	2						\$75,000				
Fitzpatrick to Expo Team Entrance Landscape Upgrades	2							\$100,000			
Fox St Irrigation Replacement	1				\$75,000						
Little League Field Lighting--various locations	TBD	\$400,000									
Ludlow Baseball Field Upgrades	5					\$500,000					
Memorial Stadium Concession Stand Replacement	5							\$500,000			
Memorial Stadium Turf Replacement	5								\$1,200,000		
Payson B Softball Drainage and Irrigation	4			\$110,000							
Riverton Fields Irrigation, Drainage, and Lighting Replacement	5		\$500,000								
Synthetic Turf Field: location TBD			\$1,500,000								
Cemeteries											
Crematory / Crew Facility / Greenhouse	5										
Evergreen Driveway Drainage and Paving--To be funded by Water Resources	5										
Evergreen Repaving Roads	5		\$125,000		\$125,000						
Forest City Coastal Erosion Mitigation	5			\$100,000			\$1,000,000				
Gravel Road Reconstruction (Evergreen and Forest City)	5		\$100,000								
Green Burial Area Development (Evergreen)	5			\$30,000							
Historical Cemetery Restorations	Various	\$50,000									
Pond Restoration Construction	5						\$500,000				
Pond Restoration Engineering	5				\$30,000						
Wilde Chapel Masonry	5			\$500,000		\$500,000					
Clapp Mausoleum Repairs	5	\$75,000									
Community Gardens											
Bayside Community Garden Relocation	1		\$50,000								
Fence Repairs/Additions (3-4 Gardens, CDBG potential)	Various				\$50,000			\$50,000			\$50,000
Shed Replacements (Various)	Various			\$45,000							
Courts--Tennis, Basketball, Futsal											

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Bayside Basketball Court - New Construction, with lights	1		\$350,000								
Court Resurfacing: Various (Payson Park, Eastern Prom, Lyman Moore)	Various		\$150,000		\$150,000		\$150,000		\$150,000		
Deering Oaks Tennis and Basketball Court Crack Mill & Overlay	2	\$450,000									
Dougherty Field Basketball Pavilion	3				\$200,000						
Fox Field Basketball Court Repaving	1					\$300,000					
Futsal Court #2, location TBD	5			\$200,000							
Longfellow Basketball Drainage and Reconstruction	5		\$175,000								
Payson Additional Basketball Court	4						\$150,000				
Peaks Island Multi-use Pickleball/Basketball Courts (2)***	1						\$300,000				
Pickleball Court Construction (NEW) - Location TBD	TBD			\$500,000							
Park Infrastructure											
Bell Buoy Park Reconstruction	1				\$750,000						
Bell Buoy Park Design/Engineering - ADA			\$75,000								
Bramhall Square Reconstruction \$250K budget, \$100K from Maine Medical, \$150 from Public Works CIP, \$100K other sources	2					\$750,000					
City Hall Plaza Design/Engineering	1	\$100,000									
City Hall Plaza Reconstruction	1		\$1,000,000								
Deering Oaks ADA Sidewalks and Curbing--Farmers Market Rd. (State to Deering)	2					\$300,000					
Deering Oaks Pond Plaza and Dock--ADA	2							\$100,000			
Deering Oaks Pond Wall Reconstruction - Phase II	2		\$400,000								
Deering Oaks Ravine Wading Pool Rehab--ADA	2	\$475,000									
Deering Oaks Rose Circle Entrance--Convert to Brick--ADA	2					\$75,000					
East End Beach Bath House Replacement--ADA	1					\$500,000					
East End Recreational Boat Ramp Reconstruction - SHIP grant 50% match (total cost \$300,000)	1	\$150,000									
Eastern Prom Cleeves Accident Fence Reconstruction	1		\$50,000								
Eastern Prom Cleeves Monument ADA Plaza	1		\$125,000								
Eastern Prom Cutter St Design (DPW collaboration)	1	\$300,000									
Eastern Prom Cutter Street/Parking Reno--ADA (DPW collaboration)	1		\$2,750,000								
Eastern Prom Staircase and Park Electrification: Phase II	1	\$150,000									
Fencing (Safety fencing): Eastern Prom Trail, Back Cove Trail, Riverside Recycling Trail, North Deering Park, Nason's Corner Park	1	\$450,000				\$450,000				\$450,000	
Fort Gorges Composting Toilets	1						\$100,000				
Fort Gorges Parapet	1							\$250,000			
Fort Gorges Preservation Plan (Structural Stabilization--waiting on match from Friends)	1		\$120,000	\$200,000							
Fort Gorges Sea Level Rise Intervention	1								\$250,000		
Fort Gorges Wharf Reconstruction (materials and engineering)	1		\$100,000								
Fort Sumner Reconstruction--ADA	1								\$450,000		

