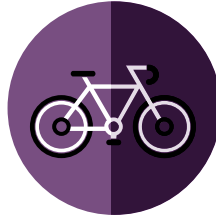
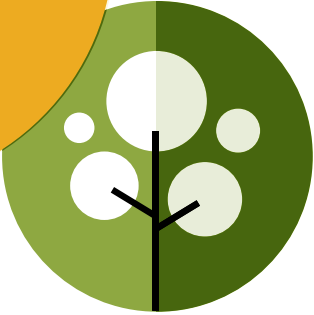
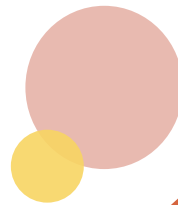
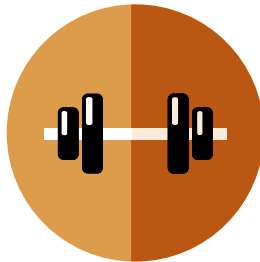


2013 YEAR IN REVIEW



DISCOVER #KCPARKS



DEAR FRIENDS OF PARKS AND RECREATION,

2013 was a big year for Kansas City Parks and Recreation as it was the first year our department began receiving funds from the successful passage of the half-cent sales tax in August of 2012. As you may recall, the increased sales tax reduced the City's General Fund support of KC Parks and redirected those funds to an enhanced budget for street maintenance and repairs.

This dedicated and stable funding has allowed our department to proactively plan for the future and enrich our services and amenities to better serve our residents. As a result of the tax, KC Parks has . . .

- Added 27 new programs and expanded operations by 8% per week at our ten community centers
- Reinstated the SHAPE (Safe Healthy Attractive Parks Environments) program to evaluate the conditions of parks and facilities
- Heightened playground safety inspections and repair from once per month to once per week
- Improved upon our frequency of mowing in parks and along boulevards and parkways
- Increased shelter cleaning, trash and litter removal to twice weekly during the season
- Removed graffiti within 24 hours instead of 48
- Expanded flower bed plantings from 46 to 90 beds situated geographically throughout the City
- Elevated cleaning and inspection of fountains to a minimum of three times per week
- Debuted a newly informative and functional website, kcparks.org
- Enhanced our social media presence via Twitter (@KCMOParks) and Instagram (kcmoparks)

Although these improvements kept our department very busy, there were other key achievements as highlighted in this Year in Review including the opening of the Soccer Village Championship Field in Swope Park; the return of penguins to the Kansas City Zoo; and the successful launch of a fundraising effort to repair, preserve and endow Kansas City's famous fountains. Additional featured initiatives focus on KC Parks role in permitting road races, runs, and walks in

the city; our innovative and nationally recognized marketing campaign; the 20th anniversary of Kansas City Northern Railroad; the ongoing expansion of our historic Boulevard and Parkway system in the Northland; and a European "love locks" tradition that has made its way to the Old Red Bridge in south Kansas City.

Some changes in governance were experienced in 2013. Terry Rynard returned to KC Parks as our new deputy director in February and quickly readapted to our department where she was previously employed more than 10 years ago. Additionally, the resignation of Parks Board Commissioner Aimee Gromowsky in March resulted in the appointment of Commissioner Mary Jane Judy in early June. We are thrilled to have maintained high quality leadership and a seamless transition in both cases.

There are several projects started in 2013 that I look forward to completing in 2014 such as Phase II of Swope Park Soccer Village, streetscape improvements to Emanuel Cleaver II Boulevard, and the opening of a new off-leash dog park in partnership with the City of North Kansas City. An exciting amenity that will be added to our system in 2014 is a surfing simulator at The Bay Water Park. This coming Memorial Day weekend, Kansas City will become just the second city in the state to have this unique asset in a municipal water park.

As always, I am grateful for our volunteer Board of Commissioners and their dedication to our department and am just as thankful for our equally committed employees. I appreciate your ongoing support and input and invite you to get out and DISCOVER #KCPARKS!

SINCERELY,
MARK L. MCHENRY, DIRECTOR



Governor Nixon and Director McHenry walk in Loose Park.



Director Mark McHenry with his grandson Malcom.

MISSION

To improve the quality of life by providing recreational, leisure, and aesthetic opportunities for all citizens, and by conserving and enhancing the environment.

We will accomplish this mission by providing quality programming, making the best use of existing resources, developing a supportive and influential constituency, developing effective collaborations and partnerships, and acquiring and preserving natural features.



