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Recreation & Civic Facilities
City of St. Joseph, Missouri



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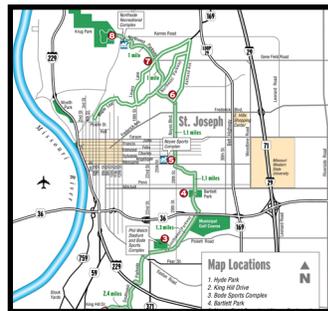
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From the Director:

2018 was a year that allowed for completion of significant projects that will benefit the St. Joseph community into the distant future, as well as; prepare the department and city for a more immediate impact through the next five years of the CIP program. The strategic planning process completed in 2017 is guiding the department into the immediate and long-range future with staff respecting the results of the strategic plan by recommending significant maintenance and renovation projects of existing facilities, trying to improve the use of technology, and gently introducing new recreation opportunities.

To accomplish goals set in the five-year strategic plan, parks staff worked on specific projects and improvements within the top five goals listed below.

Maintain and Improve Existing Infrastructure – proposed several maintenance, renovation, and replacement projects in the 2019 – 2023 CIP cycle, including funded projects at Hyde Park, Krug Park, Bartlett Park, Corby Grove, Horace Mann & John Lucas Park, Joyce Raye Patterson Senior Center, Missouri Theater, the Aquatic Park, Patee Park, Mary Park, Seitz Park, Hochman Park, Rest Square Park, Maple Leaf Park, and College Hill Park. The department also accomplished that goal in the Bartlett Park playground and restroom replacement project. 2019 renovations at Noyes Tennis Complex, Hyde Park, and Northside tennis courts also help meet this goal.

Increase Recreational Opportunities – addition of new recreation opportunities with cornhole leagues, continued increase in pickle ball participation, new golf event options, Adventure Run, and construction of a new disc golf course, the first on park department property.

Improve Park Security – funding was approved for new security systems at Krug Park and the Aquatic Park. Lighting improvements continue to be made throughout the system to help deter potential criminal acts.

Manage Use of Technology and Equipment to Increase Efficiency and Improve Communications between Parks and our Citizens and Visitors – social media use continues to increase, both in volume and in number of outlets we are involved with. We also were involved in an RFO process with the public works department to obtain an asset management system, which will eventually help collect and disseminate data regarding maintenance activities throughout the park system. Cartegraph was selected after a competitive process and installation and use of the system will begin in 2019.

Identify Additional Funding Opportunities and Options – staff continues to research to find new grant opportunities. We were in the middle of the LWCF grant process for Bartlett Park last year, while applying for a Historic Preservation Grant for the Horace Mann building. The department continues to benefit from an annual donation for park maintenance from the Leaverton Trust. The amount fluctuates between \$70,000 and \$80,000 each year. Another donation of approximately \$12,000 was made to the department for improvements to Lion's baseball field at 11th and Grand. At the end of the calendar year, the parks department received a donation in the amount of \$100,000 from the William D. Morgan Charitable Foundation for a project to be determined later by parks staff and fund trustees.

Respectfully,

Chuck Kempf

Chuck Kempf,
Director of Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities



Administration



Parks Administration

1920 Grand Avenue, St. Joseph, MO

The administrative offices of the Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Department strive to provide a variety of programs, services, activities, facilities, and infrastructure to enhance quality of life, health, and wellness for citizens and visitors of St. Joseph. Adopting the same focus as the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) in areas of health and wellness, resource conservation, and social equity, this department provides services that are extremely diverse.

The administrative offices support all of the parks facilities and divisions. Amenities of the Parks Department include:

- over 1,500 acres of parks and trails
- 26 miles of parkways and boulevards
- 53 parks and related facilities
- Over 20 miles of paved trail connecting the city from the north to south edges of the park system
- 2 outdoor swimming pools
- 1 senior center
- 2 fitness centers
- 1 ice rink
- 1 public golf course
- 1 recreation center
- 1 indoor arena facility
- 1 theater building
- 1 natural history museum
- 1 adaptive court

Amenities (continued)

- 18 horseshoe courts
- 16 playgrounds
- 18 shelters
- 22 open play fields
- 23 lighted ball fields
- 3 football fields
- 24 basketball courts
- 21 tennis courts
- 3 outdoor pickleball courts
- 3 skate parks
- 1 dog park
- 1 outdoor running track
- 1 fishing lagoon and 3 ponds

Challenges

- aging facilities
- major mechanical and plumbing issues
- inadequate park and trail restroom facilities
- cracking tennis and basketball court surfacing
- difficulty finding replacement parts for aging equipment
- lack of funding for Capital projects

Highlights

- construction of first all inclusive playground (Bartlett Park)
- construction of new accessible restrooms (Bartlett Park)
- selected SWT Design to study and propose riverfront development options
- Capital Improvement Program tax initiative passed providing \$7.1 million towards 20 parks projects

Administration

Highlights (continued)

- increased communications of events by adding parks events to more community calendars
- installed agility equipment in dog park
- completed major facade renovations to the Missouri Theater
- replaced existing sound system and renovated the green room and dressing rooms at the Missouri Theater
- completed the design and bidding process for renovations at Noyes, Hyde, and Northside tennis complexes
- kicked off the modified “Adopt-a-Park” program



New Agility Equipment at the Dog Park

Looking Forward

- beginning projects approved through the CIP
- working with the Community Development division of the Planning and Community Development Department to replace six playgrounds
- demolition of the Hyde Park pool
- reviewing proposed riverfront development plans provided by SWT Design
- replacing the Missouri Theater curtain
- proceeding with the tennis court surfacing project
- welcoming five newly appointed Parks Advisory Board members
- finishing disc golf course
- begin working on the design for the Hyde Park splash park



Fishing Clinic at Krug Lagoon

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New Inclusive Bartlett Park Playground

Aquatic Park and Pools



Aquatic Facilities

St. Joseph Aquatic Park, 402 S. Noyes Blvd.
Krug Pool: Northside Complex, 3541 St.
Joseph Avenue

The aquatic park is a full service facility, open seven days a week, that includes:

- 300' lazy river
- zero depth beach entry
- two water slides
- diving well
- children's play structure
- waterfall
- sun deck
- concessions

Krug pool is a traditional swimming pool, open three days of the week, with:

- swimming pool
- children's pool
- diving board
- sun deck
- concession stand

The Thomas Eagleton Indoor Pool is owned by Missouri Western State University (MWSU). Through a partnership with the University, we are able to provide public hours and programming at their indoor pool. Hours of operation vary by semester.

Challenges

- lifeguard shortage resulting in reduced pool hours
- large leak at the Aquatic Park
- aging facilities and equipment
- leak in Krug Pool's children's pool
- climbing operating costs
- stagnant revenues
- improvements last made in 2005
- continued decline in attendance numbers at both the Aquatic Park and Krug Pool