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Harborview Concrete Stair and Plaza: Resurfacing with Granite	2		\$100,000								
Harborview Stairs from Circle Trail Intersection to Commercial St	2				\$100,000						
Lincoln Park Fence--Federal St Phase I	1	\$200,000									
Lincoln Park Fence--Federal St Phase II	1			\$350,000							
Lincoln Park Fence--Franklin St (likely covered by Franklin St Project)	1				\$300,000						
Lincoln Park Walkway Lights	1				\$250,000						
Longfellow Park Bollard Lighting***	3			\$50,000							
Ludlow Pond Drainage	5				\$150,000						
Martins Point Access Improvements	4					\$150,000					
Noyes Park Pathways, Seating and Trees--ADA	2					\$500,000					
Park Walkway ADA Paving, various locations (E Prom, Deering Oaks)	various	\$200,000		\$200,000		\$200,000		\$200,000		\$200,000	
Payson Park Front Street Entrance Plaza Improvements and Cross-Park Trail to Baseball Parking Lot- Possible C3 or Portland Housing Authority funding--ADA	4		\$200,000								
Payson Park Parking: Reconstructing Sledding Hill Parking Lot--ADA	4		\$250,000								
Payson Park Skating Rink Improvements (Expansion)	4				\$75,000						
Picnic Pavillion: Deering Oaks and Payson Park--ADA	various			\$150,000		\$150,000					
Public Restrooms: Upper Western Prom, Ft Allen Park, Others?	various										
Quarry Run Dog Park Expansion and Renovation (Invasives Removal, Trail resurfacing, fence replacement)--ADA	4				\$100,000						
Veranda Street Waterfront Open Space landscaping - MDOT property	4		\$150,000								
Western Prom "NEW" Sidewalk along Western Cemetery--ADA	2			\$250,000							
Western Prom Play Area	2						\$150,000				
Western Prom Bandstand, Toboggan Run Improvements	2					\$150,000					
Western Prom Roadway Tree Allee	2								\$300,000		
Western Prom Upper Park Walkway Reconstruction--ADA	2				\$250,000		\$250,000				
Western Prom Valley Street Trail and Stone Retaining Wall Phase II	2	\$150,000									
Western Prom Vista Clearing and Plantings	2			\$50,000		\$50,000		\$50,000			
Western Prom Walkway Lighting	2				\$200,000						
Western Prom Walkway Reconstruction, Phase II--ADA	2					\$150,000					
Playgrounds, Skateparks, and Fitness Courses											
Adams School Playground	1										\$250,000
Deering Oaks Playground Equipment Replacement	2						\$450,000				
East End School Playground	1		\$780,000								
Fox Field Playground	1				\$400,000						
Fox Field Playground Design	1			\$50,000							
Great Diamond Island Playground	1							\$150,000			

