

**Where?** Johnny Diamond Park

**What?** 2024 Major Maintenance Project

**When?** July 29 – August 7, 2024

With the heavy initial spring and early summer growing season anticipated to taper off significantly in the upcoming weeks, Public Works staff is planning for some much-needed maintenance at Johnny Diamond Park.

For efficiency and safety considerations, the park will be closed to the public for the duration of this focused maintenance and rehabilitation project. The project consists of two parts.

1. Planting beds on perimeter and interior of the Park
* Removal of the significant weed growth
* Treatment of cleared area with selective use of herbicides to eradicate remaining roots.
* Application of pre-emergent herbicides to inhibit future weed growth.
* Placement of new mulch throughout the planting beds
1. Play Area and Structures
	* Sanding and resealing wood components of benches, log, structures
	* Maintenance to play structures and placement of additional wood chips throughout the play areas and path

The City of Coburg has a long-standing principle of not using herbicides in their Parks and Open Spaces unless absolutely necessary. A pesticide/herbicide policy will be presented to the Park & Tree Committee and formally adopted by Council as part of the Vegetation Management and Maintenance Plan currently in development.

Signs will be posted on site prior to the closure and will remain posted throughout the duration of the project to ensure the neighborhood and community is aware of the work being done and will also be posted on the City’s Facebook page to extend awareness.