Highlights

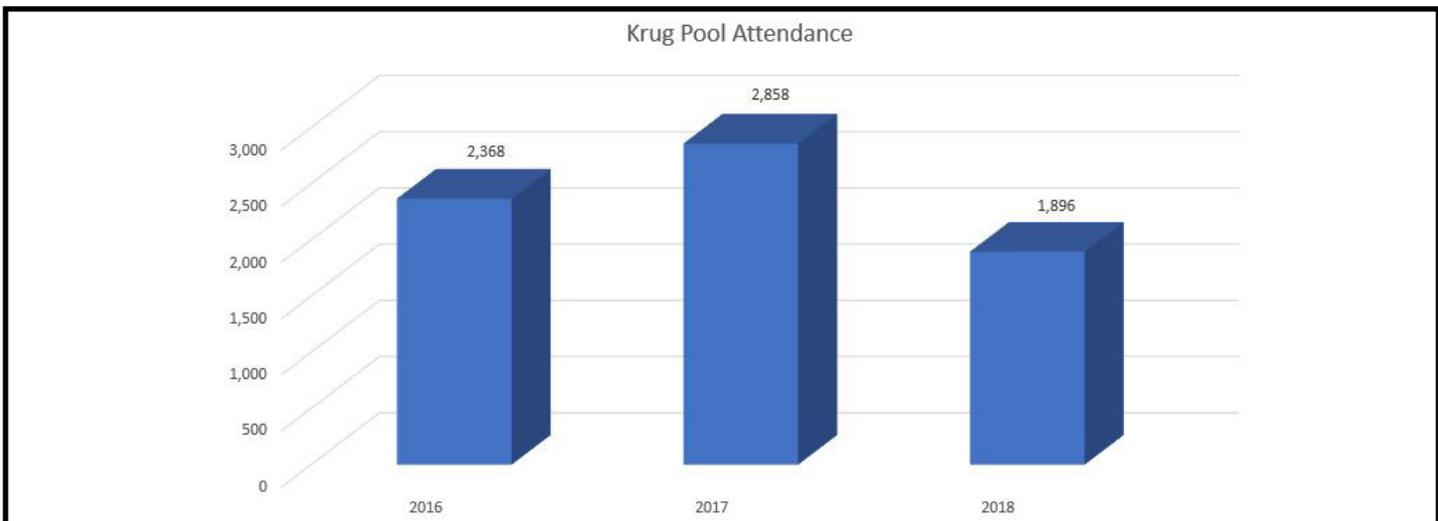
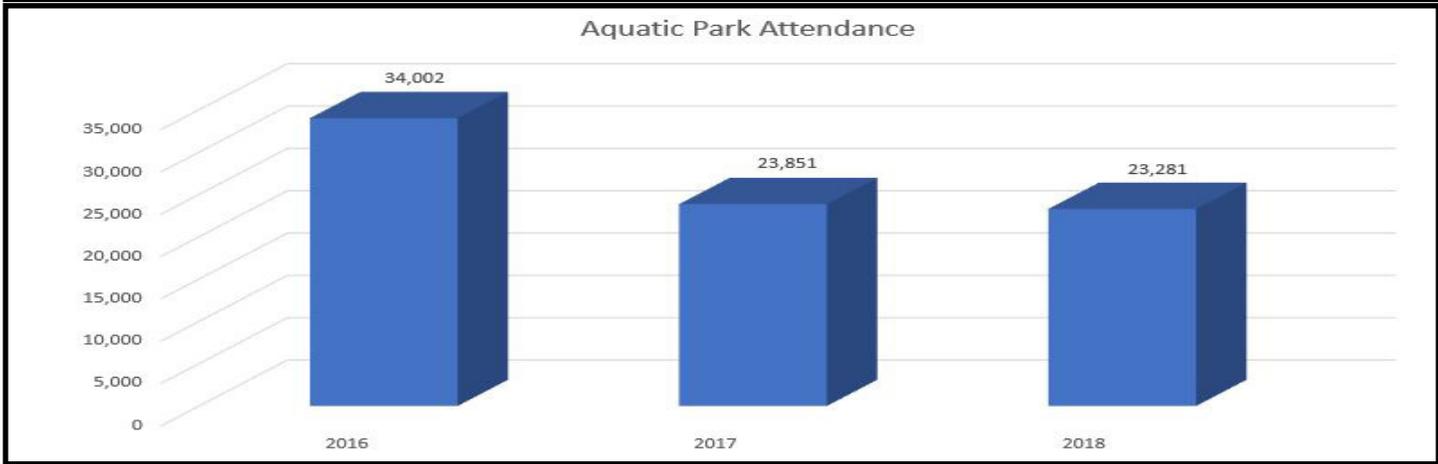
- continuation of Masters Swim Club
- pilot water fitness program
- 30 participants in the first offering for free lifeguard training
- 16 lifeguards qualified for retention program

Looking Forward

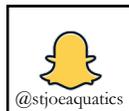
- adding water fitness program to aquatic program offerings
- continued free lifeguard training
- continuation of the lifeguard retention program
- evolution of the swim lesson program



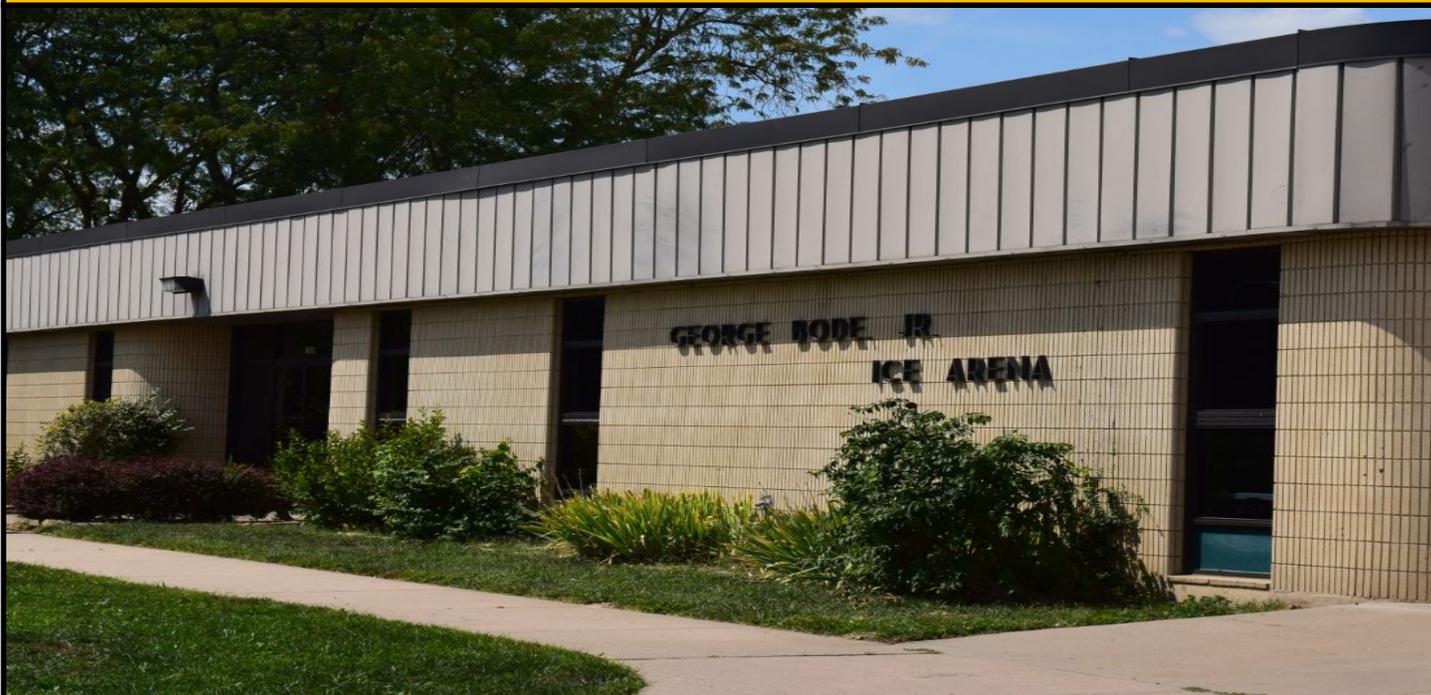
Aquatic Park and Pools



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Bode Sports Complex



Bode Sports Complex Facility

2500 Southwest Parkway, St. Joseph, MO

The Bode Sports Complex is comprised of:

- Bode Ice Arena - the first project benefitting from the George Bode Benevolent Trust Fund, constructed in 1975
- basketball courts - six lighted outdoor courts with scoreboards, constructed in 1998
- skateboard park, added in 2003
- pickleball and adaptive sports courts - the original inline skating rink was transformed into three pickleball courts and adaptive sport courts in 2017

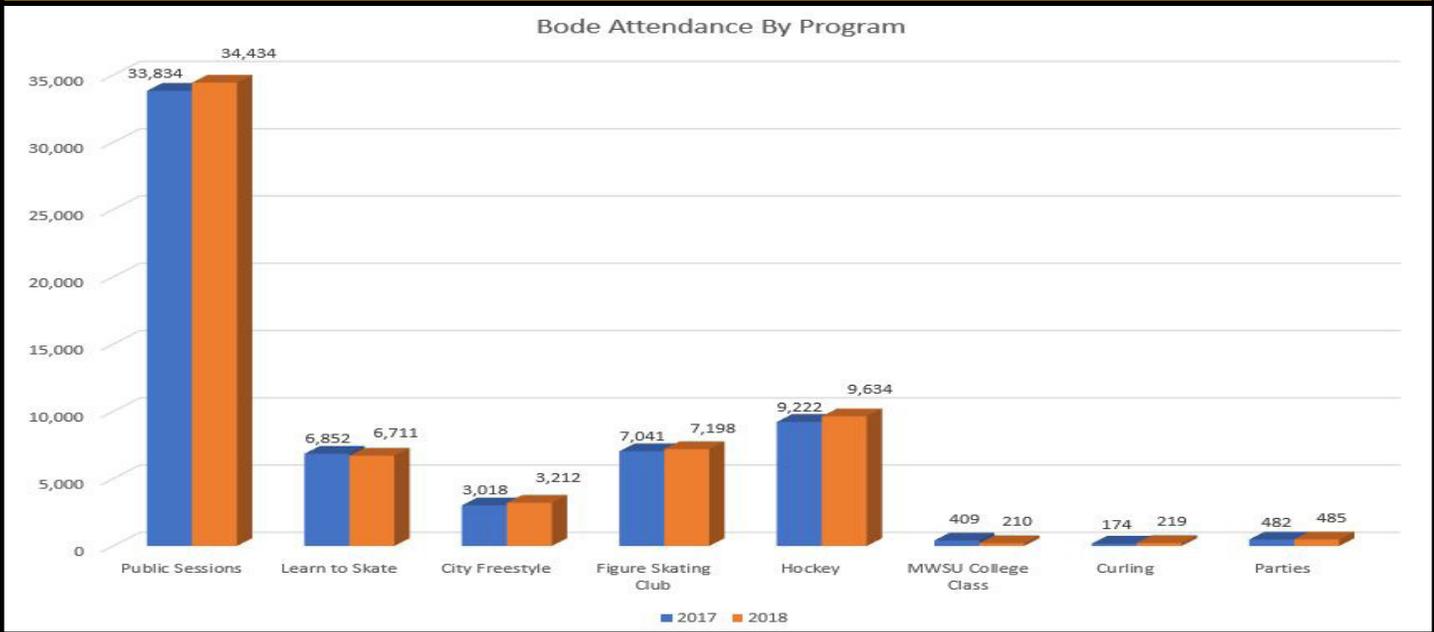
Challenges

- ice arena - roof insulation is deteriorating
- ice arena - HVAC unit not working properly
- ice arena - humidity and condensation issues contributing to ice quality and deterioration of the insulation
- inadequate temperature controlled storage for concessions operations supplies
- Bode Sports Complex is responsible for all concessions, excluding the Civic Arena, the REC Center, and Fairview Golf Course bringing staffing challenges

Highlights

- over 115,000 visited the ice arena
- 485 families hosted birthday parties
- 380 skaters participated in National Skating Month free skate day
- ice arena hosted the 30th annual Heartland Winter Games
- ice arena hosted the 38th annual Pony Express Figure Skating Competition
- ice arena hosted the Best of the Midwest Synchro Competition
- nearly 2,000 people attended the Seussical the Frosty Musical presented by the St. Joseph Figure Skating and Griffon Gliders Clubs
- almost 100 area youth boys and girls participated in the Greater St. Joseph Youth Hockey Association
- ice arena hosted the end-of-year hockey tournament
- ice arena is home to the St. Joseph Curling Club league with close to 60 members
- Ice arena offers learn to skate, learn to hockey skate, and learn to play hockey classes
- over 400 children attended the Mayors' Children's Christmas Party
- approximately 300 area youth participated in the Summer Jam basketball program

Bode Sports Complex



Looking Forward

- hosting the 31st annual Heartland Winter Games
- hosting the Wounded Warriors
- ceiling repairs made possible by Bode Trust contribution
- renovations from the energy audit
- another successful year with the Greater St. Joseph Youth Hockey Association, the St. Joseph Figure Skating Club, the Griffon Gliders, and the St. Joseph Curling Club

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Ice Hockey



Figure Skating



Curling

Civic Facilities

The Civic Facilities division is comprised of the Civic Arena and the Missouri Theater



Civic Arena

Civic Arena

100 N 4th Street, St. Joseph, MO

The Civic Arena is a versatile facility that hosts a variety of events annually. The Civic Arena Box Office is open 5 days a week from 9:00 am-5:00 pm and the Civic Arena is open during event times. This facility includes:

- box office
- flexible seating capabilities
- general assembly seating for up to 4,200
- as much as 19,000 square feet of unobstructed exhibit space or performing surface with seating for 2,300
- superb acoustics and lighting
- clear view of activities from all locations
- concessions
- modular walls within meeting rooms allow for groups of 25 to 200

Challenges

- constructed in 1980 with very little improvements since
- drainage and plumbing system failures
- aging seating system
- aging lighting fixtures and switchboard panel
- electrical problems in floor ports and throughout facility
- sidewalk and curbing degradation and damage
- outdated and aging stage equipment
- faulty floor ports
- flooding in lobby during heavy rains

Highlights

- KQ2 Farm Ag and Lifestyle Show
- Holiday Mart
- Antique Show
- St. Joseph Distributing Food Show
- Harlem Globetrotters
- High School Sectional and Quarterfinals games
- Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet
- Pivotal Point Housing Fall Ball
- Noyes Home Take a Seat Banquet
- YWCA Women of Excellence Banquet
- St. Joseph Kennel Club Dog Show
- Gymnastics championships
- Dance recitals
- Cheerleading competitions
- Youth wrestling tournaments
- Amped Up Bull Riding competitions
- Moila Shrine Circus
- UCP Chili Challenge
- Mayor's National Day of Prayer Breakfast
- Weddings and showers
- Meetings and training events
- Park Maintenance Rodeo
- Special Olympics Indoor Games
- Small College Basketball Hall of Fame
- Hillyard Classic Basketball
- Arrive Alive event
- High School graduations
- Crypticon
- Event attendance in 2018 was 87,313 people

Civic Facilities - Civic Arena

Looking Forward

- floor port repair
- sumo wrestling event
- catfish tournament banquet
- Shop Small St. Joseph
- Amped Up Rodeo
- Harlem Globetrotters
- Crypticon
- UCP Chili Challenge
- and so much more...