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Hesletine Park Playground	4						\$250,000				
Heseltine, Stroudwater, Taylor Street & Munjoy South Park Playground Designs	various				\$125,000						
Munjoy South Playground	1					\$550,000					
Ocean Avenue School Playground	4									\$500,000	
Ocean Avenue School Playground Design	4								\$50,000		
Peaks Island Playground	1							\$250,000			
Peaks Island Skate Park	1			\$150,000							
Peppermint Park--East Bayside Playground	1			\$350,000							
Peppermint Park--East Bayside Playground Design	1		\$50,000								
Playground Equipment Replacement: Various Locations	various	\$75,000			\$75,000			\$75,000			\$75,000
Portable Pumptrack: Moveable Neighborhood Skatepark	various				\$150,000						
Presumpscot Playground	4		\$750,000								
Presumpscot Playground Design	4	\$50,000									
Rowe School Playground	5										\$600,000
Rowe School Playground Design	5									\$50,000	
Stroudwater Playground	3					\$150,000					
Taylor Street Playground	2							\$100,000			
Tyng-Tate Street Playground: Fencing and Seating***	2									\$25,000	
University Park Playground (NEW)	4				\$300,000						
Will's Playground (Eastern Prom, Match for LWCF)	1		\$500,000								
Trails											
Back Cove Stabilization & Guard Rail	1		750,000								
Back Cove Trail Reconstruction and Stone Dust Resurfacing	4,3,1				\$150,000						
Bayside Trail Resurfacing--by Public Works	1										
Dougherty Field Bike Path Improvements***	3					\$100,000					
Eastern Promenade Sidewalk Resurfacing--by Public Works	1										
Fore River Parkway Trail Resurfacing--by Public Works	2										
Payson Park Cross Park Trail (Arboretum Road)	4		\$150,000								
Recreation Facilities											
212 Canco Rd Community Room improvements	4	\$250,000									
Community Center Construction											
Community Center Planning				\$200,000							
Reiche Pool Renovation/Replacement	2										
Reiche Pool Filter	2				\$115,000						

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Ice Arena											
ADA Sidewalk and Access Issues (Park Ave to Horse Barn) On hold due to EXPO redesign	2			\$400,000							
Chiller Replacement (Refurb in 2024 will get us to est 2034)	2									\$350,000	
Front of building wall repairs?	2										
Ice Arena Improvements	2		\$50,000		\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000		
Redesign (Office to Locker Room)	2			\$345,000							
Sprinkler Upgrade	2		\$100,000								
Golf Course											
Bunker Renovation--North Course	5								\$987,000		
Bunker Renovation--South Course--Phase II	5			\$200,000							
Cart Building Building Replacement-South Estimate	5			\$500,000							
Cart Building Building Replacement-North Estimate	5		\$1,250,000								
Course Improvements--ADA Cart Paths	5		\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Ice Rink Reconstruction add LED lighting	5						\$210,000				
Irrigation system replacement software and towers [1]	5	\$200,000									
Irrigation System Replacement--TOTAL	5						\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000		
Golf Simluators/Roof Adjustment	5										
Materials Storage--Covered	5					\$144,000					
Paving Parking Lot--North Course Phase I	5				\$150,000						
Paving Parking Lot--North Course Phase II	5					\$150,000					
Public Assemblies											
Expo Renovations	2										
Merrill Lobby Concessions Counter Renovations	1	\$50,000									
Merrill Loading Dock: Extend, Reorient & add bus parking	1				\$300,000						
Merrill Marquee	1		\$200,000								
Merrill Orchestra Pit Lift	1		\$300,000								
Merrill Seating Replacement--adding to existing CIP of \$200K	1					\$300,000					
Ocean Gateway: Add Catering Kitchen	1		\$250,000								
Outdoor venues - Barricades--moved to operating budget \$140	various										
There were no new requests submitted in this years public process											

PRF 10 Year Capital Improvement Plan											
		The following schedule illustrates the long term plan for upkeep and improvements of Portland Parks and Open Spaces. It represents the Parks Division's best estimate for timing and cost. Dates and amounts are subject to									
Note: FY27 Projects approved in March of 2026			2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Annual Total		District	\$4,775,000	\$13,500,000	\$6,165,000	\$4,995,000	\$6,544,000	\$4,735,000	\$3,050,000	\$4,537,000	\$1,675,000



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Memorandum

TO: Parks Commission and Land Bank Commission

FROM: Alex Marshall, Parks Director, Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department

