

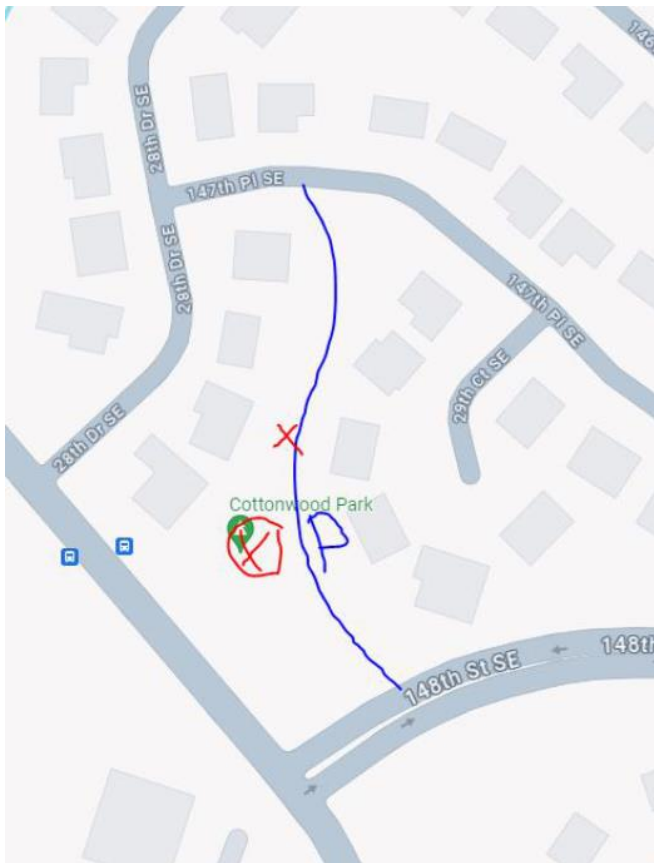
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Tree Removal – Cottonwood Path by Playground

Our tree vendor will remove two trees near the Cottonwood playground. The first tree is a large codominant Douglas Fir (location marked by red X with circle below). There is significant flaring on the bottom trunk where the tree joins. These types of tree pose a greater risk of failure and we are removing it because of its location near homes and the playground.

The second tree to be removed grows close to the path, and the roots lift path sections (location marked by red X below). Both these trees are in areas where it is challenging to get equipment in and out. We will close the Cottonwood trail from 147th Pl SE to 148th St SE while the tree crews work in this area.



Cherry Park: Pipe Replacement Project

Last year, we successfully replaced the leaking catch basin that maintains the pond level at the Cherry Park retention pond. This year, we discovered that the pipes leading from the new catch basin to the golf course pond were also leaking. Understanding the importance of this issue, we have decided to replace them. Both

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a 12" and 18" pipe lead from the new catch basin to the golf course. As these pipes are the same age and located on top of each other, we are replacing both to the end of our property line, where we will connect them to the pipes that continue to the golf course pond. Currie Construction did an excellent job last year and will return to Cherry Park for this crucial project in August.

We need to lower the water level of the retention pond to dry out the ground around the catch basin. Maintenance will start reducing the water level in mid-July. The scheduled start date for the project is August 5, 2024.

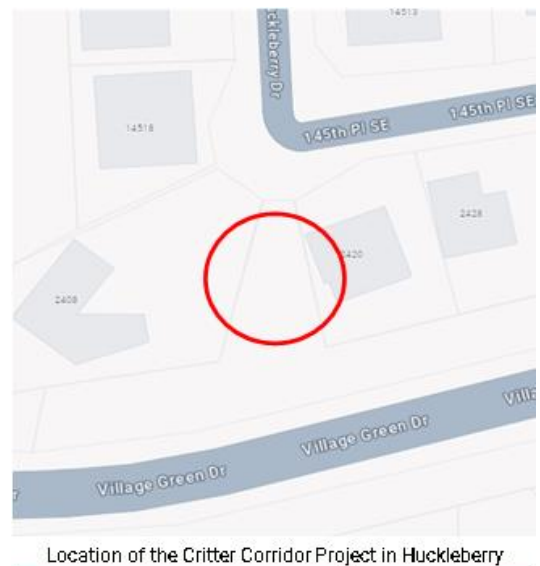
The concrete path from the Huckleberry division between the retention pond and golf course is the main access to the park for all our maintenance tasks. This path sustained some damage last summer when the retention pond was cleaned, and we anticipate some more damage due to the pipe replacement project. The board has recently approved a bid for Currie Construction to replace this section of path with a 6' wide, 8" deep rebar-reinforced concrete path. The new, reinforced concrete path will be better able to withstand the vehicle traffic required for the maintenance of the retention pond.

Critter Corridor

If you live in Huckleberry division, you may have noticed we've begun clearing the large triangle-shaped common area between lots 77 and 78. This space was overgrown with Himalayan blackberries, invasive plants, dumped landscape debris and garbage. Our goal is to clear the area of brush and debris and provide a safe forage area for small critters like birds, squirrels, and pollinators.

The Noxious Weed Committee is busy removing weeds and spreading wood chips. We look forward to planting this area in the fall. Specific forage plants like cascara, red flowering currant, and a Garry oak will be planted in fall 2024. Having an environmentally themed purpose that's beneficial to animals, coupled with our clearing projects, is not only good for the environment but also good for our residents and their children, who will hopefully experience some memorable wildlife sightings or take a few pictures of happy wildlife stopping to feed and rest at our critter corridor.

As a reminder, please do not feed wildlife in our community. These critters are healthiest when left to rely on the natural food sources provided in this space. Introducing human food to wildlife will attract rats, raccoons, and other undesirable animals to the neighborhood.



Location of the Critter Corridor Project in Huckleberry

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MCCA Bridges and Bollards: Repair/Restain

MCCA has eleven bridges in the Nature Preserve, Cherry Park, and over the stream that flows between Huckleberry and Cottonwood. Maintenance is pressure washing the bridges and will follow up with a coat of stain on all the wood handrails and supports. This project starts mid-July and will run through August as weather and the maintenance schedule allow.

Huckleberry Wall: Rebuild – Complete

Our project to replace the Huckleberry wall is moving along. The original wall was starting to fail due to a lack of drainage behind the wall and tree roots, both causing the rocks to move. We worked with Currie Construction in early May to remove and replace the rock retaining wall. This was a major project as we needed to use large boulders and heavy equipment and shut down a lane of traffic on Village Green Drive for three days. Following the Right of Way permit we received from the City of Mill Creek, our maintenance crew members, who are certified flaggers, staffed a significant traffic control operation.

The new rock retaining wall uses larger rock and was constructed to ensure water drains through a layer of cobble behind the wall into a perforated pipe and away from the wall. Large footings that reach the glacial till layer were poured for the new brick monument to ensure it stands straight for many years. Recently, the brick wall was rebuilt by Powers Chimney & Masonry. We are waiting for dry weather so the brick wall can cure before Powers returns to apply a coat of water sealant. The sealant helps the mortar and masonry last longer in wet weather conditions.

Our electrical vendor, Voltech, returned to run the conduit and rewire the lights. The Huckleberry sign was re-installed on June 27. Maintenance installed the new plantings and bark, and this project is complete.