Crypticon



Josephine Expo



Small College Basketball



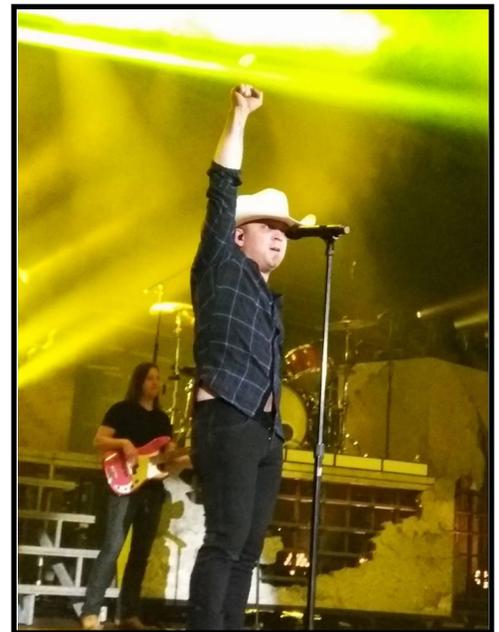
Cheerleading Competition



Gymnastic Competition



Josephine Expo



Justin Moore Concert

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Civic Facilities - Missouri Theater



Missouri Theater

715 Edmond Street, St. Joseph, MO

Originally opened in 1927 as a movie theater, St. Joseph's historic Missouri Theater is now a cultural destination. Designed by the Boller Brothers, this unique structure was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. Regular renovations take place at the theater to maintain its structural soundness and opulence. The Missouri Theater boasts a new sound system and T-coil installation along with updates to the green room and dressing rooms.

The Missouri Theater amenities include:

- floor seating for 483
- balcony seating for 717
- orchestra pit
- remodeled dressing rooms
- green room
- T-coil installation
- upgraded sound system

Challenges

- roof leak
- faulty auditorium lighting
- brocade curtain is over 50 years old and deteriorating
- electrical issues inside and around the marquee
- seat upholstery is in poor condition and needs replaced
- sidewalks are in disrepair

Challenges (continued)

- only one accessible restroom on main floor
- lack of proper storage space

Highlights

- total attendance for all events was 36,208 people
- The Beach Boys concert
- Dwight Yoakam concert
- Three Dog Night concert
- Haygoods concert
- facade repair
- updated sound system
- renovations to the green room and dressing rooms
- Mamma Mia
- A Christmas Carol
- Movie Premiere for "Christmas at the Chateau"
- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe
- MWSU Athletic Awards

Looking Forward

- The Wizard of Oz the Musical
- Straycats - Lee Rocker
- Church Basement Ladies: Rise Up Old Men
- St. Joseph Symphony concerts
- Oak Ridge Boys
- CIP improvements including a new brocade curtain

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Civic Facilities - Missouri Theater



Christmas at the Chateau Movie Premiere



The Beach Boys Concert



A Christmas Carol - Musical



The Haygoods Concert



Facade Repair

Fairview Municipal Golf Course



Fairview Municipal Golf Course
3302 Pacific, St. Joseph, MO

Fairview Municipal Golf Course, established in 1925, is one of the oldest public courses in Northwest Missouri. The rolling fairways, large mature trees, and hazards for this 18 hole course are situated on more than 200 acres and provide a challenge for players of all skill levels.

Fairview's amenities include:

- driving range
- practice putting green
- short game and bunker practice area
- concession stand
- pro shop
- expansive banquet room
- catering services
- golf simulator that is available during the winter months

Challenges

- fairway sprinkler system heads are over 30 years old
- ponds are silted full and need dredged
- box culverts need repaired
- bridges are deteriorating and need repaired
- shoreline continues to erode and needs to be rip rapped

- simulator is only available during the winter and does not have a good place for set-up or storage
- inadequate storage for concessions
- decrease in single, senior, family, and junior/high school memberships
- fewer participants in the 9 hole scotch events and Annual City 2-Man event

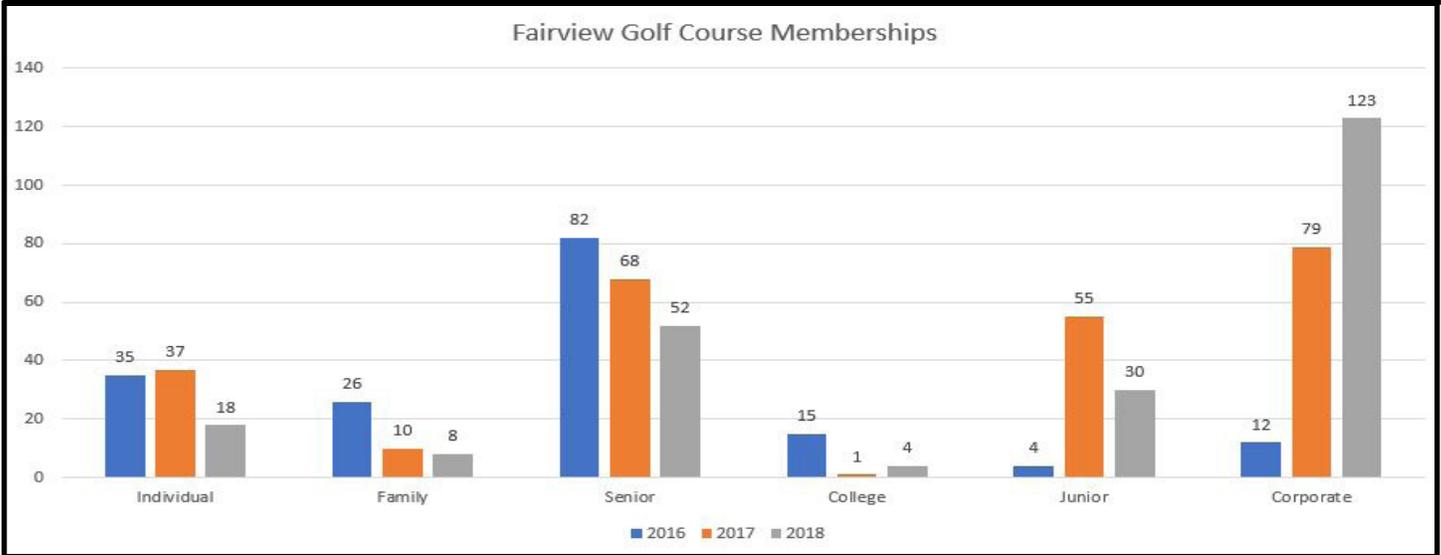
Highlights

- ladies FLAG golf league grew by 15 members
- gained 44 additional corporate memberships
- gained one additional couples membership
- gained three additional college memberships
- increased banquet room rentals
- increased number of catering events
- two night golf events
- one cross country golf event
- continued partnerships with the St. Joseph School District and Missouri Western State University
- partnered with the Recreation Division for the fall and winter cornhole leagues

Looking Forward

- spring cornhole leagues
- 2019 Fairview Invitational Tournament
- continuing partnerships with MWSU, Greg Dillon, area high school teams, our leagues, and clubs

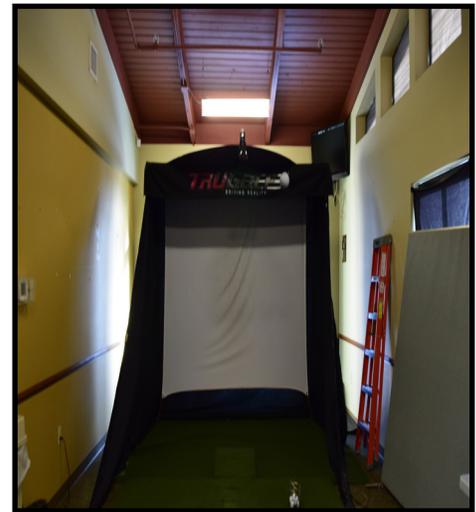
Fairview Municipal Golf Course



Night Golf



Ladies League



Simulator



Banquet Room



Fairview Invitational

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Recreation and Fitness - St. Joseph REC Center



St. Joseph REC Center

2701 Southwest Parkway, St. Joseph, MO

The Recreation, Exercise, and Community (REC) Center is a tremendous quality of life facility for the enjoyment of the entire community. Constructed in 2012, this community facility hosts a variety of special events and tournaments along with regularly scheduled programming.