SUBJECT: Parks Division Update

DATE: July/August 2026

Parks Division Staffing

- Total Budgeted positions in Parks Division: 52
- 2 Vacancies:
 - Athletic Facilities Maintainer
 - Forestry Foreperson (NEW)

Citywide Unhoused Report

At this time, there are 27 encampments citywide, which is down 5 tents from this time last year. Of the 27 active tent sites, 5 of them are located on City property. Overall, in 2026, City Staff (primarily Rangers) have tagged and removed 247 tents citywide. Park Rangers continue to tag and remove between 5 and 20 tents from City land each week and conduct a thorough clean-up afterward with the help of other Parks staff or contractors.

Portland School Playground Reconstructions

Both Reiche and Longfellow School playgrounds are in the middle of being reconstructed. This work will continue well into the school year as the contractors start from scratch at each site and build back a unique and high play value site for each location. Staff are incredibly excited to see these spaces transform over the coming months.

Stroudwater Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Stroudwater Bridge project has been completed and is in full use. A ribbon cutting ceremony is being held on Wednesday, August 12th at 1pm at the bridge to celebrate this long anticipated installation. All are welcome to join us!

First Light Commons Progress Update

Portland Harbor Common has officially been renamed First Light Commons by City Council after an extensive public outreach and committee review process. Currently, the new park has all of its curblines set and salvaged granite forms placed. The contractor is still on schedule to complete the project this Fall.

Tennis Court Road Sidewalks and Roadway in Deering Oaks

The sidewalks along Tennis Court Road in Deering Oaks have been completed with brand new granite curbing and beautiful concrete surfacing. Additionally, the roadway will be repaved in the coming weeks



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using newly acquired CIP funds. These two projects completed in sequence will make this historic park space pop for all its visitors and allow for safer and more accessible passage.

Spring Tree Planting

Our Forestry Team completed its Spring Planting season with an incredible 187 trees planted. 57 of the trees were planted through the city's co-op tree planting program and the remaining 130 were strategically placed around the city within parks, open or newly created tree wells or as part of Park Projects such as the Rising Eddy Pool. Additional plantings will be happening this Fall to increase that number even further.

Riverton Trolley Park Parking Lot Improvements

The next phase of the Riverton Trolley Park improvements is the parking lot. A contractor is beginning that work this week. A new pathway connection off Forest Avenue, Food Truck/Cart Plaza and a newly paved parking lot are all part of those improvements.

Park Projects and Department Updates

Staff are working on the following Park Improvement projects:

- Riverton Preserve: Recreation improvement plans are in progress and will consist primarily of a trail network with other improvements. This project is intended to fulfill LWCF conversion requirements, and final approval of the improvement plan rests with the state and National Park Service, which has a public engagement process.
- Lower Western Prom Park Improvements: This project has been bid out and did not receive a bid within the allocated budget, so it will be revised and re-advertised in the coming months.
- Public Restrooms: So far, the city has installed 15 new public restrooms citywide over the past 3 years. Recent modifications were done to the units at The Eastern Promenade, Commercial St/Fish Pier, and Fox Field to include a vault for increased storage capacity. 4 more public restrooms are on the way, with one at Lower Western Promenade, 1 at the Spring and High Street parking lot, and 2 at the Eastern Promenade near the existing bathhouse.
- Tyng-Tate Playground: Final designs are being completed, and the project bid documents are soon to be submitted to the Purchasing Department for review. With the help of a CDBG grant allocation in July of 2025, the project should have enough resources to be completed to the design's satisfaction.
- Fore River Kayak Launch: The Land Bank has allocated funding to install a kayak launch at the head of the Fore River in Stroudwater Park at the corner of Congress and Waldo Streets. Parks Staff are exploring the options for this launch to help formalize and improve an existing use in this space.
- Trinity Park Reconstruction: Trinity Church Representatives and City Staff have been working to finalize the construction documents and design for Trinity Park. Donated funds and



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Memorandum of Understanding has been approved by City Council.