



Operations and Maintenance

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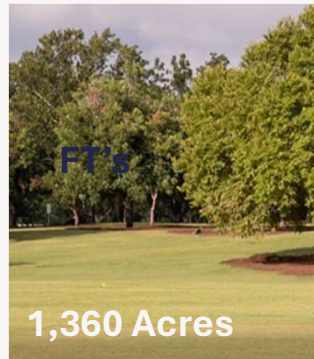
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Charles Vaclavik, Division Manager



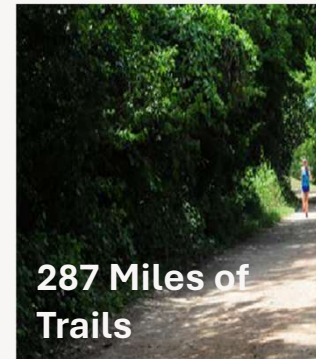
20,790 Acres of Parkland
382 Parks.

Service



FT's
1,360 Acres

Mowing



287 Miles of
Trails

Trails



Grounds
Maintenance



25 Recreation and Senior Centers

Facility Maintenance



200
Playgrounds

Playgrounds



Horticulture

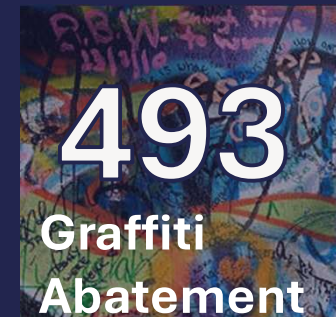
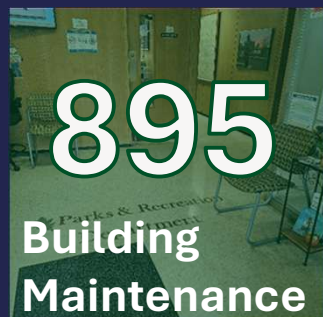
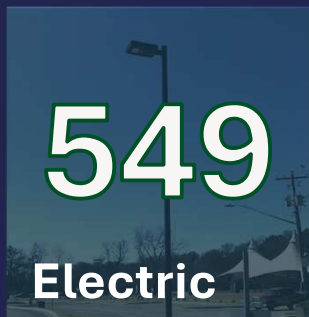
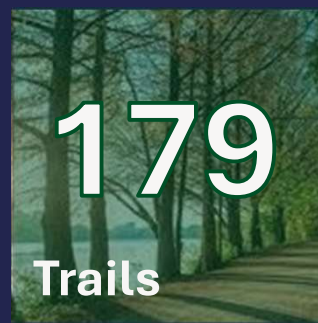
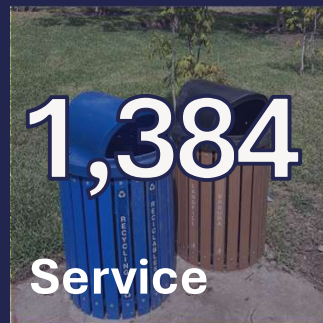
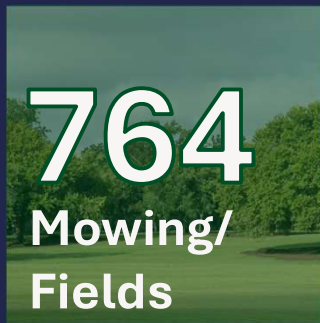


Graffiti

Work Orders closed in FY25



Includes Work Orders opened via 3-1-1 and those opened by staff (i.e. routine maintenance and issues found during inspections)



Operations and Maintenance is...

Cutting grass, line trimming, leaf blowing, trash pickup, cleaning and refreshing restrooms, cutting back vegetation, repairing and restoring court surfaces, parking lots, walking paths, creating new trails, safety inspections, lawn care, field maintenance, flower beds and landscaping, plumbing, electric, irrigation, HVAC, sign fabrication, graffiti removal, maintenance and repair for rec centers, office buildings, dog parks, playscapes, disc golf, splash pads, benches, decks, bleachers, concession stands, boat docks, drinking fountains, pedestrian bridges **and more!**

Joe Diaz
Facilities Process Manager
Daily Operations

Parks North, Parks South, Facilities, Citywide Services, Trails

242 Full Time Employees

25 Seasonal/Temp Employees

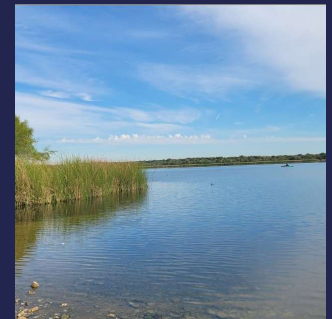
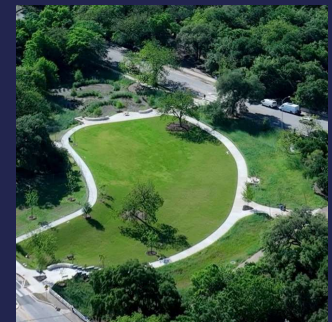
Operations and Maintenance is...



