

**Parks Maintenance
Report to the
Parks, Recreation and Open Space Board
September 11, 2014**

- Fall youth and adult leagues are underway. McKinney Girls Softball will be the last to start this coming Saturday the 13th. The athletic field crews have been busy with final preparations as well as the daily prep of the baseball and softball fields being used. All neighborhood park practice fields will be dragged on a regular basis throughout the fall season.
- The recent heat and lack of rain has allowed us to start staying on our regular mowing schedules. The rain we did receive during the summer months really helped the quality of the grass this year. The soccer fields at Craig Ranch have shown the best improvement this year from the recent drought years. The ability to aerate the fields this year with the purchase of our own deep tine aerator has helped to improve overall grass quality on athletic fields and will continue to do so for years to come.
- Parks crews have been working on tree trimming and removal all season. Some of the removals can be attributed to the recent years of drought and some to the ice storm damage from last winter. There are several areas, medians and parks where the trees are 3 to 5 years old and need to be low limbed and cleaned up. We will also have a few winter projects and some of the undeveloped parkland if we get all of the existing trees taken care of. I will keep the board updated as the fall and winter season moves along.