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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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To: Mark F. Miller, City Manager

From: Robert J. Bruner, Assistant City Manager
Kurt Bovensiepe, Director of Public Works
Cathleen Russ, Library Director

Subject: Storybook Trail addition to Raintree Park

The Friends of the Troy Public Library, the Troy Public Library, and the Department of Public Works, Grounds Division, have collaborated to bring a Storybook Trail to Raintree Park. This trail features 18 permanent aluminum post-mount frames with book pages that allow users to read an entire book while exploring one of the City's beautiful outdoor spaces. These hand-picked stories shared between children and their caregivers include suggested activities to keep everyone engaged between pages and to support the five pillars of early literacy: talk, sing, read, write, and play. Stories will be swapped out regularly so families can make visiting the trail a regular activity.

DPW Grounds Division installed the posts and frames, leaving ample space for maintenance of the trail and for other users of the trail to pass while families are reading the story. The first featured story, *Max the Brave* by Ed Vere, will be installed on Friday, October 2.

The Storybook Trail was funded through the generous contribution of the Friends of the Troy Public Library. Updates on the trail and the current story will be made available at troypublib.org/StorybookTrail.

