GRAND AVENUE PARK HOCKEY RINKS

In an effort to balance budget demands against current uses, the City has decided to rehabilitate one roller hockey rink at Grand Avenue Park and retire one rink from roller hockey play. New chain-link fencing has been installed on one rink to keep hockey pucks from flying outside the rink. Old chain-link fencing has been removed from the second rink, which will now be dedicated to basketball only. The cost to replace the fencing on the roller hockey rink was $4,550; and, the cost to remove the fencing from the second rink was $3,250.

The roller hockey rinks have been in use since the park was built in 1998. Popularity of roller hockey has declined and the City’s youth roller hockey program with leagues and clinics ended in 2008. Since that time, pick-up roller hockey play has been scheduled on one rink on Thursday evenings and Sundays. This project will allow continued roller hockey play at Grand Avenue Park.

The National Junior Basketball program (NJB) and City basketball programs have been scheduled on both roller hockey rinks at the park for the past few years. Portable backstops are used to transform the rinks for basketball. Lights on the rinks allow for night-time play.
Photo Caption: Dale Duley and Nick Galindo of Charlie’s Fence Company work to remove the chain-link fencing at the roller hockey rink at Grand Avenue Park. Charlie’s Fence Company, and its employees, pride themselves on volunteering and giving back to the communities they serve. Mr. Galindo said the company works to repurpose scrap fencing materials and it is likely the materials will be repurposed to refurbish areas at a Little League park.

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