

**TO:** Park & Recreation Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Assistant Parks & Rec Director  
**DATE:** August 12, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Park Vandalism/Litter Discussion

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

At a recent City Council Work Session, the topic of park vandalism and excessive littering in city parks was discussed. The discussion revolved around specific incidents of vandalism in the bathrooms at Harmon Park and chronic littering in the redeveloped north end of Marthaler Park. These problems are nothing new to West St Paul, or any other park system for that matter, but it has gotten worse in recent years. The Mayor and City Council would like the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to talk about these problems and brainstorm some ideas to address them. Some talking points to start the conversation include:

- Neighborhood Watch Groups
- Adopt-A-Park Program
- Signage
- Security Upgrades
- Park Patrol
- Lighting
- Park Hours

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Discuss and brainstorm ideas to address vandalism and littering in West St Paul Parks.