

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## We will get there!

Many residents have expressed concern about how areas are maintained throughout the City and why certain areas have not yet been addressed. Each year brings its own challenges and it goes without saying this is the busiest time of the year for City operations with this spring seeing an historic number of requests for service. We are truly doing our best with resources and appreciate the understanding and patience of our residents.

The Community Park is a priority for staff with installation of the new splash park and many other upgrades and projects to be completed this year. As of this week, our summer students are now in full swing attending to the park. Over the past week, the Community Park has been tagged twice by vandals and resources continue to be stretched as we deal with additional duties.

As usual, the cool wet spring followed by warm weather has made it difficult to keep up with grass maintenance throughout City parks and open spaces. Over the next couple weeks, more than 10,000 flowers will be planted as well as the installation of about 100 hanging baskets and we will be busy catching up on mowing areas, weeding and preparing the beds along Highway 19A. Irrigation has commissioned around 360 zones including cross-connection testing, basic setup, programming and initial repairs.

The City thanks those who took time to send along comments. We will get there!

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