

# City Manager's Report to the City Council

## September 8, 2020

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- The traffic signal poles and mast arms for the Bomber/Villa Maria Drive intersection were delivered last week and the signal should be installed by mid-October.
- Construction is underway on the Bryan Midtown Park - Phase 1C Travis Fields Reconstruction, focusing on parking areas and utility installation. Anticipation completion is in time for Little League season in March.
- The Bryan Midtown Park-Phase 3C Pond Earthwork and lake excavation contract was recently approved by Council and submittals are underway in preparing for excavation of the lake. This work is expected to begin at the end of September and is anticipated to take approximately 1 year.
- The intersection of E. 29<sup>th</sup> Street and Coulter Drive that has been closed as part of the Coulter Drive Reconstruction project for many months is reopening soon, and the overall project is expected to be completed next summer.

### PARKS AND POOLS

- The Edgewater Park project remains in the punch list phase and will remain closed until the City accepts the project. Ideally, the park will reopen sometime this month.
- The new play structure at Sue Haswell Park is now open and frequently utilized by the public.
- The final step in the driving range renovation project is sprigging the site, which was scheduled for today. Once the sprigs are planted, the area will be watered twice a day for two (2) weeks, then once a day for one (1) week, and then as needed to ensure successful growth.

### MISCELLANEOUS

- We are entering the final stretch of the 2020 Census. The City of Bryan's 2020 Census self-response rate increased to 59.2% on September 1. Bryan's response rate is still lower (by 1.3%) than the state average, ranked 406<sup>th</sup> out of 1,211 cities in Texas. For reference, College Station is ranked 589<sup>th</sup>, and Brazos County's overall response rate is ranked 49<sup>th</sup> out of the 254 counties in Texas. The deadline to complete the census is **September 30, 2020**; it only takes about 5-10 minutes and responses help ensure Bryan remains a thriving community for years to come. Let's continue to get Bryan counted! Complete your Census online [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov).