



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 13, 2026
TO: The Honorable Mayor Moore and Council Members
FROM: Barry Sullivan, City Manager
SUBJECT: Friday Staff Report

Upcoming Meetings

- City Council Meeting **Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.** at City Hall.
- Building and Standards Commission Meeting **Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.** at City Hall.
- Parks Board Special Meeting **Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Civic Center.

Events

- City Employee Appreciation Luncheon **Wednesday, March 18, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Gainesville Civic Center.
- Gainesville Fire Department Annual Badge Pinning Ceremony **Monday, March 30, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** at Fire Station 3.
- Gainesville Farmers Market **Saturday, March 14, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Farmers Market.

Parks and Recreation Update

Completed Projects

- **NCTC Pickleball Court Lights** – Installation of new lighting at the pickleball courts was completed on **March 6, 2026**, allowing for extended play hours and improved visibility.
- **Edison Park Ball Field Lighting Panel** – Electrical panel upgrades for the ball field lighting system were completed on **March 12, 2026**, improving reliability and safety of the lighting infrastructure.
- **Frankie Schmitz Train** – The historic train received a fresh paint job, completed on **March 12, 2026**, helping preserve the structure and improve its appearance for visitors.

Projects in Progress

- **Kiwanis Park Renovations** – Concrete pads for benches have been completed. Benches, picnic tables, and the water fountain have been delivered and will be installed soon.
- **Home Grown Hero's Walking Trail Lighting** – Light fixtures have arrived and lighting poles are expected to arrive next week. Installation will begin once all materials are received.



Planning Stages / Upcoming Projects

- **Tree Planting & Maintenance Program** – Development of a long-term program focused on expanding tree coverage and improving maintenance across the park system.
- **Spring Fling Event** – Staff is currently preparing for this upcoming community event.
- **Leonard Park Aquatic Center Opening** – The Aquatic Center is scheduled to open for the season on **May 23, 2026**, with preparations underway to ensure the facility is ready for summer operations.

Public Works Update

- Tennie Street is substantially complete. Scheduling the punch list walk.
- Foundry water line is completed and the project has been closed out.
- Conducted bid opening for the Wine portion of SUMP L on **March 12**.
- Reviewed the first submittal of plans for Projects 9 and 10 and sent back comments to the engineer.

Communication and Outreach Update

- The City website is prepared for user testing next week for the website redesign.
- HOT funds consultations are ongoing; applications are due **May 4, 2026**.
- Digital billboards are live in the Metroplex and Oklahoma City.