FACTS ABOUT THE FIELD:

- 12.5 million pounds of crushed limestone rock (the weight of 1,745 pickup trucks)
- 9.48 million pounds of concrete
- 9.24 million pounds of asphalt
- 8.08 million pounds of a special sand blend (85% sand & 15% peat)
- 5,000 linear feet of field drainage pipe ranging from 4" to 24" in diameter
- 7,300 linear feet of PVC irrigation pipe
- 99,500 square feet of sand-based bluegrass sod shipped from Colorado in refrigerated trucks



Dignitaries celebrate the opening of the Championship Field.

SWOPE PARK SOCCER VILLAGE

On November 5, just three months after breaking ground, local dignitaries—including Mayor Sly James, Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Circo, 5th District Councilman Michael Brooks, Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders, KC Parks Commissioners, Sporting Club CEO Robb Heineman, and Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby—hosted a ceremony for the opening of the Championship Field in Swope Park Soccer Village and the kick-off of the Big 12 Women’s Soccer Championship Tournament.

The event marked completion of the first phase of a \$13 million project located adjacent to the Sporting KC Training Facility at 63rd and Lewis Road in Swope Park. By the fall of 2014 Swope Park Soccer Village will feature five more synthetic soccer fields and additional infrastructure updates including new restroom, concession and storage amenities.

The 2013 Big 12 Women’s Soccer Championship took place November 6-10 on the Championship Field and marked the

first time in 16 years that the event was not held in San Antonio. Eight of the nine Big 12 schools with Women’s Soccer programs were represented in the tournament.

The games were attended by 2,787 fans from across the country over the course of the tournament. The largest single game attendance was 630. Sunday’s championship game was broadcast live on the nationally acclaimed Fox Sports network.

Swope Park Soccer Village will host the NCAA Division III Men’s and Women’s Soccer Championship Tournaments in 2014/2015 and NCAA Division II Men’s and Women’s Soccer Championships in 2016/2017.

Brookside Soccer Club, a recreational youth soccer league with more than 2,000 participants from all over the metro area, will be one of the primary tenants.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

