

## MEMORIAL PARK



### Description

Memorial Park was originally constructed in the early and mid 1970's. Additional elements have been added since, such as the Veterans Memorial in 2007. Memorial Park is the city's largest park, with 22 acres (including the Senior and Quinlan Community centers). It offers 6 lighted tennis courts, a lighted baseball field, an outdoor amphitheater and stage, walking paths, reservable group picnicking, 2 playgrounds, restrooms, and lawn areas. Memorial Park hosts the city's large outdoor events such as the Cherry Blossom, Kids 'N Fun, and Diwali festivals. The amphitheater is home to annual Shakespeare in

the Park, Summer Concert series, and Cinema at Sundown events.

### FOCUS

Community hub and multi-use, civic- focused event space.

### RECENT/PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

The tennis courts were resurfaced in 2017. Landscaping in front of Quinlan was renovated in 2018 with drought tolerant planting and drip irrigation. A capital project to develop a master plan and design concept for Memorial Park improvements is funded.



## SITE ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### *Immediate*

- Engage the public in developing a site master plan for Memorial Park as a community hub and multi-use, civic-focused event space. Include the presence of the Quinlan Community, Senior, and Sports centers in planning Memorial Park as a community space.
- Consider repurposing the inactive pond, renovating the amphitheater, adding walking path improvements and playable water feature, enhancing the tree canopy, integrating natural features, and renovating, adding and/or expanding recreation facilities to enhance indoor and outdoor event space, community gathering space, active/healthy recreation uses and play opportunities.
- Clarify the role of memorials at this site, addressing opportunities to make a community-building statement and/or tribute to community cohesiveness.

### *Short Term*

- Implement Phase 1 improvements in the pond/amphitheater area.
- Consider nature integration, shade, ADA accessibility, pathway and seating improvements, pond re-purposing, and other elements consistent with the site master plan process.

### *Longer Term*

- Phase in additional improvements, including improvements to existing facilities, based on the site master plan, and the addition of recreation opportunities. Pending the site master plan, this may potentially include major facilities (such as an aquatic facility, gymnasium/recreation center, senior center expansion and/or a potential performing/fine arts center) at this site, or as an expansion of an adjacent recreation building that would affect this site (Sports Center, Senior Center e.g.), as well as the addition or repurposing of facilities.
- Provide connections to proposed trails, bike lanes and bike routes.