



Lee's Summit Parks & Recreation ANNUAL REPORT FY2019

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Lee's Summit Parks and Recreation Board Approves Contract to Purchase Longview Recreation Center

The Lee's Summit Parks and Recreation Board (LSPR) approved a contract to purchase Longview Recreation Center located on the Longview campus from the Board of Trustees for the Metropolitan Community College of Kansas City, Mo. In addition to the \$4.1 million purchase price, LSPR invested an additional \$1.6 million to renovate the facility and update equipment. The facility was opened on December 17, 2018 under the new name Longview Community Center.

Trailhead Completed at Hartman Park Provides Connector to Regional Rock Island Trail

Construction of a trailhead at Hartman Park was completed in 2019 providing convenient access to the six-mile Rock Island Trail. With LSPR acting as the general contractor, the project was made possible through the Public Works 2017 CIP Sales Tax Renewal, which provided funding of \$250,000. Amenities added to Hartman Park include bicycle drop off, shelter with signage, bicycle maintenance, drinking fountain, ADA trail access, restroom upgrades and landscaping.

Legacy Park Community Center Renamed after Former Parks and Recreation Administrator Tom Lovell

Legacy Park Community Center was renamed to J. Thomas Lovell Jr. Community Center at Legacy Park in honor of Tom Lovell, LSPR's previous Administrator. Tom served as Administrator of LSPR for 38 years (1979-2017). Under Tom's leadership, LSPR grew from 12 staff members to 42 full-time employees, hundreds of part-time and seasonal employees, and an equal number of contractors. LSPR's open space inventory grew from 250 acres to over 1,200 acres, and he helped develop 77 miles of trails, 30 neighborhood parks, three community centers, and a water park. Under Tom's leadership LSPR won the National Parks and Recreation Association's National Gold Medal Award and became accredited in 2003 and reaccredited in 2008, and 2013.

Agreement with Streets of West Pryor, LLC Provides Improvements at Lowenstein Park

Improvements are underway at Lowenstein Park through a Memorandum of Understanding between the Lee's Summit Parks and Recreation Board and Streets of West Pryor, LLC. In addition to a financial contribution of \$115,000, the agreement includes improvements to and installation of additional parking, parking lot lighting, realignment and reconstruction of existing park trails to connect with multi-use trails within the development and installation of new park benches near the water feature, which will exist partially on Lowenstein Park land.



The Gold Medal Award honors communities throughout the United States that demonstrate excellence in long-range planning, resource management and innovative approaches to delivering superb park and recreation services with fiscally sound business practices. Only two other Missouri cities have achieved this recognition—Columbia and Springfield.

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The Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) administers a rigorous program based on self-assessment and peer review using national standards of best practice to better promote the quality of agency services and delivery systems. LSPR was initially accredited in 2003, re-accredited in 2008, and again in 2013. Only five Missouri agencies have achieved this standard of compliance (Chesterfield, Clayton, Kansas City, and Lee's Summit), and 153 nationally.

Facts & Figures

Park, Program, & Facility Attendance

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| Program Participation: | 17,872 |
| Friends of the Parks: | 6,911 |
| Corporate Friends of the Parks | 105 |
| Special Events: | 34,097 |
| Facility Visits: | |
| • Gamber Community Center: | 53,880 |
| • Harris Park Community Center: | 210,148 |
| • Lovell Community Center: | 256,190 |
| • Longview Community Center: | 78,048 |
| • Summit Waves: | 58,018 |
| 30 Parks: | 373,500 |

“Over 1 Million Participants!”

Social Media

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| Facebook Fans: | 23,957 |
| Twitter Followers: | 2,978 |
| Instagram Followers: | 1,155 |
| Snapchat Followers: | 110 |

Volunteers

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| Number of Volunteers: | 3,381 |
| Volunteer Hours: | 98,729 |
| Estimated Value of Volunteers: | \$2,459,711 |

Sponsors

94.9 KCMO
Adams Toyota
American Family Insurance
Bank of Blue Valley
Berry Jennings, State Farm Insurance
Bicycle Shack
Bike America
Bike Stop
Billy Goat Industries
Brain Balance Center of LS
Camp Bow Wow
David Earls
Equity Bank
Foundation Guy
Freezing Moo
Harmon Floor Covering, Inc
Heartland Quality Heating & Cooling
Instant Auto
Integrity Roofing, Siding & Windows
Jungmeyer & Suresh Dental Enterprises
Kline Van & Specialty Rental
Lee's Summit Medical Center
Lee's Summit Optimist Club
Legacy for Parks Foundation
Legacy Touch
Paragon Star
Price Chopper
Rockhill Orthopedics
Saint Luke's Health System
Security Bank of Kansas City
Shining Light Music
Smile Doctors LLC
The Rob Ellerman Team

Top FY19 #DidYouKnow Facts

Did you know, according to the National Parks and Recreation Association, a typical parks & rec agency has 9.6 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. LSPR currently has 12.5 acres per 1,000 residents, which is 32% higher than a typical agency.

