

Winter 2007/2008



Welcome to the latest edition of our Parks and Recreation newsletter, "Explorer". In these pages you will see the latest news on new projects and programs from our award winning Parks and Recreation Department. We hope you will take the time to get out and enjoy one of our new trails or community centers. You'll be glad you did!

2008 will be an exciting year for parks in Platte County. In addition to the planned opening of the Missouri Riverfront Trail (see article on right), we will be initiating the first ever update to our *Parks System Master Plan*. This plan, originally adopted in 2000, has guided our growth from one 18 acre park to the many new parks, trails, and community centers that are open today. With your input and involvement, we will take action to meet the highest needs of the community for greenspace conservation and quality recreation for our children. We look forward to your feedback in this important process. Be sure and let us know how we are doing and what you think makes Platte County Parks special.

Betty Knight
Presiding Commissioner

Tom Pryor
1st District Commissioner

Jim Plunkett
2nd District Commissioner



"Rolling, rolling, rolling on the river!" as Ike and Tina Turner sing. Or in the case of the Missouri Riverfront Trail, Platte County citizens will soon be "walking, walking, walking along the river!"

The highly anticipated Missouri Riverfront Trail (MRT) project is making significant strides forward! The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Riverside-Quindaro Bend Levee District have officially approved Platte County's technical design of the trail. Project bidding and construction of the trail's first phase is anticipated to begin this winter and open to the public by the summer of 2008.

The first phase of construction will connect the trail to an existing sidewalk system in Riverside located at the intersection of NW Argosy Parkway and NW Tremont. It will head northwesterly along Riverside-Quindaro Bend Levee and across the Burlington Creek on a 135-foot long pedestrian bridge to a trailhead that will be located on property that was graciously made available to the project by Damon Pursell Industries. The trailhead will be accessible from 9 Missouri Highway.

The total length of the first phase of trail is over 3.5 miles, including a 2 mile section located on the top of the levee. Due to the levee's primary purpose for flood fighting, the trail will have posted use times and will be closed during flood events and other required levee maintenance activity. Information regarding trail use regulations will be

posted at trail entry points and will be publicly announced prior to the grand opening of the trail.

Project funding for MRT comes from Platte County's half-cent sales tax for parks and recreation along with a Recreation Trail Program grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Platte County, along with technical assistance from Patti Banks Associates and Transystems, is the project construction coordinator and developer. The City of Riverside, in coordination with the Riverside-Quindaro Bend Levee District, is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the trail.

The Missouri Riverfront Trail is an important regional trail route that is identified in both the Metro Green Trail Plan and the Northland Trail Vision Plan. Future phases of the trail will ultimately connect with the proposed Line Creek Trail on the east and to English Landing Park on the west. Other Platte County trails that are now open to the public include Southern Platte Pass Trail (64th Street), Weston Bluffs Trail (Weston to Beverley) and Prairie Creek Greenway (south trailhead located on N Highway between 136th Street and D Highway).

And another verse from Ike & Tina:

You don't have to worry though you have no money.

People on the river are happy to give!

A Generous Donation from a Platte County Family!



In the photo from left are Tom Pryor, First District Commissioner; Betty Knight, Presiding Commissioner; Rachel Danley, Missy Wedel, Sam Danley, and Jim Plunkett, Second District Commissioner.

A donation was made to the Platte County Parks Department in the amount of \$25,000 in honor of Bryan J. Danley. The Danley family presented the donation on Thursday, January 31, 2008 for improvements to one of the baseball fields at Platte Ridge Park. Some of the improvements include stadium seating, beautiful landscaping around the entire field and special signage recognizing the Championship Field. The improvements should be finished by early May. The Championship Field will not only increase the quality of the facility, but it will add to the excitement and enjoyment to the players and spectators. The Platte County Parks Department wants to thank to the Danley family once again for making such a generous donation!



What are you waiting for? If you haven't had a chance to visit one of the Platte County Community Centers, now is the time! Both Community Centers are adding equipment this month. The Adaptive Motion Trainer will be one of the new pieces that you will see. It's a one of a kind machine that adapts to your movements! Each Community Center has top of the line equipment that you and your family will love using! If that's not your thing, registration for fitness classes are going on now! There are a variety of classes to choose from depending on what you are in the mood for!! When you come to visit the Community Center, don't forget to bring the kids! They will definitely enjoy one of the many activities going. You can find out about all of this and much more on the website at www.ymca-kc.org or stop in and visit either location in Parkville or Platte City! We'll see you soon!