The REC Centers amenities include:

- a full service fitness center
- three gymnasiums
- a 1/11th mile elevated walking track
- exercise rooms
- adult fitness classes
- adult and youth leagues
- private bathrooms with showers
- free wi-fi
- concessions and protein shakes
- special event packages

Challenges

- aging and faulty HVAC system
- inadequate parking
- temporary elimination of Little Ballers program
- lack of 24-hour access to fitness room

Highlights

- 2% increase in memberships
- increased popularity of pickleball open gym sessions
- 36% increase in youth volleyball participation
- increased number of fitness class offerings and participants
- continued popularity of adult volleyball leagues
- increased gym rentals
- continuation of the RecConnect Summer Youth Recreation Camp and partnership with Active Stars Karate
- exterior of building painted

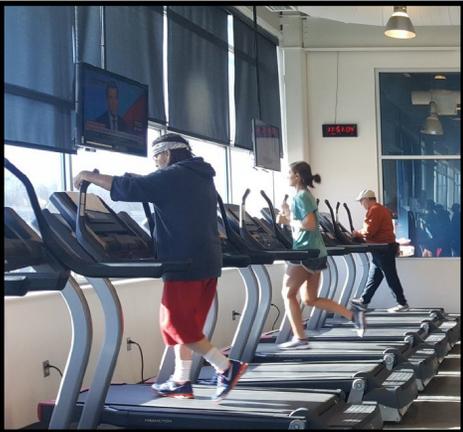
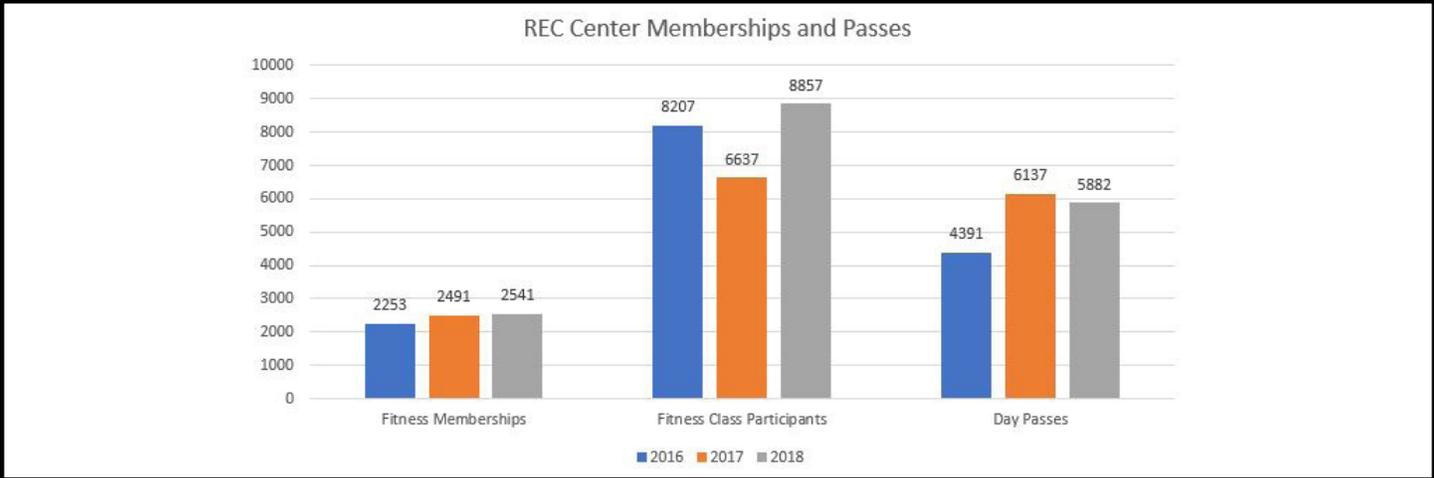
Looking Forward

- potential 24-hour access to fitness room
- offering Prime Fitness and Silver Sneakers programs
- adding youth flag football league



Exercise Class

Recreation and Fitness - St. Joseph REC Center



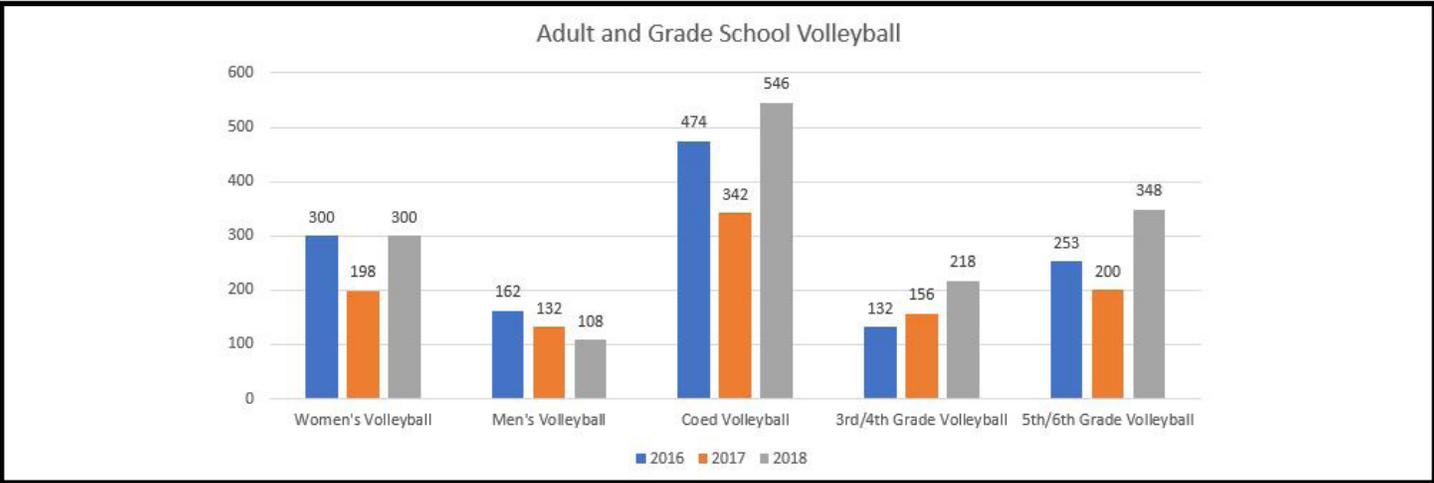
Fitness Room



Youth Basketball



Pickle Ball



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Recreation and Fitness - Recreation and League Play



The Recreation Division is responsible for coordination and facilitation of youth and adult leagues, community wide fitness program planning, the senior games, and the outdoor adventure run. These events take place at the Bill McKinney Softball Complex, Hyde Park, Drake Complex, Krug Park, the urban trail system, REC Center, Senior Center, Fairview Golf Course, and the Aquatic Park.