63rd Street Improvements

Emanuel Cleaver II Boulevard New Streetscape, Main to The Paseo

Gregg Klice Community Center Building Addition and Locker Room Improvements

Kansas City Zoo Sea Lion Exhibit Life Safety Support Building

Penn Valley Park Drive and Lake Improvements

Pershing Road Pavement Repairs, Grand to Main

Shoal Creek Parkway, N. Oak to N. Harrison

Tony Aguirre Community Center Renovations

TRAILS

Blue River Trail Extension, Bannister Road to I-435

Martha Truman Trail

ATHLETIC FIELDS

Oak Park Baseball Field Improvements

Swope Park Soccer Village, Phase I

PLANS & STUDIES

Community Facilities Operation Plan

Kansas City Northland Regional Community Center Plan

KC Parks Implementation Action Plan

MONUMENTS & FOUNTAINS

Area Transportation Authority Fountain Repairs

Bernard Powell Memorial Fountain Repairs

Children's Fountain Repairs, Bollards, and Landscaping Installation

Jacob L. Loose Memorial Stone and Masonry Repairs

PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

Liberty Park

Tiffany Hills Park

Loose Park Garden Center

STONE WALL REPAIRS

Bruce R. Watkins Drive

Loose Park

Satchel Paige Stadium

Southmoreland Park

Union Cemetery

TENNIS COURT RESURFACING

Gillham Park

Loose Park

FACILITY MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS

Brush Creek Community Center Energy Improvements

Elevator Inspection Assessment

Fire Alarm System Annual Service Inspection and Assessment

Surveillance System Assessment

LAND ACQUISITION

Marlborough Park Expansion, 12,386 square feet

SIGNAGE

Daniel Morgan Boone Park Wayfinding Signage

Red Bridge Text Panels

Swope Park Signage, Phase 2

OTHER PROJECTS

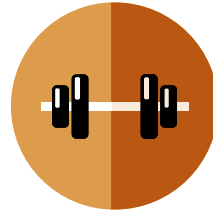
Penguin Park Security Cameras

Lakewood Greenway Geotech Borings

39th & Gillham - Oil Tank Relocation

The Springs Storage Locker Improvements

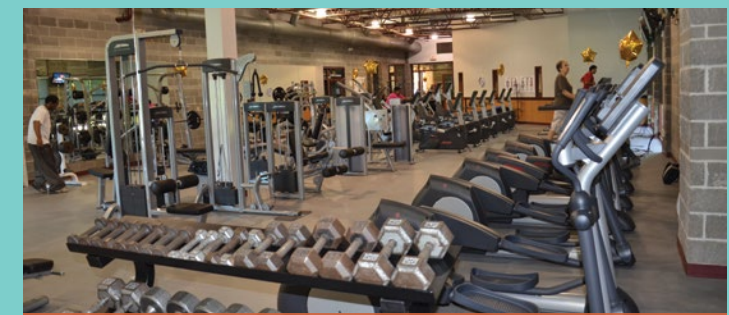
Tiffany Hills Park Storage Shed



Children's Fountain Improvements



Swope Park Signage, Phase 2



Gregg Klice Community Center



Penn Valley Park





King Penguins at the Kansas City Zoo



HELZBERG PENGUIN PLAZA

The opening of the 19,000 square foot Helzberg Penguin Plaza in October of 2013 marked the return of penguins to the Kansas City Zoo after a 40+ year absence. Helzberg Penguin Plaza houses four different species of penguins from the South America and Antarctic environments: King, Southern Rockhopper and Gentoo along with the temperate penguins, Humboldt.

Penguin Ice Paradise, is a 2,853 square foot exhibit with a 45 degrees air temperature. More than 30 cold water birds—King, Gentoo and Southern Rockhopper—live in Penguin Ice Paradise. The main exhibit area viewing window looks out onto massive ice formations that provide a variety of above and below water excitement. Some of the visible features include an ice bridge, tunnels, and pop-up holes for penguins to launch themselves out of. Special filtration is provided for this world-class exhibit to control airborne pathogens and provide odor control for the more than 100,000 gallons of salt water. Water cycles through the life support systems every 30 minutes and used salt water is recycled to conserve fresh water and salt. Two ice flake machines located on the catwalk above the viewing window produce 3” of snow per day for the penguins to play.

Penguin Coast is home to more than one dozen temperate Humboldt penguins. The 1,852 square foot warm exhibit environment is 50-80 degrees and modeled after the native Peruvian and Chilean habitat where Humboldt penguins originate. More than 25,000 gallons of cool salt water give these birds ample room to swim and play. During warm months, the temperate penguin exhibit is open to the outdoors via a folding window wall

complete with two underwater doors to allow the birds to swim from indoors to out. Eight nesting boxes are partially concealed in the rockwork and will provide cozy burrows for the Humboldt penguins to nest and raise young.

KC Parks and the KC Zoo are committed to sustainable building practices and the Helzberg Penguin Plaza is a prime example. The roof serves as a stage for 64 solar panels that make up a photovoltaic array producing 15-kilowatt hours of power. Recycled material makes up 20% of all materials used in the exhibit. Additionally, 20% of the materials were extracted or manufactured within 500 miles of Kansas City. A minimum of 75% of all construction waste was diverted from landfill and taken to a recycling facility. Landscaped areas and open space promote biodiversity and adapted plant species selected for landscaping negate the need for irrigation.

The \$15 million exhibit was funded by a private donation from the Helzberg Family; a \$1 million lead gift from the Junior League of Kansas City, Missouri in honor of their 100th anniversary; contributions from the Zoological District consisting of Jackson and Clay Counties in Missouri; and the diligent efforts of Zoo fans, young and old, who gave up birthday gifts, collected pennies and wrote letters to bring penguins to Kansas City.

With the addition of the Helzberg Penguin Plaza, the Zoo continues to enhance its attractions and appeal to the region keeping the facility on track to becoming a world class Zoo and Swope Park a major tourist destination with a positive economic impact on the entire metro area.



Taking the train for a spin.



TRAIN DAY & 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF KANSAS CITY NORTHERN RAILROAD

Thousands came out to the Kansas City Northern Railroad (KCNRR) on May 11 to celebrate National Train Day and the 20th year of operation for the KCNRR. The festivities featured free train rides for all, live music, face painting and crafts, a giant bouncy train and more!

The all-volunteer, not-for-profit group was formed in 1984 when Kansas City Parks and Recreation asked for volunteers to restore and operate the former Kansas City Zoo train. Upon restoration, the Southern Belle-Kansas City Southern Railway No. 31 was the first train to run when the KCNRR commenced operations on a one-half mile oval track in Frank Vaydik Park nearly ten years later.

In addition to the Southern Belle, the KCNRR operates and maintains the Line Creek Limited-KCNRR No. 802, and the Eagle-Missouri Pacific Railroad No. 651. All of the trains are Model G-16's, meaning they operate on a 16" gauge track. They were built by the Miniature Train Company of Rensselaer, IN and by the Alan Herschell Company of N. Tonawanda, New York.