Various projects throughout the County are seeing updates with new trees, shrubs and other plantings. These include trees for Southern Platte Pass and screen plantings at the Platte County Community Center South and Prairie Creek Greenway. The County is making continued, regular efforts to plant more trees and shrubs on a scheduled basis. At Southern Platte Pass 36 new trees were planted along the trail that will eventually provide more shade and beautification for the trail. The Platte County Community Center South benefits from a small planting to screen the generator behind the building. This planting was a collaborative project between the County, the YMCA, WNB Architects, and volunteers from the Kansas City Regional Center. The volunteers chose this project as a team-building exercise. They provided great effort and muscle power to help a tough job go

Prairie Creek Greenway



Southern Platte Pass



Platte County Community Center South



quickly. Prairie Creek Greenway has also been spruced up with an additional screen planting near the South Trailhead. In years to come the native shrubs planted here will provide visual interest for every season including beautiful flowers in the spring and bright berries in the fall. If you have suggestions or would like to assist with future planting projects please contact *Platte County Parks!*

HONORED TRAIL:

Prairie Creek Greenway

Designated a National Recreation Trail



Platte County recently received notification that Prairie Creek Greenway has been designated as a National Recreation Trail (NRT)! This great honor belongs to about 1,000 trails nationwide. Prairie Creek Greenway was the only trail in Missouri to receive this award in 2007 and is the 15th in the state.

Unique features of Prairie Creek Greenway ([click here for location map](#)) that helped bring the NRT designation are its open space preservation, use of sustainable land management, community partnerships, and overall beauty of the property. If you haven't been out to Prairie Creek Greenway it is worth a visit. We think you will agree that it is a trail of national distinction and provides essential pedestrian & bicycle connections for the community.

NRT designation benefits include, national publicity, a profile in the online National Trail database, technical assistance from NRT partners, and greater access to trail funding for future trail extensions. Another exciting aspect of this designation is that trail users can enter photos taken at Prairie Creek Greenway in the NRT Photo Contest. Be sure to bring your camera on your next trail ride or walk! For more information: (<http://www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails/photocon.html>).

Are You Getting the Winter Blues?

Warm weather is just around the corner!!!



Green Fees	Monday - Friday	Sat. - Sun./Holidays
18 Holes	\$22.00	\$27.00
9 Holes	\$12.00	\$15.00
Seniors	\$16.00	\$21.00
Juniors	\$10.00	\$15.00 (after 2pm)
Twilight/Winter	\$28.00(cart included)	\$28.00(cart included)

Cart Fees	Monday - Friday	Half Fee
18 Holes	\$28.00	\$14.00
9 Holes	\$15.00	\$7.50



"Senior" is 60 years of age and above.

"Junior" is 17 years of age or younger.

The winter rate is available Dec. 1st thru Feb. 28th.

The twilight rate will be available seven days a week. The time of the twilight rate will be determined by the season. Check with the Golf Shop for the current time. To receive this rate it is mandatory that the golfer rent a riding cart.

If there are any questions, please talk with the staff in the golf shop at 816-270-4653.

Address:

9400 N. Congress
Kansas City, MO 64153
(816) 513-7500
(816) 880-0279 (Memorial Day
through Labor Day)



AQUATIC CENTER

Hours of operation:

Memorial Day - Labor Day
Monday through Friday, noon until 8 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.
Holidays, 1-6 p.m.

Junior admission, 48 inches tall or less	\$5	Eight-visit punch card	\$50
Regular admission, taller than 48 inches and less than 65 years of age	\$8	Junior season pass: 48 inches tall or less	\$75
Senior admission, 65 years and older	\$6	Regular season pass: taller than 48 inches and less than 65 years of age	\$120
		Senior season pass: 65 years and older	\$90
		Family season pass: family of four	\$300
		Each additional family member	\$30

BIG pre-season 20 % off sale

All summer 2008 Springs Aquatic Center season passes are discounted 20% when purchased before May 1, 2008.

Take advantage of these great savings **NOW**.

Visit the [Springs Aquatic Center](#) to purchase your 2008 season pass!!



Prairie Creek Greenway's south trailhead, located south of 136th Street on the east side of N Highway, was a popular viewing location where spectators watched the colorful spectacle of professional bicyclists from around the world participating in the six stage Tour of Missouri last September.

Want More Info?

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