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CITY COUNCIL REPORT

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To: Honorable Mayor and Troy City Council

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Subject: Parks and Recreation Master Plan

City staff and consultant Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. has begun working on the 2020-2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan serves as inventory of Troy's existing facilities and resources, identifies community recreation and park needs, and provides a plan for the next five years. Once the plan has been approved by City Council it will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for review. Once the plan has been adopted by the MDNR, Troy will be eligible for opportunities to obtain funding sources through various grants.

The master plan will include the following information:

- Community Description
- Administrative Structure
- Inventory of existing parks, natural areas, and recreational facilities
- Description of planning and public input process
- Goals and objectives
- Action program

As mentioned above, one of the components relates to a public input process. For this master plan, in lieu of doing a traditional presentation style meeting, City staff has decided to try a new approach to gathering public input. Over the next two months, staff members will be present at various events throughout Troy doing 'pop-up' surveys. Our hope is to engage a wide range of Troy residents by getting out into the community, starting a dialogue, and engaging in meaningful discussions to learn what Troy residents want to see in our parks. Staff will be asking residents the following questions:

1. What do you think are the top three Parks & Recreation needs in Troy?
2. What is one specific project/amenity/improvement you would like to see in Troy?

In addition to completing these pop-up surveys there will be a more in-depth online survey. The link for the survey will be provided in the Recreation e-newsletter, the City of Troy website, and on various social media platforms. The deadline to complete the survey is Friday September 6th, 2019.

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Once all public input has been gathered, the consultant will format the information to include it in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This information will be used to determine the desires of the community. Once a draft of the plan has been completed there will be a public review time period and a public hearing. The plan will be presented to City Council in late 2019/early 2020 for approval.

We encourage all Troy residents to participate in this plan by participating in the survey. Past plans have resulted in accomplishing goals to meet these desires such as the first segment of the Troy Trail and Daisy Knight Dog Park.