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CONTRIBUTIONS OF MANY MAKE PARKS SPECIAL



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As we prepare for next month's celebration of the 10th Anniversary of Quail Ridge Park's opening, we acknowledge with much gratitude the generosity of so many friends of the parks over the years. Henry Stealey (Quail Ridge Park), Henry and Jean Macler (Klondike Park), Betty Towne (Towne Park), Jack and Betty Broemmelsiek (Broemmelsiek Park), Dolores Freymuth (Freymuth Park), Nancy and Bill Knowles (Spring Bend), the Apted Family and Pat and Bob

Barnard (New Melle properties), and Mary Jane and Dave Wolk (Sundust Park Preserve); all of whom either contributed partial or total land donations to benefit the region for generations to come! Their legacies will forever be established in our parks' history.

We are most grateful for all the support we've been shown from community leaders, fellow County staff, and dedicated volunteers. The list is too long to single out individual contributions, but this agency could not have grown into what it has become without their determination that this county would have a regional parks system for future generations to enjoy.

The goal of our 10th Anniversary celebration, entitled "An Afternoon in the Park", is to honor these individuals for their support and to salute the growth of our department. We hope that you'll join us at Quail Ridge Park on July 25 (*see Page 2 for event information*) and will continue to visit us at each of our regional parks.

To all who have contributed in the past, and for those who plan to help in the future, please know that you'll forever be a part of our legacy!

THANK YOU...



In a 2002 photo, Quail Ridge Park Land Donor Henry Stealey posed by his namesake pond.



WEEK-LONG KIDS' CAMPS PRESENT SUMMER FUN

The Parks Department offers two week-long camps to introduce your child to the great outdoors.

Held in June and July, the **Park Explorer Kids Club** is open to kids ages 6-12. For a \$40 registration

ACTIVITIES

- Fishing
- Plant/wildlife identification
- Creekside discovery
- Outdoor games
- Nature-themed crafts
- Picnic celebration

fee, participants will discover the outdoors by exploring the prairies, trails, and waterways surrounding Quail Ridge Park. Program activities will include plant/animal identification, wildflower discovery, fishing, nature-themed crafts, and other fun activities. In addition, a picnic lunch is provided during the closing ceremony on Friday.

Park Explorer Kids Clubs are held from 8:30-11:30 a.m., on June 14-18 and July 12-16. Advanced registrations are required, as space is limited to the first 30 kids in each session.

JOIN PARK RANGERS ON A BRUNCH BICYCLE RIDE JUNE 19

Enjoy the natural beauty inside Klondike Park and along the Katy Trail while cycling the scenic Missouri River Valley as a part of the **Brunch Bike Ride** planned at 9 a.m., on Saturday, June 19. The three-hour program will depart from the Curt Loupe Conference



Center, explore the natural surface trails around Klondike Park, continue along the Katy Trail, include brunch at Wine Country Gardens near Defiance, and return to Klondike Park (a total of approximately 12 miles).

Advanced registration before June 11 is required, as the program is limited to the first 30 registered participants and no walk-up registrations will be accepted. Guests must be at least 18 years of age to participate, and a minimum of 15 registered participants are required for the program to operate. The cost

for the ride and brunch is \$25 per person. To participate in the ride, cyclists must bring their own bicycles and wear helmets. Guests are also advised to bring water, snacks, and sunscreen if needed.

To register for this and all St. Charles County Parks Department programs, please call the Parks Office at 636-949-7535 or click [here](#).

In case of inclement weather, the event will be postponed until June 26. For program cancellation information, participants should call (636) 949-7475.

CELEBRATE OUTDOOR FUN WITH "AN AFTERNOON IN THE PARK" ON JULY 25

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the opening of Quail Ridge Park on Sunday, July 25, the Parks Department plans a public celebration. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy "An Afternoon in the Park."

Festivities will run from 1-6 p.m., with events, food, and fun available for all ages and activity levels. The event will kick off with a reception at Quail Ridge



Lodge that recognizes individuals who donated land to become County parks, officials responsible for our growth and development, and other community leaders. At 2 p.m., the festival opens to the public with activities that include live music by "Glaze and the MoonKings", food and beverage booths, and exhibits that promote park activities and other community organizations.

Organizations, businesses, and individuals interested in sponsoring or volunteering at the 10th Anniversary celebration should call the Parks Department at 636-949-7535.

ACTIVITIES

LIVE MUSIC - 2-6 PM
"Glaze and the MoonKings"

TASTY TREATS
Wentzville VFW Post 5327, Kona Ice

COMMUNITY EXHIBITS
Astronomy, Disc Golf, Fishing, Mountain Biking, Outdoor Education, Community Information & much more

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Quail Ridge Disc Golf Club

(as of 6/1/10)



CAPTURE LASTING MEMORIES BY THE LAKE AT INDIAN CAMP CREEK

Amid a gorgeous backdrop, the Lakeside Pavilion at Indian Camp Creek Park is surrounded by a rocky landscape to create the perfect setting for keepsake photos, small weddings, and other special moments. Incorporating natural materials to reflect the idyllic theme of the park, the hexagon-shaped facility is rentable in minimum two-hour increments throughout the week for \$60 per session.



Found at the center of the park, this setting is ideal for once-in-a-lifetime moments. The pavilion is covered with a maroon-shingled roof and supported by enormous log columns to further the natural feel. Rustic stonework along the rim of the shelter adds to the serene landscape.