The Recreation Division leagues and programming includes:

- youth basketball programs for 4th-7th grade boys and girls
- youth tennis program for 5-12 year olds
- St. Joe FIT
- Outlaw Adventure 5K Run/Walk
- adult cornhole leagues
- St. Joseph Senior Games
- adult softball leagues
- coordination with user groups

Challenges

- decreased participation in youth basketball
- decreased participation in adult softball
- decreased participation of youth tennis program
- decreased participation in Aqua Zumba classes
- damaged surface at Noyes Tennis courts
- low user fees that don't cover expenses

Highlights

- 1,010 registered participants for St. Joe FIT
- first annual Outlaw Adventure 5K Run/Walk met with positive reviews with participants from 8-59 years of age
- first annual Senior Games with 24 athletes, 50 years of age or older participating
- first year of adult doubles cornhole league. Three different sessions offered with the number of teams increasing during each league offering
- laser grading completed on 4 infields at the Bill McKinney Softball Complex
- renovation to pavillion fascia at Field 4 pressbox, Bill McKinney Softball Complex
- fertilization and seeding to most baseball and softball fields

Looking Forward

- second Annual Outlaw Adventure Run/Walk
- second Annual Senior Games
- continuation of cornhole leagues
- resurfacing of the Noyes Tennis Courts
- expanding recreational offerings that may include bocce, extreme frisbee, and disc golf
- upgrading playing fields
- fee increases
- 2019 St. Joe FIT program changes

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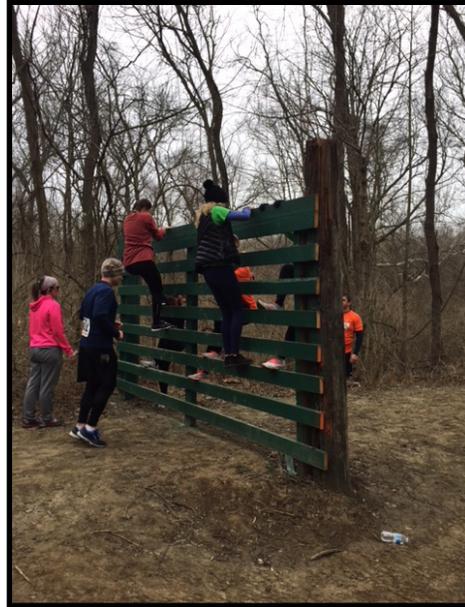
St. Joe Fit



Recreation and Fitness - Recreation and League Play



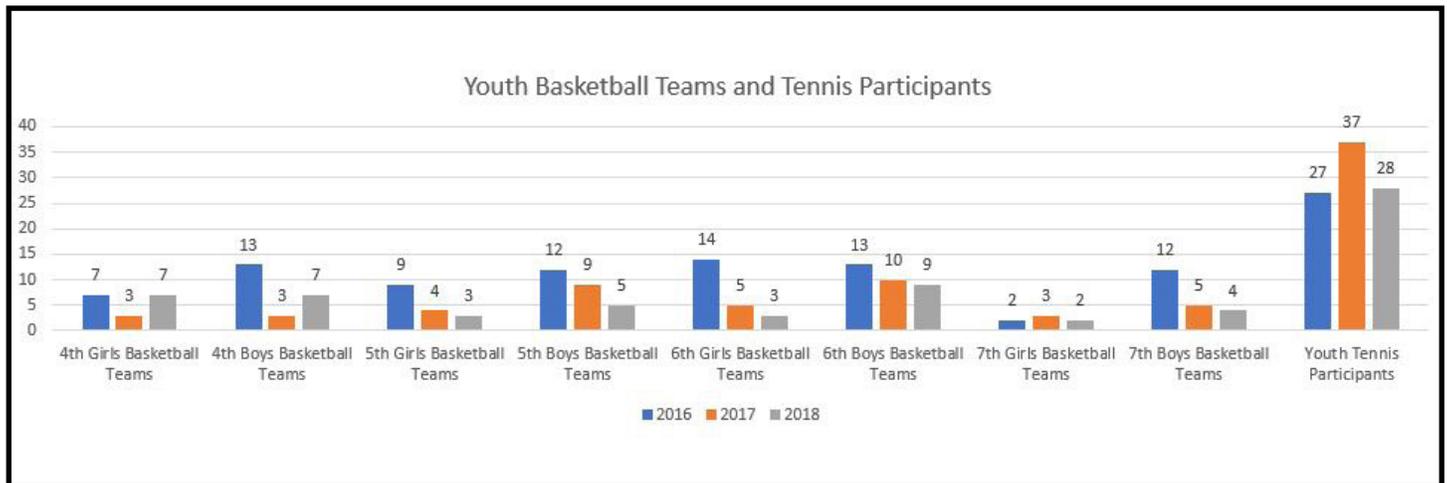
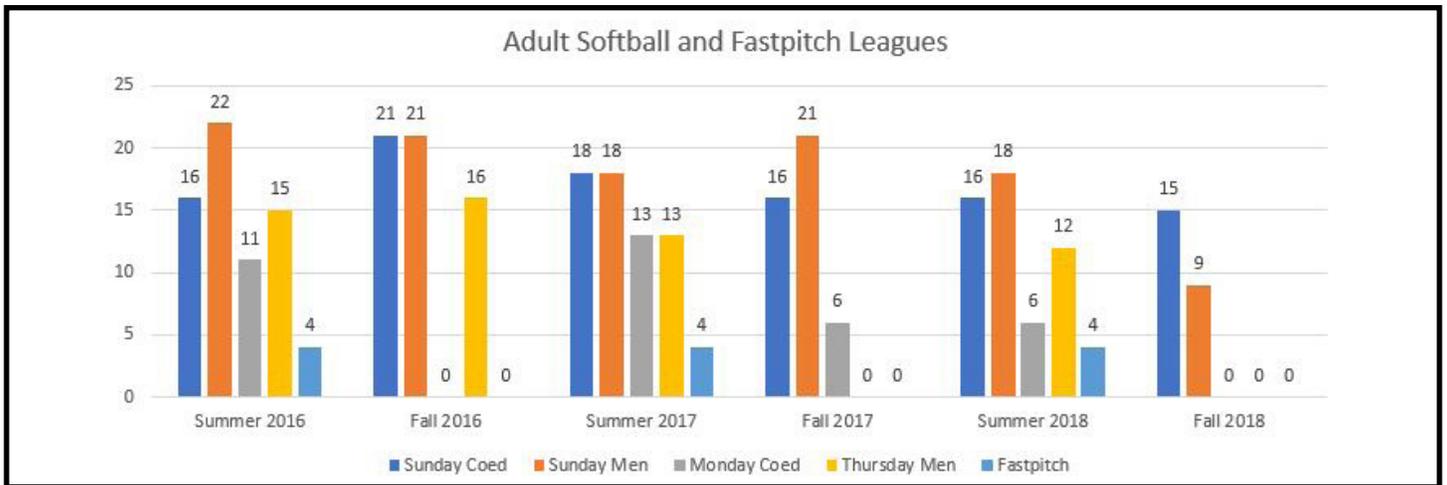
Adult Cornhole League



Outdoor Adventure 5K Run/Walk



Youth Tennis Program



Remington Nature Center



Remington Nature Center
1502 McArthur Drive, St. Joseph, MO

The Remington Nature Center celebrated its tenth year of operation in 2018. Located in the center of the River Walk Trail which runs North to South along the banks of the Missouri River, this beautifully natural location includes a pond and beautiful flower garden. The goal of the nature center is to provide information, exhibits, hands-on displays, education, outreach, and programming committed to interpretation of nature and conservation relative to the significance of the Missouri River and Northwest Missouri region.

