

## What's in the Works

Welcome to Spring! Thank you to everyone who came out to Public Works Open House and the Sunset Valley Police Department annual Egg Hunt. It was great seeing so many people there. As we enjoy the great weather and wildflowers, I want to take this opportunity to update the community on several of the projects that the Public Works has been working on over the past few months. We also want to give you a look at upcoming projects that will begin this summer.

### **Lone Oak/HWY 290/ Sunset Trail**

This project has been completed. This project provided a new waterline on Sunset Trail, a new turnaround on Lone Oak Trail, connected Sunset Valley Elementary and the Toney Burger Center to the City's water system, replaced a portion of the sewer line on HWY 290, and repaved both Lone Oak and Sunset Trail.

### **Reimagine Brodie**

This project is in its final stages to refine the conceptual plan and will be presented to Council on April 2nd. The project provides a plan for different improvements on Brodie Lane that can improve traffic flow, pedestrian safety, beautification, and lighting. This project will be used to help guide development along Brodie Lane over a period of years.

### **City Hall Backyard**

This project is in its final stage and will be presented to City Council in May. This project will create a community space behind City Hall for residents and visitors to use. The plan includes a play area, a lawn for games and movie nights, shaded picnic spaces, and even a possible fire pit for roasting marshmallows at the annual Winter Solstice event. Once the City Council approves the plans, this project may be added as a possible construction project for 2025.

### **City Hall Storage Yard**

The Storage Yard notification has been sent to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for review. The fence around the yard has been completed and a camera installed. Once we receive approval from TCEQ the yard will open for residents to use. The rules and regulations for the Storage Yard can be found [here](#).

### **Jones Road/North Ernest Robles Way Roadway Improvements**

This project is near completion and only requires striping of the lanes. This should be completed the first week of April. This project refreshes the area and provides better traffic markings to improve safety.

### **City Facilities Solar**

The City was approved by the Austin City Council for a solar rebate from Austin Energy. We are finalizing the permitting documents and preparing to install solar on the Public Works and Police Department buildings.

### **Brodie Waterline/Country White Lane Turnaround**

This project will be presented to the Council on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. If the Council awards the bid then a new waterline connecting from 6405 Brodie to Oakdale will be built. Additionally, a turnaround at the end of Country White Lane will be constructed. This turnaround will improve safety and access on this street.

### **Ernest Robles Way/Sunset Valley Savanna Trail**

The Savanna Trail at Upper Cougar Creek will soon be underway. The trail will link the Homestead Shopping Center to Ernest Robles Way behind La Madeliene. Phase 1 of this project includes the trail, a rock scramble, seating, areas and some landscaping. This project will be combined with roadway improvements on Ernest Robles Way. This project will include repairs to the bridge, repairing concrete panels in the road, as well as two new raised crosswalks that connect lower Cougar Creek and the Villas across Ernest Robles Way. This will go out for bids in May and construction will begin soon afterwards.

### **Home Depot Blvd Trail**

The Public Works Department is negotiating easements along Home Depot Blvd to improve the pedestrian experience along Home Depot Blvd. This route links the City to the Violet Crown Trail as it heads south to Hays County. A split bike and pedestrian path as well as landscaping and lighting improvements are included with this project.

### **Street Signs**

New residential street name signs will be coming soon to each of the residential streets. The sign design brings the top two choices together to create a classic, but colorful addition to the city. Due to the right of way along Stearn's Lane belonging to

the City of Austin, we are not able to provide a traditional street sign to this area. However, we are looking into possible changes to the small monument sign near the lift station.

### **Jones Road Monument Mosaic**

Public Works has reached out to local mosaic artist J. Muzacz to design a new mosaic panel as the entry sign on Jones Road and Westgate Blvd. This will be a wonderful addition that will help highlight the entry to the City.

### **Sunset Valley Nature Area to South Hills Conservation Area Trail Connection**

This trail connection will create a shortcut from within the Sunset Valley Nature Area to the South Hills Conservation Area.

### **Jones Road Sidewalk**

This sidewalk will connect Pillow Road to City Hall on the south side of Jones Road. This will help improve walkability and provide a safe route to City Hall from the streets on the south side of Jones Road.

### **Lovegrass Lane Water Quality Pond Improvements**

The irrigation system and control panel have been repaired. Staff is working with our water quality pond contractor to determine the best course of action to repair the pond wall. Once the wall is repaired a new liner will be placed inside the pond to make it fully operational.

### **Country White Waterline**

This project will provide water service and improved fire protection to this area. The City is currently negotiating easements for this project and hopes to have this project ready to bid soon.

### **Trail Benches**

New trail benches are being installed around the greenspaces. These new benches are built from wood and milled at the nearby Texas Urban Sawmill. These beautiful benches provide a wonderful natural place to sit and enjoy the area as you hike through the miles of trails within Sunset Valley.

If you have any questions regarding these or other activities of the Public Works Department, please contact us at 512-891-9103.

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New Street Signs





New Trail Bench