In 2013, KCNRR experienced its biggest ridership to-date with more than 50,000 enjoying the trains during the season which runs weekends and holidays from May through October.

THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

TOTAL PARTICIPATION **2,969,757**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

CUSTOMER PARTICIPATION

Community Centers	421,602
Pools/Spraygrounds	202,884
Athletic Facilities and Programs	331,334

YOUTH PARTICIPATION

All Facilities and Programs	642,246
Mayor's Nights Programs	17,356

** there is some crossover of numbers between categories*

NATURAL RESOURCES

Trees Trimmed	4,641
Trees Removed	3,677
Stumps Removed	599
Total Acreage Mowed	64,881
Cubic Yards Of Snow Removed	7,684,942
Graffiti Incidents Removed	564
Citizen 311 Action Center (Requests Resolved)	6,154
Land Acquisition In Acres	.28 Acres

ATTENDANCE

Golf Courses	139,064
Lakeside Nature Center	31,590
Loose Park Garden Center	19,387
Kansas City Zoo	882,194
Kansas City Northern Railroad	50,086
National WWI Museum	125,697
Shoal Creek Living History Museum	30,949
Starlight Theatre	235,118
Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center	13,350

MARKETING AND EVENTS

Facebook Fans	2,629
Enewsletter Distribution List	10,222
Number Of Park Events	309
Special Event Attendance	478,520
Permitted Road Races	65
Road Race Participation	125,320

SHELTER HOUSES

Reservations	1,039
Attendance	31,618

VOLUNTEERS

Number Of Volunteers	3,010
Volunteer Hours	30,412
Estimated Value Of Volunteers	\$615,840

MAINTENANCE HOURS WORKED

Athletic Field	2,125
Landscape	36,380
Park Facility Repairs	10,873
Special Event Preparation	3,408
Litter/trash Removal	30,640



FESTIVAL OF FOUNTAINS

Kansas Citians are proud to call our home The City of Fountains. Since the first streams of sparkling water spouted across a concrete pond in the middle of The Paseo in 1899, the collective wishes and aspirations of Kansas City and its surrounds have been reflected in our world famous fountains.

The fundraising campaign officially kicked-off on June 9 with the Festival of Fountains held at the Bloch Fountain in front of Union Station. The City of Fountains Foundation organized the event to celebrate its 40th anniversary, showcase local fountains, and encourage contributions to the "Wish Upon a Fountain" campaign.

As simple as they are in concept, fountains are not inexpensive to build or maintain. Pipes and valves rust, wiring frays, concrete chips, sculptures crack, and essential fittings wear out or disappear. Despite regular professional maintenance by KC Parks, constant use, age and weather have taken a serious toll on many of our historic fountains.

The free festival included the annual Ride the Fountains Bike Tour, guided trolley tours of Kansas City fountains, children's activities, and an entertainment stage featuring youth dance groups and live music. The festival was followed by a summer-long public awareness campaign featuring "Splash Mobs" conducting fun art activities at critical fountain locations, and a gallery exhibit and on-line art auction of fountain paintings created by local artists.

In 2013, the City of Fountains Foundation embarked upon the "Wish Upon a Fountain" campaign to raise private dollars to help restore and upgrade many of Kansas City's iconic water features, focusing on eight that are in critical and immediate need of assistance:

- Seville Light Fountain
- Westside Fountain
- Children's Fountain
- Delbert Haff Memorial Fountain
- Spirit of Freedom Fountain
- JC Nichols Memorial Fountain
- William Volker Memorial Fountain
- Seahorse Fountain



2013 AWARDS & RECOGNITION

American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Missouri

Grand Award: Blue River and Indian Confluence Trails

American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) National Engineering Excellence

National Recognition Award: Blue River and Indian Confluence Trails

City of Kansas City, Missouri

Rich Noll Pacesetter Award: Sherry VanWinkle, Finance Director

Dragon Boat Festival & Races

Business Division Champions: KC Parks Blazing Paddles

Economic Development Corporation

Cornerstone Award-Public Projects: The Bay Water Park

Federal Executive Board Public Employees Recognition Day

Administrative Professional Award: Gary Bronkema, Finance Senior Administrative Assistant

435 Magazine

Hidden Kansas City-52 of the City's Secret Spots: Shoal Creek Living History Museum

Greater Kansas City American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)

Chapter Award for Special Contributions: Mark L. McHenry, Director

Historic Kansas City Foundation

Preservation Award for Excellence-Best Conservation: Liberty Memorial Wall of Dedication Restoration