Remington Nature Center amenities include:

- 7,000 gallon aquarium stocked with fish species native to this region
- major collection of Native American artifacts
- displays and artifacts specific to the Civil War
- featured exhibits of animal habitat, barbed wire, rocks, fossils, animal pelts, taxidermy, trapping, pottery, the woolly mammoth, and a seasonal beehive
- programming for all ages
- conference room rentals
- party packages
- memberships
- gift shop
- visitor information
- covered outdoor picnic area
- bicycle rack
- large parking area

Challenges

- inadequate HVAC system
- leaking aquarium filtration units
- retaining wall near pond failing
- pond is silted and needs dredged
- roof in disrepair
- decreased sales in gift shop
- divider door in conference room needs replaced
- carpet in the conference room needs replaced

Highlights

- celebrated ten years of operation
- welcomed more than 25,000 visitors from all 50 states, Mexico, Canada, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Italy, and Western Australia
- ranked #3 on TripAdvisor in area attractions
- won “Best Museum” through the St. Joseph News-Press
- continued popularity for business meetings, community events, private parties, field trips, and outreach programs; hosting 366 separate events
- released a Remington Nature Center holiday ornament, the third in the St. Joseph Parks Commemorative Ornament Collection
- top Attended Functions and Outreach; Children’s Fair (1,686), Herp-O-Rama (521), Silver & Gold Club (430), Amelia Earhart Festival (782), Insect-O-Rama (233), Smithsonian Day (1,295), Tiny Tot Town (600), 10th Anniversary Party (371), and Eagle Days (600)
- raised admission fees for the first time in ten years

Remington Nature Center



Nature Program

Looking Forward

- tortoise and fish feedings
- tortoise programs
- Owl Prowl
- Scout Badge Day
- monthly craft events
- monthly indoor scavenger hunts
- programming at the Kansas City Area Mid-Continent Library branches
- increased educational opportunities
- exploring inclusion of temporary exhibits



Mock Dig



Fish Feeding



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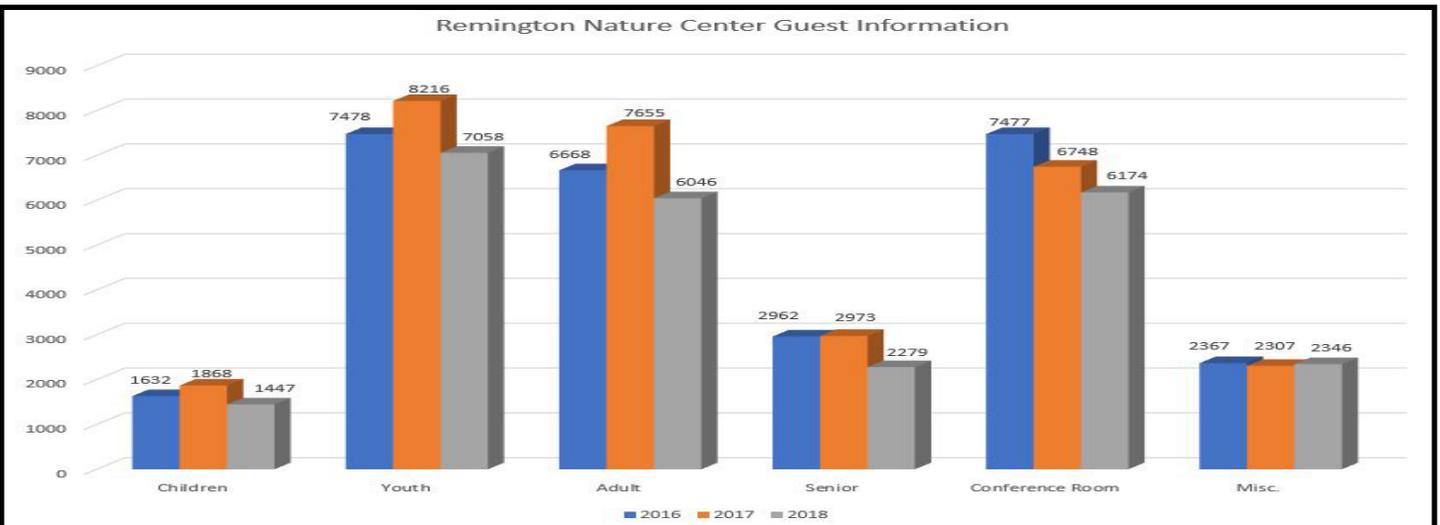
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Youth Nature Program



Tortoise Time



Note: The Eclipse in 2017 caused the 2017 guest information to be unnaturally higher than a normal calendar year.

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Senior Center



Joyce Raye Patterson Senior Center
100 South 10th Street, St. Joseph, MO

Opened on October 16, 1978, the Senior Center is a 22,000 square foot facility in downtown St. Joseph. The center is supported by the Senior Citizen's Foundation, Inc., and provides space for recreational, social, and educational activities and opportunities for people 50 and older and persons with disabilities.

Senior Center amenities include:

- cafeteria
- fitness center
- exercise classes
- billiards, 8-ball, snooker, table tennis and shuffleboard tables
- library
- DVD movies
- large meeting rooms
- stage
- elevator
- free off-street, 5-hour parking
- card groups
- retirement groups
- blood pressure screenings
- medicare consultations
- JRP Kitchen Band
- volunteer opportunities
- dances
- information and referral
- free wi-fi

Challenges

- HVAC over conference room is not working due to a bad heat exchanger that is almost 20 years old
- elevator is over 40 years old
- pipe leaks
- proposed building name change for center
- lost two user groups
- aging structure with continued maintenance related issues. Last renovation was 1997-1998

Highlights

- added 33 fitness center memberships
- over 35 groups and organizations meet at the facility
- over 50,000 visits to the center in 2018
- Home to the St. Joseph Retired Teachers, Pool Players Association, St. Joseph Stamp Club, Pony Express Association of the Blind, St. Joseph Garden Club, and the Parkinson's Support Groups
- nearly 6,300 meals served from the cafeteria
- 51 volunteers worked for over 2,573 total volunteer hours in 2018
- new flooring in the fitness center
- celebrated 40 years of operation in 2018 with 250 people in attendance
- Strategic Planning Committee held a parking lot clean up in the fall
- gained two user groups
- added a Fitness Center Coordinator position that is shared with the REC Center
- sidewalks along 10th street repaired

Senior Center

Looking Forward

- 40 new people will be trained to use the fitness center in January
- learning if the facility name change is approved
- offering monthly health presentations by Nick Kohler
- adding the Silver Sneakers program



Playing Pool



40th Anniversary / Thanksgiving Dinner

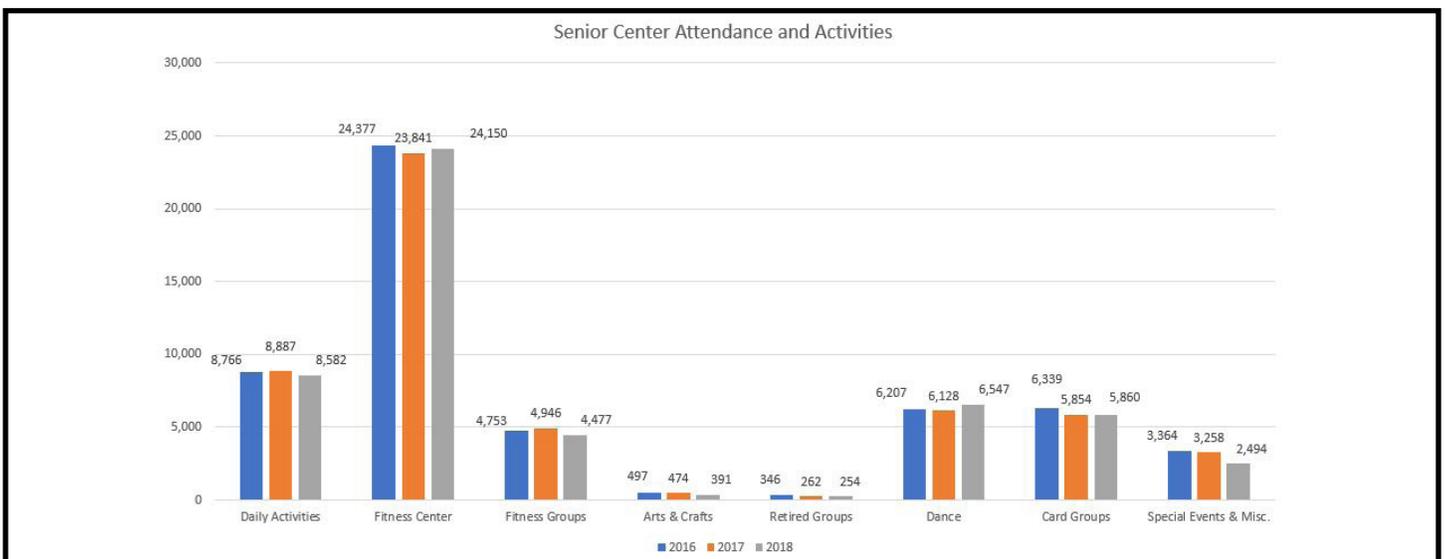


Fitness Center Gets New Flooring



Parking Lot Clean-Up

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Parks Maintenance Division



Maintenance Division
1920 Grand, St. Joseph, MO

Maintenance Rodeo

The Parks Maintenance Division has the responsibility to maintain and enhance the functionality and beauty of the park system for the purpose of providing enjoyment for our visitors at city park facilities and city parks.

