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Purely Parks Newsletter

Purely Parks. Those two words sum it all up. Parks are the gateway to nature, green space, trails, playgrounds, picnics, recreation and community. As stewards of Tulsa park land, the City of Tulsa Parks' family is passionate about their work and strive to provide the best park programs and park space for Tulsans. We hope you enjoy Tulsa's parks and the many pleasures they have to offer.

This quarterly newsletter will focus on the creativity, accomplishments and activities at Tulsa Parks. Feel free to share this newsletter with other nature and park enthusiasts. Enjoy!



Helmerich Horticulture Center Opens

The Peggy Helmerich Horticulture Center has opened as a new addition to the Linnaeus Teaching Gardens at Woodward Park, 2435 S.



B.C. Franklin Improvements Underway

Construction is underway at B.C. Franklin Park to add a variety of park improvements that were envisioned by area residents in

Peoria Ave. With a Kentucky horse barn style to match the existing facility, the new building provides more classroom space for the Linnaeus gardening training program and opens up a clearer view of the nearby arboretum. Accommodations also have been made for a Phase 2 greenhouse to be attached on the south side of the structure.

A \$1.6 million project, the Peggy Helmerich Horticulture Center was made possible through a donation from The Helmerich Trust and Mrs. Peggy Helmerich. Manhattan Construction was the contractor for the classroom building. The City of Tulsa contributed site work for the project, including demolition of old facilities, drainage improvements, fencing, site paving, and landscaping.

collaboration with City of Tulsa Parks Department staff.

The project is being paid for by sales tax identified for park purposes and private donations. One of the private donations that will help enhance the new amenities at B.C. Franklin Park, includes a donation from the OKC Thunder for \$75,000 to build a second basketball court and fit both basketball courts with "Thunder Up" designs. The Tulsa Parks Department also received a \$40,000 donation from Oklahoma Surgical Hospital Foundation to install top-of-the-line outdoor adult workout equipment from Greenfields equipment.

Project highlights include: A Black Wall Street-themed playground, adult outdoor fitness center, community garden and two basketball courts. The park will also receive new benches, shelters, picnic tables, barbecue grills, landscaping, parking lot and trail improvements, a bike rack and a drinking fountain.



Springdale Park Complete

Construction is complete at Springdale Park and new amenities such as a large hexagon shelter, water playground, playgrounds for ages 2 - 5 and ages 5 - 12, park benches and a picnic table, were installed for the community to enjoy.

Springdale Park was identified for new improvements as part of the Tulsa Parks strategic plan. The recreation center and pool were demolished so new self-directed amenities could be enjoyed by the public.



Langenheim Upgrades

Langenheim Park recently received new upgrades thanks to members of the Tulsa Southside Rotary Club.

With a donation of \$75,000 from the Tulsa Southside Rotary Club, the Tulsa Parks Department was able to update the existing playground equipment at the Langenheim Park OKC Memorial playground since the former playground equipment had reached its useful life.

The Tulsa Parks Dept. installed new playgrounds for ages 2-5 and ages 5-12. A new plaque was also erected to



McClure Pool Makeover

McClure Pool will receive a transformational makeover, replacing the existing pool, deck and bath house to make way for a new pool and amenities.

The new pool at McClure Park will consist of six 50 meter lap lanes and a family swim area with interactive toys integrated into the pool. The entrance to the pool will be zero depth. A new bath house will also be constructed, as well as shade structures around the new pool deck.

Construction is expected to begin in May 2016 and the

memorialize the children who passed away in the Oklahoma City bombing.

project is set to finish in spring 2017. The project is being paid by Improve Our Tulsa capital funding and the budget for the project is approximately \$4.1 million.



Family Ability Day

Tulsa Parks is partnering with The Center for Individuals with Physical Challenges to put on the first-ever Family Ability Day. The event will be held on Saturday, April 23 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Hicks Community Center, 3443 S. Mingo Rd.

The Family Ability Day event will showcase a variety of adapted sports available in the Tulsa area, such as: wheelchair basketball, wheelchair tennis, goal ball, sitting volleyball, track and field, cycling, archery, shooting, and adapted paddling.

This event is free and open to all ages and all levels of disabilities. Lunch and healthy snacks will be provided. Registration is not required.

Winter Adult Sports

The deadline is approaching for a variety of adult winter sports. Joining one of the Tulsa Parks leagues is a great way to stay active and meet other members of the community.

Knocker Soccer - Enroll by February 12 at Reed Community Center, 4233 S. Yukon Ave.

Recreational Volleyball - Enroll by February 16 at Hicks Community Center or Whiteside Community Center, 4009 S. Pittsburg Ave.

Women's Basketball - Enroll by February 26 at Hicks Community Center, 3443 S. Mingo Rd.

Dodgeball - Enroll by March 14 at Reed Community Center, 4233 S. Yukon Ave.

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