



# Department Report

Report Title: Public Works—March 2024

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Recently Completed:

- Construction of Hancock Park message board by city crews.

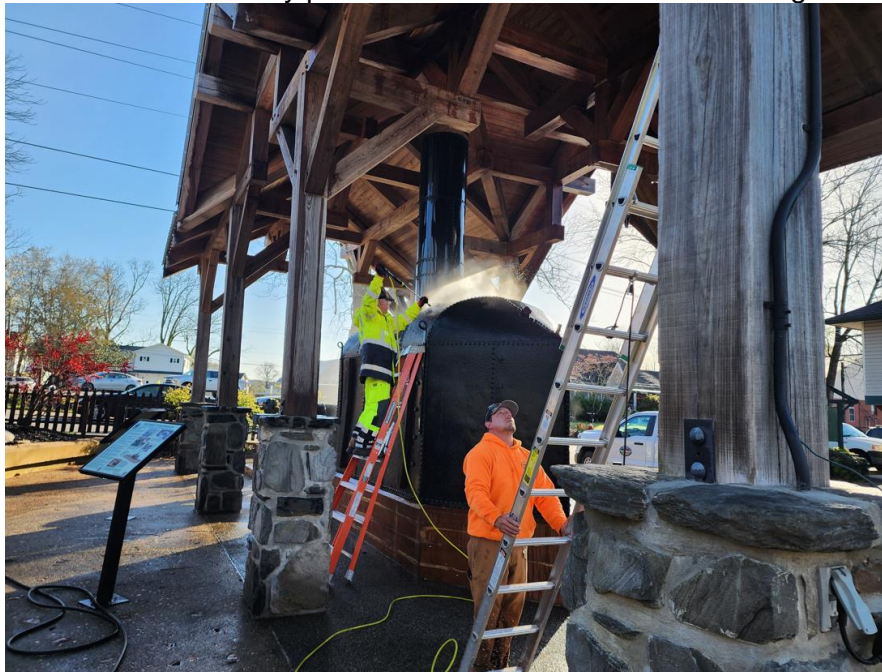


- Construction of East Main utilities. At the time of this writing, remaining items include electrical service along handrail and installation of LED raised pavement markers at the crosswalk.





- Cleaning of diving bell and preparation for re-staining to protect the structure and match the look of the Madeline Anthony pavilion and the new Hancock message board.



- Installation of mulch at various parks and open areas around the city.





- Installation of sod at Wimpy Mill Picnic Area.





- Removal of a pecan tree from Hancock Park that had suffered from extensive decay.



- Memorial Park Cemetery storm drain installation. The project was completed in cooperation with the developer of the neighboring parcel to the benefit of both the city's cemetery and the developer's upcoming townhome project.

Ongoing:

- Installation of a new facility to house the city's lift on the upper section of the North Park Street property. This will provide quick and easy access to downtown for the lift that travels at extremely slow speeds.
- Installation of the spring & summer downtown vegetation.
- Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge and Sidewalk design and permitting. At this time, construction is expected in late 2024.
- Golden Avenue storm drain. Coordination with neighboring property owners regarding necessary easements is ongoing.
- Design and bid services for Phase 2 of the North Grove sidewalk project from Subway to Skyline Drive.
- Revegetation of the Hancock Park yard. This is becoming more challenging each year as the event season continues to expand not only to cover roughly 10 months of the year, but also to draw more and more foot traffic. The combination of heavy foot traffic, minimal to moderate sunlight and desire for a "cold-weather" grass (i.e. a grass that stays green year round) requires constant maintenance with varying results.

Upcoming (these projects are currently either in concept, design or construction phase):

- Selected portions of the Arcadia Street water and sewer main project/Mechanic Street to Morrison Moore sidewalk.
- North square reconstruction and tree replacement.
- Visitors' Center Plaza surface replacement and sanitary sewer repair.
- Park Street Utilities Project.