



Indian Valley Community Services District

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IVCSD Provides Update on Greenville Community Park Ballfields

The Indian Valley Community Services District (IVCSD) has recently become aware of social media posts expressing concerns about the condition of portions of the sod at Greenville Community Park's baseball and softball fields. We appreciate community members who care deeply about our park and understand why questions have been raised regarding the appearance of certain areas of the turf.

Because these facilities represent a significant investment in our community, IVCSD staff immediately began investigating when signs of turf stress first appeared in mid-May.

What We Found

After weeks of evaluation, troubleshooting, and field inspections, staff determined that several separate issues were contributing to the dry spots and discoloration visible throughout portions of the outfields.

Among the issues identified were:

- Broken sprinkler heads that were no longer rotating properly, resulting in inadequate irrigation coverage.
- A buried irrigation valve that had become stuck in the closed position and was preventing a section of the system from operating correctly.
- Irrigation coverage being obstructed by portable little league netting that had been relocated onto the field.
- Areas where sprinkler coverage was insufficient, creating the "crop circle" or patchwork appearance visible in portions of the turf.
- Challenging soil conditions resulting from field grading and reconstruction activities completed during the park's redevelopment.

Photographs taken during the investigation documented these conditions, including damaged irrigation components, blocked spray patterns, dry coverage zones, and irrigation infrastructure affected by dirt, debris, and gopher activity.

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Actions Taken by Staff

Since mid-May, District staff have been actively working to improve field conditions.

These efforts have included:

- Running irrigation stations manually to address dry areas.
- Increasing irrigation frequency from alternating schedules to daily watering.
- Adding supplemental watering time to the driest zones.
- Increasing overall irrigation run times by as much as 50 percent in affected areas.
- Repairing broken sprinkler heads.
- Adjusting sprinkler nozzles and spray patterns to improve coverage and saturation.
- Manually watering problem areas while repairs and adjustments were being made.
- Continuing to monitor turf health and irrigation performance throughout both fields.

Currently, the irrigation system is operating more than six hours per day, significantly more than it did during previous seasons.

Additional Challenges at the Park

While addressing irrigation concerns, District staff have also responded to a number of unexpected infrastructure issues associated with the newly reconstructed park.

These included:

- Severed sewer laterals that affected restroom operations.
- Multiple damaged potable water lines.
- Debris and sediment entering water systems and impacting facility operations.

Addressing these issues required dozens of staff hours while regular maintenance duties and daily operations continued.

Understanding the Bigger Picture

Field maintenance involves more than watering alone.

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During reconstruction, portions of the ballfields were regraded using a cut-and-fill process. While necessary for creating playable surfaces, this process can expose underlying soils that contain less organic material and fewer nutrients than topsoil. These areas often retain less moisture and can make successful turf establishment more difficult.

In addition, the irrigation system was designed before the long-term performance characteristics of the site's well were fully known. While the system performs well in most areas, staff have identified locations where irrigation coverage requires ongoing adjustment to achieve more consistent results.

Commitment to Our Community

We understand the frustration expressed by some community members. The condition of portions of the turf is disappointing to our staff as well.

However, we want the public to know that these conditions are not the result of neglect, complacency, or a lack of concern. Since the first signs of trouble appeared, District employees have spent significant time diagnosing problems, repairing equipment, adjusting irrigation schedules, manually watering affected areas, and working toward long-term solutions.

Our employees live in this community, use these facilities, and take pride in maintaining public infrastructure. We care deeply about Greenville Community Park and remain committed to protecting the community's investment.

While there is still work to do, we are already seeing improvement in several affected areas and will continue working closely with project partners and stakeholders to ensure the fields are in the best possible condition for upcoming events, including the Gold Digger Tournament.

We thank the community for its patience, support, and continued interest in Greenville Community Park.

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