Ingram's Magazine Best of Business Awards

Best Charitable Event-Gold: Jazzoo at the Kansas City Zoo
Best Theater-Silver: Starlight Theatre
Best Family Outing/Venue-Gold: Kansas City Zoo
Best Museum-Silver: National WWI Museum at Liberty Memorial
Best Performing Arts Venue-Silver: Starlight Theatre

Ingram's Magazine 40 Under Forty

Jesse Barnes, Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center Director

Kansas City Business Journal

Capstone Award, Community Impact: 9th & VanBrunt Athletic Complex

Kansas City Convention and Visitors Association: Visitors' Choice Awards

Favorite Kids Attraction: KC Zoo
Favorite Museum: National WWI Museum at Liberty Memorial
Favorite Fountain: J.C. Nichols
Favorite Golf Course: Swope Memorial Golf Course

Missouri Park and Recreation Association

Citation Award: Shoal Creek Association
Retirement Award: Steve Lampone, former Deputy Director

Northland Neighborhoods Inc.

Rich Noll Award: Richard Allen, Planning

Oregon-California Trails Association

Distinguished Partner Award: Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department

Pitch Magazine Best of KC Awards:

Best Fast Playing Public Golf Course: Heart of America in Swope Park
Best Place to Meet Your Next Boyfriend or Girlfriend: Penn Valley Off-Leash Dog Park
Best Place to Pretend You're Not in Kansas City: Swope Park Trails
Best Outdoor Theater: Starlight Theatre

Prairie Gateway Merit Award

Communications Category: The Grand Boulevard "Better Block KC"



EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

35 Years: City of Kansas City, MO

Tammie Tritico, Community Services
Robert Lawler, Planning/Design Services

30 Years: City of Kansas City, MO

Susan Bray, Natural Resources-Lakeside Nature Center

30 Years: Parks & Recreation

Robert Thompson, Natural Resources-Boulevards & Parkways
Leo Collins, Natural Resources-Park Landscaping

Quality Circle: Supervisor of the Year

David Burke, Central Region

Quality Circle: Employee of the Quarter

Theodore Armstrong, Natural Resources-Central District
James Wood, Natural Resources-Loose Park
John Sanders, Natural Resources-Central District
Leo Collins, Natural Resources-Park Landscaping

Employee Retirements

Sharon Gottschalk, 12 years and 11 months
Michael William, 24 years and 11 months
Henry Scott, 28 years and 2 months
Peter Jolly, 33 years
Larry Tarsus Byers, 5 years and 9 months



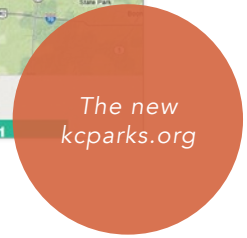
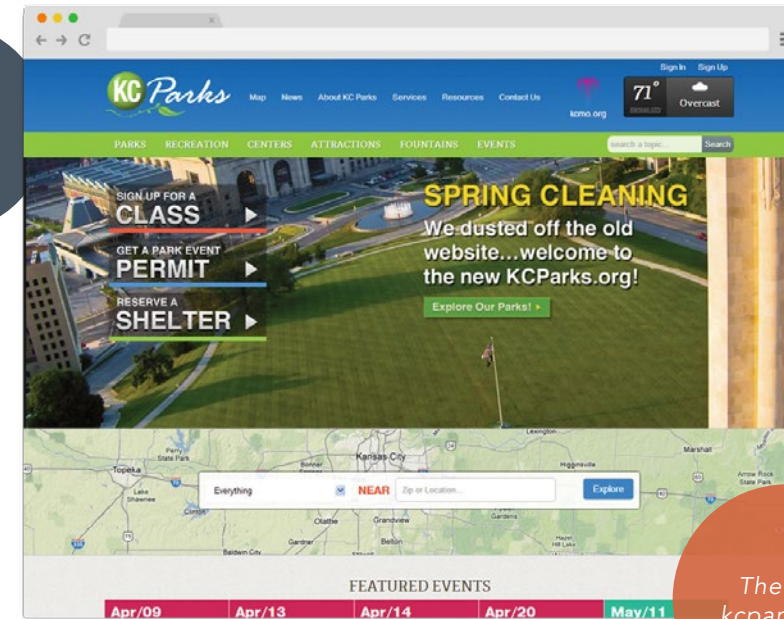
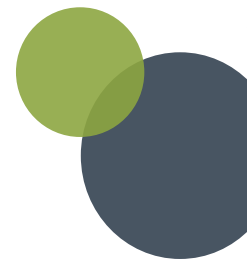
Park It Forward



Parks billboard



DISCOVER #KCPARKS wrapped bus



DISCOVER #KCPARKS

In January of 2013, KC Parks contracted with Brockton Creative Group and Will Gregory Public Relations to undergo a rebranding of the department, focusing mainly on the development of a new website. The site, kcparks.org, went live (softly) in late March. A marketing campaign announcing the new site launched in July in conjunction with National Parks and Recreation Month.

event in a KC Parks facility, amenity or attraction was developed and emailed, tweeted and posted to social media every day of the month. As part of a program, dubbed Park It Forward, interns would visit the "daily adventure" location and award those participating with a prize, take a picture and post it to social media outlets.

