



CITY OF
GRAND
RAPIDS

Parks Update

Public Safety Committee
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Summer Youth Opportunities

► Pools at Briggs, MLK and Richmond parks

- Open 7 days per week, June 10 through August 10
 - Sundays and Mondays 1:00 - 5:00 pm
 - Tuesdays 1:00 - 6:00 pm
 - Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 1:00 - 8:00 pm
- Resident youth 17 and under \$1 admission



► Free Summer Day Camps at Garfield, Joe Taylor, MLK and Roosevelt parks

- Monday through Friday, 11 am to 3 pm
- Arts and crafts, gardening, physical activities, and outdoor adventure excursions
- Approximately 225 youth participating daily - ages 6 to 12
- \$263,000 investment supported by the 2019 Parks Millage

► GRow1000 Employment Program

- 6-week employment program
- 199 participants ages 15 to 24

Park Security Measures

► Downtown and Community Parks

- Completed CPTED recommendations
 - Updated lighting
 - Tree trimming
 - Camera installation and implementation
- Private Security Contractual support
 - Downtown parks, roaming patrol Monday through Sunday
 - 10:00 pm - 6:00 am
- Private security during free fitness classes (5-7 pm) at Ecliptic/Rosa Parks
- Installed gates in parking areas of 6th Street and Canal parks
- Private security presence at all pools during open swim hours

Park Security Measures (continued)

▶ MLK Park

- GRPD camera trailer stationed in parking lot
- (1) private security staff for pool and day camp
- Parking lot barricades in place after day camp drop off until pick up at 3 pm
- GRPD officers dropping in as often as possible, using location to write reports
- GRPD officers onsite at close of basketball league play

▶ GRPS Partnership exploration

- Additional security assistance for pool and day camp locations
- (3) mobile patrol cars with security officer, ability to walk some sites
- Monday through Friday 1:00 - 3:00 pm

▶ Parks and Recreation Ambassador Program

- 7 days per week, 6-11 hours daily
- Recreation, programming and visitor support as needed

Safety Education and Preparation

- ▶ All Hazards Safety and Preparedness Training
 - Pool and Camp Managers and Assistant Managers
 - Topics
 - Natural Hazards
 - Fire, severe weather, tornadoes
 - Human-Made Hazards
 - Active Shooter/Assailant
 - Cyber Attack
 - Personal Preparedness
- ▶ Site Specific Emergency Operation Plans
 - Working with City's Emergency Manager
 - First phase of park facility walk throughs completed
 - Assessments being documented for plan development