Did you know, according to a National Parks and Recreation Association national survey, 36% of Americans manage their daily stress by hiking, walking or jogging on a local trail. LSPR provides over 67 miles of trail to support your efforts to improve physical and mental health.

Did you know, seventy percent of Lee's Summit residents feel that creating shared experiences that family and friends can bond over is a major reason to participate in outdoor recreation.

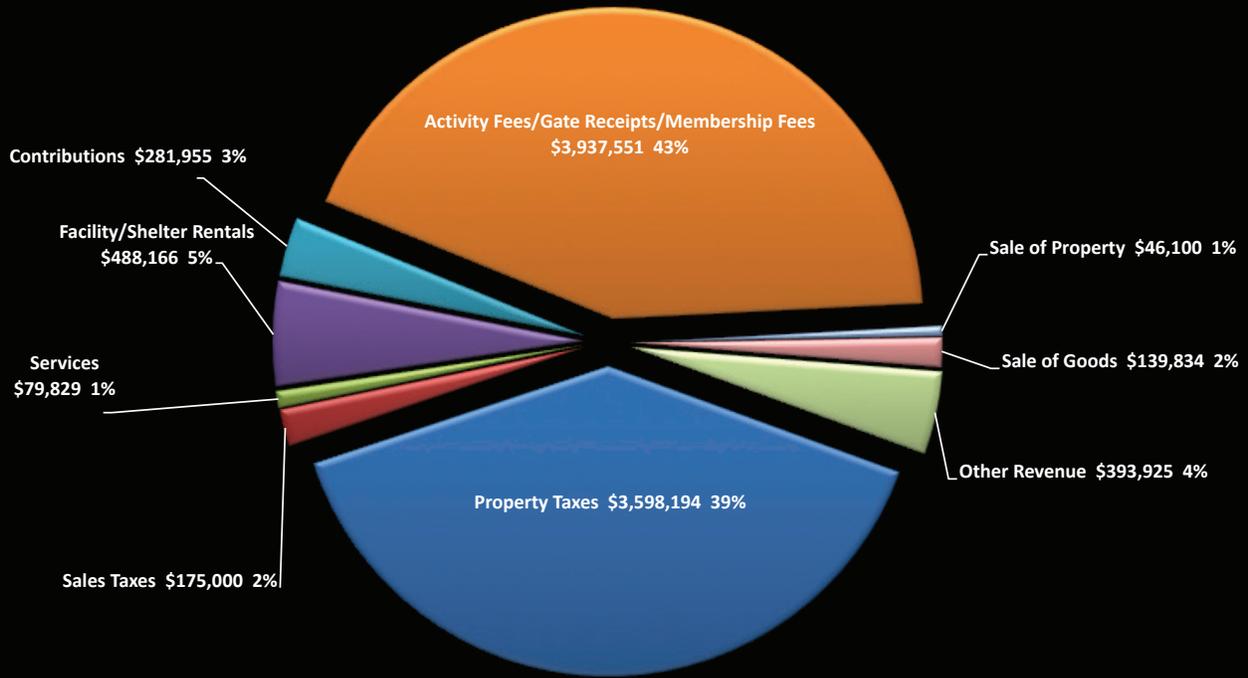
FY19 Accomplishments

- **LSPR purchased Longview Recreation Center from Board of Trustees for the Metropolitan Community College – Kansas City.**
- Renovations begin at Summit Park and Howard Park.
- **Design for the Wave Pool at Summit Waves is completed.**
- Renovation of the new Longview Community Center completed and opened December 17th.
- **Universal Pass membership created providing access to all four community centers.**
- Addition of shade over the shelters at Legacy Park Baseball Venue.
- **Trailhead connector to the Rock Island Trail completed at Hartman Park.**
- Fence replacement and safety capping installed at Legacy Park venues.
- **\$342,000 in gross sponsorship contracts; \$189,950 collected in FY2019.**
- Inaugural season for Summit Ice including an event with the Stanley Cup.
- **Wayfinding design completed at Legacy Park.**
- LSPR partnered with University of Central Missouri for theater events at the Legacy Park Amphitheater.
- **Tour de Lakes 2019 had 711 riders, ages 9 through 79 years old, representing 7 states.**
- Legacy Park Community Center is renamed after Former Administrator Tom Lovell.
- **5,173 bikes, canoes and paddle boards used free of charge at Lovell Community Center.**
- Glulam replacement project completed in lobby and pool patio at Lovell Community Center.
- **Memorandum of Understanding signed between LSPR and the Legacy for Parks Foundation; new Board established.**
- Agreement signed with Streets of West Pryor Development to fund improvements at Lowenstein Park .
- **Bicycles and trailers donated by the Lovell Family Foundation for free use at the Longview and Lovell Community Centers.**
- Tract of land adjacent to Arborwalk donated to LSPR.
- **Audiovisual equipment upgraded at Gamber Community Center.**
- New trails coming to Legacy Park from partnership with Urban Trail Company.



FY2019 LSPR Operating Revenue

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FY2019 LSPR Operating Expenses

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