Throughout July, residents were encouraged to DISCOVER #KCPARKS and explore our new website via the placement of two high profile billboards in the downtown area. Digital media was employed to reach families in the metro and direct them to the site as well. Additionally, a KCATA bus made its debut wrapped with the DISCOVER #KCPARKS tagline and activity icons.

The entire rebranding campaign was extremely successful in introducing kcparks.org and raising awareness of KC Parks programs, services, amenities and the numerous opportunities we provide the community.

A special "daily adventure" calendar featuring an activity or

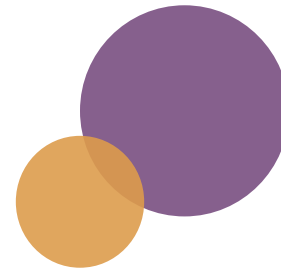
2013 PARTNERS IN PARKS

KC Parks has formal partnerships established with neighborhood, community, business and nonprofit organizations. These partnerships allow our department to leverage resources and generate city-wide interest and support for our system facilities, programs and events.

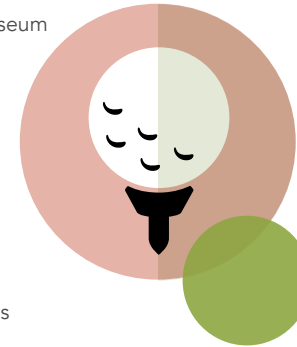
Bass Pro, Wonders of Wildlife
 Black Archives of Mid-America Inc.
 Blue Hills Neighborhood Association
 Blue River Relief
 Blue River Watershed Association
 R.A. Bloch Cancer Foundation
 Boys & Girls Clubs of Kansas City
 Boy Scout Troop 260/Cub Scout Pack 260
 Broadway/Westport Council
 Brockton Creative Group
 Brookside Business Association
 Brookside Roller Hockey
 Brookside Soccer
 Brush Creek Community Partners
 Center School District
 Center Planning
 Chaumiere Neighborhood Association
 Children's Mercy Hospital
 City of Fountains Foundation
 Clay County Parks and Recreation
 Clay-Platte Baseball League
 Cliff Drive Scenic Byway Corridor Management Committee
 Crown Center Development
 Crown Center District
 Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County-EITAS
 Dogpark Improvement Group
 Downtown Council
 DST Realty/State Street Bank
 Earth Riders Trail Association
 Economic Development Corporation
 The Enshriners
 Ethnic Enrichment Commission
 Evenergy Marketing Inc.
 Federal Reserve Bank
 First Tee of Greater KC
 Friends of Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center
 Friends of Lakeside Nature Center



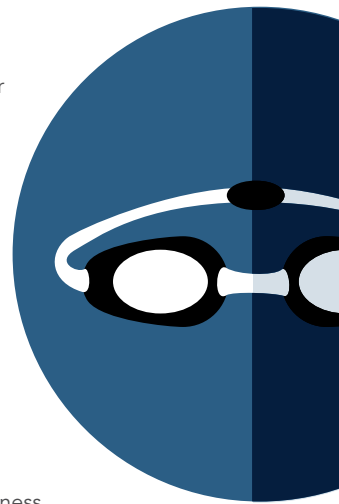
Friends of the Zoo
 Friends of Riverfront Park
 Full Employment Council
 Gardeners Connect
 Garrison Community Center Youth Advisory Board
 The Giving Grove
 City of Gladstone Parks and Recreation
 Gracemor Randolph Neighborhood Association
 GreenWorks of Kansas City
 Guadalupe Center Inc.
 HAVEN
 Heartland Tree Alliance (Bridging the Gap)
 Heart of America Council/Boy Scouts
 Heart of America Shakespeare Festival
 Hickman Mills School District
 Historical Society of New Santa Fe Trailside Center
 Home Builders Association of Greater Kansas City
 Hyde Park Neighborhood Association
 Jackson County Parks + Recreation
 Jazz District Redevelopment Corp.
 Johnson County Stormwater Management Program
 Just Off-Broadway Theater
 Kansas City Chiefs
 Kansas City Art Institute
 Kansas City Community Gardens
 Kansas City Convention & Visitors Association
 Kansas City Cricket Club
 Kansas City Design Center
 Kansas City Flying Disc Club
 Kansas City Metro Bicycle Club
 Kansas City Metro Jr. Golf Club
 Kansas City, Missouri Police Department
 Kansas City, Missouri School District
 Kansas City Museum at Corinthian Hall
 Kansas City Northern Railroad
 Kansas City Organics & Natural Market
 Kansas City Pop Warner Football
 Kansas City Rose Society
 Kansas City Royals
 Kansas City Rugby
 Kansas City United Tennis
 Kansas City WildLands
 KCWE Channel 29
 KPRS Hot 103 JAMZ
 William T. Kemper Foundation, Commerce Bank Trustee