For information on the availability of this site, please call (636) 949-7535.

Guidelines for Pavilion use:

- Reservations have priority.
- Surrounding area, including the eco-playground, remains open to the public.
- Chairs, food, drinks, rice, birdseed, and balloons are prohibited.
- Tents, canopies, or outside apparatus are prohibited.
- The site is provided in “as is” conditions, please make sure it is clean for the next user.

RAIN GARDENS ADD BEAUTY, BENEFITS FOR PARKS AND YOU

In addition to being a beautiful landscape addition, rain gardens serve as small wetlands to capture and treat stormwater runoff, reduce erosion, and provide habitat for many insects, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals.

The department has installed rain gardens at Quail Ridge (near Shelter 4) and Indian Camp Creek (near Shelter 3) parks and is currently creating two areas at the new Heritage Museum site. In continuing with the overall mission of the department, native plant species were chosen for our rain gardens — based upon their natural adaptation to the varied conditions of that particular park.

Funding for our rain gardens included a Community Stewardship Grant from the Missouri Department of Conservation. Volunteers from the Confluence Chapter of the Missouri Master Naturalists, students from Barat Academy, and Forest ReLeaf of Missouri completed the construction of the projects. Additional guidance was provided by the St. Louis/St. Charles County

Soil & Water Conservation District.

For more information on how to create a rain garden in your own backyard, please click [here](#).



WHAT'S BLOOMING IN OUR PARKS TODAY?



Look to the prairies in County Parks to see the warm color blooms that parallel the months of June and July. You will see Butterfly Weed, Black-eyed Susan, Compass Plant, Coreopsis and Goldenrod. Other blooms you will discover are Blazing Star, Purple Coneflower, Rattlesnake Master, Swamp Milkweed and Wild Indigo.

CELEBRATE SKATEBOARDING AT GO SKATE DAY JUNE 21

Taking place on the **Youth Activity Park's** 33,000-square foot skate park, the local celebration of Go Skate Day on June 21 honors the growth of skateboarding throughout the world. With free admission for guests this day, the YAP will be open to all ages from noon to close.

Thousands have enjoyed Go Skate Day at the YAP since the first celebration four years ago, and many more are expected to continue in the



festivities this year. Go Skate Day at the YAP is a great opportunity for skateboarders of all ages and skill levels to come together in a safe environment and enjoy the facility.

Throughout the day, activities will include skate competitions, games, and other surprises. Area skate shops and other organizations will host demonstrations and offer giveaways.

To join the fun, participants must have a completed waiver on file with the park and must follow all posted rules. Skaters must wear a helmet inside the park, and parents/guardians must accompany those under 12.

For information on Go Skate Day or directions to the YAP, please call (636) 561-4964.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Camp Kick/Flip

Sessions run M-F through Aug. 13
Youth Activity Park

This week-long skate camp teaches basic to intermediate skills. Attendees receive training, a t-shirt, and more. **FEE: \$80**

Lock-In

Saturday, June 5, 6 PM - 6 AM (Sun.)
Youth Activity Park

Skate, climb, and play the night away on this round-the-clock event. Skate-themed games, contests, and all park amenities are included. Limited to registered youths (ages 12-18). **FEE: \$25**

Passport Walk

Saturday, June 12, 9 AM
Bangert Island Trailhead

Enjoy a guided hike through the park, where we'll focus on the birds and plants of this riverside ecosystem. **FEE: Free!**

Mountain Biking 101

Saturday, June 12, 1 PM
Indian Camp Creek Park

Learn basic mountain biking skills and enjoy a guided ride through the park. Topic will focus on climbing and shifting gears. **FEE: Free!**

Saddle Up and Ride

Sunday, June 13, 10:30 AM
Indian Camp Creek, Equestrian Lot

Team up for a ride along the park's multi-use trail. Participants must provide their own horses. **FEE: Free!**

Park Explorer Kids Club, Week 1

June 14-18, 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Quail Ridge Park, Shelter #1

Age Requirement: 6-12 years of age
Get your child interested in the outdoors, as an exciting schedule of outdoor educational programs, crafts, and games will turn your child into a Park Explorer. **FEE: \$40**

GO SKATE DAY!

Monday, June 21, Noon - Close
Youth Activity Park

Skate competitions, giveaways, demos, and other surprises honor the growth of the sport. Open to all ages. **FEE: Free!**

Moonlight Bike Ride

Saturday, June 26, 8:30 PM
Broemmelsiek Park

Join us under the light of the full moon for a relaxing ride along the park trails. Riders must wear a helmet and have a light attached to their bike. **FEE: Free!**

Park Explorer Kids Club, Week 2

July 12-16, 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Quail Ridge Park, Shelter #1

Age Requirement: 6-12 years of age
Get your child interested in the outdoors, as an exciting schedule of outdoor educational programs, crafts, and games will turn your child into a Park Explorer. **FEE: \$40**

The Stars of Summer

Saturday, July 17, 8:30 PM
Broemmelsiek Park, Astronomy Area

Join members of the Alliance for Astronomy as we view far-away places and discover secrets of the universe. This month's focus is Mercury and the Moon. **FEE: Free!**

"An Afternoon in the Park"

Sunday, July 25, 2 - 6 PM
Quail Ridge Park

Help us celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the opening of Quail Ridge Park with music, food, and fun. **FEE: Free!**

For all upcoming Parks programs, please click [HERE](#).

