

To: Park Board

From: Aimee Peterson, Recreation Superintendent

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Subject: Newsworthy

**Park Clean-up Day**

On May 10 the Parks and Recreation Department hosted its first park cleanup day. Volunteers planted annuals, picked up litter and weeded and mulched landscape beds.

**Boulevard Planting**

On May 19 and May 21, the special events staff along with the streets department annually collaborate to provide planting of annuals in the medians of Weaver Lake Road and Elm Creek Boulevard. There are over 100 volunteers for this event.

**Farmer's Market - Outdoor Season Opener Thursday, May 12**

**Bricks installed at Angel of Hope plaza**

Earlier this month 17 new engraved bricks were installed at the Arboretum Angel of Hope plaza. The Friends of the Angel hosted a virtual Walk to Remember on May 7. This year marks the 21st anniversary of the Angel of Hope in Maple Grove and the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Walk to Remember.

**Summer recreation registration**

Staff are getting ready to execute summer programs. Seasonal staff are being hired and trainings are underway. We are excited to offer a wide variety of recreation programming for the community. As of today, we have approximately 2600 participants registered for fee-based recreation programming. Registration is up nearly 50% compared to numbers reported at this same time last year. Summer participation continues to rebound and we currently sit at approximately 82% compared to pre-COVID numbers reported during this same time period in 2019.

**Upcoming events:**

Maple Grove Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Memorial Day Event - Monday, May 30 Noon  
Maple Grove Veterans Memorial - Central Park