Kessler Society of Kansas City
 Liberty Memorial Association
 Lykins Neighborhood Association
 MainCor
 Alexander Majors Historic House and Museum
 Marlborough Neighborhood Association
 Mattie Rhodes Center
 Paul Messner Puppets
 Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries
 Mid-America Regional Council
 Mid-Continent Public Library
 Mill Creek Park Association
 Missouri Department of Conservation
 Missouri Department of Natural Resources
 Missouri Department of Transportation
 Missouri Korean War Veterans Memorial Committee
 Missouri Master Gardeners
 Missouri Master Naturalists
 Missouri Parks & Recreation Association
 Monnett Battle of Westport Fund
 National Center for Indigenous American Cultures at Line Creek Inc.
 National Park Service
 National Recreation & Parks Association
 Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
 Noble Homes Association
 North Bennington Neighborhood Association
 City of North Kansas City
 North Kansas City Area Baseball Association
 North Kansas City School District
 North Suburban Youth Football League
 Northeast Arts KC
 Northern Knights
 Northland Community Alliance
 Northland Neighborhoods Inc.
 Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce
 Northland Rugby Football Club
 Northland Sports Alliance dba SPCAA
 On Goal/Sporting KC
 One Park Place
 Optimist Athletic Association
 Park Hill School District
 Pendleton Heights Neighborhood Association
 Penn Valley Park Conservancy
 Platte County Convention & Visitors Bureau
 Platte County Parks and Recreation



Plaza Rotary Club
 Port Authority of KCMO
 Roanoke Park Conservancy
 Rockhill Homes Association
 Ronald McDonald House Charities
 Scarritt Renaissance Neighborhood Association
 Sheffield Neighborhood Association
 Shepherd's Center of KC Central
 Sherwood Estates Neighborhood Association
 Shoal Creek Association
 Sister City Association of KC
 Skywalk Memorial Foundation
 Society for Friendship with China
 South Kansas City Chamber of Commerce
 Southeast Community Center Advisory Board
 Southern Communities Coalition
 South Suburban Junior Football League
 Southtown Council
 Starlight Theatre Association
 StoneLion Puppet Theatre
 3 - Trails CID
 3 & 2 Baseball
 Tony Aguirre Community Center Advisory Committee
 University of Missouri, Kansas City
 Union Broadcasting
 Union Cemetery Historical Society
 Union Station Kansas City Inc.
 University of Kansas Hospital Cancer Center
 Urban American Outdoors
 Frank and Ann Uryasz
 USA Swimming
 US Army Corp of Engineers
 US Fish & Wildlife Service
 Verona Hills Homes Association
 Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 317
 Vivion Road Gang
 Waldo Area Business Association
 Waldo Tower Historic Society
 Ward Family Foundation
 Ward Parkway Homes Association
 Vicki Welsh Fund for Ovarian Cancer Awareness
 West Plaza Neighborhood Association
 Westside CAN Center
 Winnwood-Sunnybrook Neighborhood Association
 Wornall Homestead Homes Association





BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Commissioners

- Jean Paul Chaurand, President
- McClain Bryant
- Allen Dillingham
- Aimee Gromowsky (through March 2013)
- Mary Jane Judy (installed June 4, 2013)
- David Mecklenburg