Joe Diaz
Facilities Process Manager
Acting Parks Ground Manager, North District

Mowing, Daily Service, Lakes

- **48 Crew Members**
- **660 Mowed Acres**



Featured Crew: North Service

18



Crew Members

175



Parks

660



Developed Acres

49



Restrooms

607



Trash Cans

235



Mutt Mitts



Operations and Maintenance is...

Nate Thayer
Parks Grounds Manager
South District

Mowing, Daily Service,
Zilker Park

- **51 Crew Members**
- **700 mowed acres**



Featured Crew: Zilker Servicing Team



15



Crew Members

165+

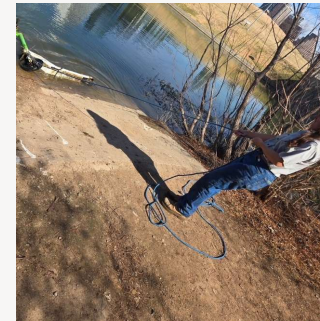


Acres to Cover

Doing it all for Zilker (and beyond!):

Cleaning restrooms, emptying trash, picking up litter, cleaning minor graffiti, restocking mutt-mitts, playground inspections and event coordination. Sites include:

- Zilker Metro Park and Playground
- Zilker Clubhouse
- Barton Creek Greenbelt
- Michael Butler Park
- Michael Butler Shores
- Vic Mathias/Auditorium Shores
- Pfluger Pedestrian Bridge



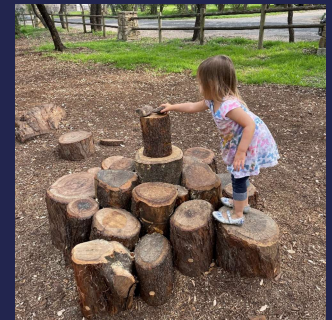
Operations and Maintenance is...



Merrideth Jiles
Parks Grounds Manager
Citywide Services

Playgrounds, Horticulture,
Graffiti Abatement

- **32 Crew Members**



Featured Crew: Playgrounds



Playground Maintenance Means:

- Regular safety inspections
- Monthly application of timber oil at Nature Play sites
- Biannual changing of engineered wood fiber at all sites
- Biannual power wash of all equipment
- Replacement of safety mats as needed
- All repairs as needed
- Respond to 3-1-1 requests as assigned



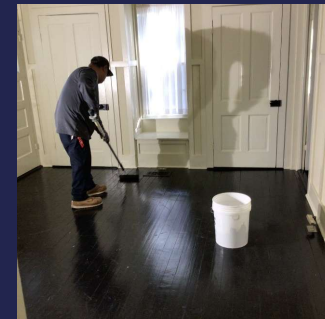
Operations and Maintenance is...



Albert Homann
Building Services Manager

**Skilled Maintenance/Carpentry,
HVAC, Plumbing, Electrical, Welding,
& Sign Shop**

- **48 Crew Members**



Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center

Facility Service crews renovated the kitchen at Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center.

Upgrades include new cabinets, a stainless-steel counter, larger sink, energy-efficient appliances and ventilation hood.



Operations and Maintenance is...

Felix Padron
Parks Grounds Manager

**Trails, Parks Grounds
Maintenance**

- **38 Crew Members**



Pictured: Gillis Neighborhood Park

Trail Reconditioning

To recondition worn down trails, APR staff first breaks up and removes the sub-grade material then replaces it, usually with crushed granite.

The new granite is manually finished with landscape rakes and then compacted with a steel drum roller or plate packer.



All that and great hosts too!

The O&M crew often volunteers their time to show up (even earlier!) to prepare the food and decor for staff appreciation events.

They smoke a mean brisket!

And the handmade annual holiday center pieces are highly sought after collector's items.





Thank you!
Questions

 **Austin**
Parks and Recreation