Mayor

Sylvester "Sly" James

CITY COUNCIL

First District

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Fifth District

Cindy Circo, Michael Brooks

Sixth District

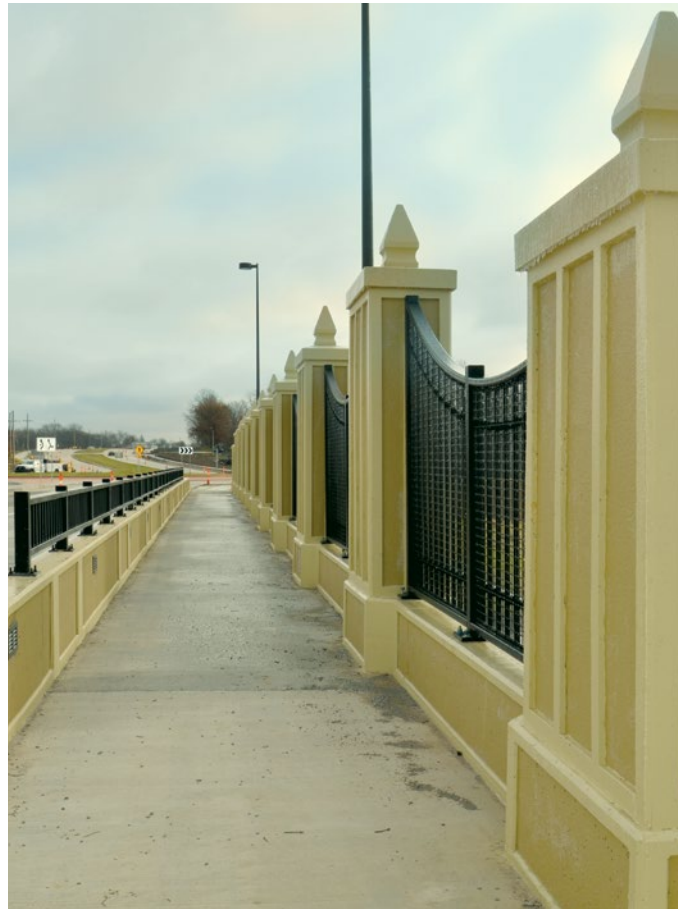
Scott Taylor, John A. Sharp

MANAGING RACES

In 2013, KC Parks partnered with Evenergy Marketing to serve as the City's inaugural Race Manager. A change in City ordinance in 2012 transferred the responsibility for all permitting of road racing events KC Parks. Following an extensive RFP process, Evenergy was chosen to manage that process.

As the City's Race Manager, Evenergy provides a single point of contact to oversee race permit applications, coordinate city services, communicate road closures and routes, field calls from residents affected by events, and other aspects of races, walks, and bicycle rides that take place on City streets. Sixty-five events were permitted in 2013.

Kansas City, Missouri is at the forefront of race management as one of only a few cities to have a position dedicated to road race permitting and oversight. As walks, runs and rides become more and more prevalent, managing races becomes even more critical to balance their popularity with their impact on the community.



PARKWAY EXPANSION IN THE NORTHLAND

Kansas City's award-winning boulevard and parkway system continued its expansion north of the river in 2013 when the new U.S. Highway 169 interchange at Shoal Creek Parkway (formerly Northwest 108th Street) opened on November 22.

The project removed traffic signals at the intersection and replaced them with new, full access, free flow interchanges. This type of interchange has roundabouts at the ramp ends which enable intersections to handle traffic at higher levels of service thus reducing excessive traffic signal wait time and congestion and improving air quality. Crews also widened Shoal



Creek Parkway to four lanes between North Holly Street and North Oak Trafficway, added bike lanes and a 10-foot multi-use sidewalk. A similar project, completed in 2012, added an interchange at U.S. Highway 169 and Tiffany Springs Parkway (formerly Northwest 96th Street).

Both projects were funded by an \$18.3 million grant from the Federal Highway Administration. The City of Kansas City, Missouri provided \$7.7 million as a local match for the grant. The Missouri Department of Transportation managed the design and construction of the project.



Many families have celebrated their love with locks on the bridge.



Love locks on the Old Red Bridge.

OLD RED BRIDGE LOVE LOCKS

In 2013, the Old Red Bridge in Minor Park was repurposed as a location for couples to celebrate their commitment by “locking their love.” Locks began appearing on the Old Red Bridge just prior to Valentine’s Day and by the end of the year, 200+ locks were proudly displayed on the bridge.

The placing of love locks is a custom whereby couples affix a padlock bearing their name or initials to a bridge, fence, gate

or similar fixture, thereby pronouncing their unbreakable and everlasting love. Love locks are an ancient and international phenomenon that has now reached Kansas City.

Locks can be placed on the Old Red Bridge anytime of the year and are a great way to commemorate an anniversary, engagement, wedding or other significant occasion.



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