Maintenance division contributions in 2018 include:

- maintained over 1,500 acres, 26 miles of parkway and 53 parks and park facilities
- maintained 23 lighted softball and baseball fields, 18 horseshoe courts, 21 lighted tennis courts, 16 lighted basketball courts, 2 municipal swimming pools, 3 skate parks, 20 plus miles of urban trails, over 80 restrooms, 112 picnic tables, 19 concession stands, 18 picnic shelters, 16 playgrounds, 3 ponds, and much more
- trimmed and mowed over 1,500 acres on a nine-day mowing cycle for the parkways, trails, parks and park facilities
- assisted with events and festivals held on city property
- hauled trash and removed illegal dumping

Challenges

- continued maintenance related issues at all parks and parks facilities
- vandalism at and misuse of city property

Challenges (continued)

- theft of skater statue
- aging equipment resulting in increased number of repairs and some replacement
- difficulty finding and keeping seasonal staff
- illegal dumping

Highlights

- hauled over 2.5 million pounds of trash and debris, emptying 320 barrels of trash each day during the working week and 125 barrels each day on the weekends from April through November and 200 barrels every 2-3 days from November through April
- saved tens of thousands of dollars by completing several phases of the Bartlett Park playground and restroom renovation
- began construction of the Bartlett Park Disc Golf course
- installed agility equipment and maintained the Corby Dog Park
- installed memorial benches and bricks throughout the parks system
- removed and trimmed hazardous trees and branches on our parkway, trails and in our parks
- awarded \$1,700 TRIM grant to remove trees in Krug Park

Parks Maintenance Division



Building Bartlett Park's New Retaining Wall



Local 4-H Helps Install Dog Park Agility Equipment



Removing French Bottoms Boat Dock



Painting Aquatic Park Pool

Highlights (continued)

- prepared 23 ballfields for games and tournaments
- performed maintenance to the Heritage Park press box
- performed snow removal along the urban trail and at city parks and facilities
- installed the new statues for the downtown walking tour
- seasonal placement and removal of the French Bottoms River dock
- installed new electrical at the north lot of Krug Park
- laser graded many of our facilities to maintain proper drainage
- hosted and participated in the 1st annual MPRA maintenance rodeo
- built obstacles for the 1st annual Outlaw Adventure Run
- painted and repaired the Aquatic Park and Krug Pool
- renovated dugouts at the Bartlett Park baseball field
- replaced the shop roof
- renovated Eagles baseball fields
- installed awnings at Hyde ballfields
- planted the Mayor's Christmas Tree at Krug Park
- installed lighting at Krug and Hyde Parks for holiday parks displays
- celebrated the 38th anniversary of Holiday Park at the 2018 park lighting ceremony

Looking Forward

- completing installation of the Bartlett Park Disc Golf course
- installing 6 new playgrounds
- changes in supervisory staff due to retirements
- including additional land to maintain due to extension of the hike and bike trail
- demolition of Hyde Pool
- replacement of parking spaces at Hyde Park
- tennis court resurfacing at Hyde, Noyes, and Northside Complex

Community Partnerships

The St. Joseph Parks, Recreation, and Civic Facilities Department has significant and important relationships with many community organizations, companies, groups, and individuals. Some of these relationships are in the form of partnerships. The services and/or facilities provided in these partnerships are important to the community and the associated community groups. Some of the groups have existed for many years and have historical significance in St. Joseph. Other partnerships include people or groups who volunteer to help beautify parks and park areas or who help with programming. The Parks department appreciates these partnerships and wants to recognize them and thank them for partnering with us in 2018.



DaVita Dialysis Trash Pickup at Krug Park

- 3 Rivers Hospice
- 139th Air National Guard
- Abbey Woods
- Active Stars Karate
- Aiden McVicker Charitable Foundation
- Allied Arts Council
- Amelia Earhart Festival
- American Legion
- Amped Up Bull Riding
- Apple Blossom Court
- Area School Districts
- Arising Stars Gymnastics
- Army National Guard
- Army Recruiting Station
- B & J Skate
- Baptist Softball League
- Cindy Barnes Productions
- Belt Bowl Complex
- Best Youth Sports
- Bob Bolin
- Boehringer-Ingelheim Vetmedica
- Rhabecca Boerkircher
- Boy Scouts of America Troops 1849 and 8366
- Raye Bradford
- Stephanie Bradford
- Taz Brooks
- Buchanan County 4-H
- Buchanan County Juvenile Office
- Debbie Butterfield
- Kelly Calhoun
- Capital Improvement Project (CIP) committee
- Caregivers
- Carriage Square
- Casey's Creatures
- the Center
- Central High School Seniors
- Chamber of Commerce Diplomats
- C.L.A.I.M. program
- Clearlight Entertainment
- Comfort of Home Healthcare
- Connect Youth Ministry of Frederick Boulevard
- Cosentino's Family "Price Chopper"
- Cotillion for Achievement Foundation
- Joey Cox
- Creative Arts Productions
- Creatures by Theresa
- Crypticon KC
- Cunningham Recreation
- Dance Arts Center
- Darcee's School of Dance
- DaVita Dialysis
- Department of Conservation (Missouri)
- Department of Corrections
- Department of Natural Resources
- Diversified Design
- Downtown Association
- Downtown Rotary Club
- Eagle Radio
- East Side Rotary Club
- Electronic Contracting Company
- Ellison-Auxier Architects
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Evening Garden Club
- Fairview Men's Club
- FLAG Ladies Group
- Flower Society

Community Partnerships



Creatures By Theresa at Nature Center Anniversary

- Paul Flury
- For the Love of the Game
- Frederick Boulevard Baptist I-Serve Group
- Fruedenthal Home Health
- Gametime
- Nina George
- Girl Scouts of Northeast Kansas and Northwest Missouri
- Mark Gomez
- Grace Evangelical Church
- Greater St. Joseph Youth Hockey Association
- Amanda Griffin
- Griffon Gliders Synchronized Skating Teams
- Harlem Globetrotters (HGI)
- Hosea Elementary Bell Chior
- KQ 2 Television
- Katie Halter
- Mrs. & Mr. Theresa Harrington
- The Haygood's
- Help @ Home
- Herner Construction
- Herzog Contracting Company
- Cody Higdon
- Hillyard Chemical
- Jonah Hoppe
- Alex Huey
- Imagine Eleven
- Insect-O-Rama volunteers
- Inter-Serv
- Inspiration Dance Center
- Juneteenth Committee
- Kiwanis Club
- Lauren Koester
- Scott Koester
- Lafayette High School Seniors
- LaVerna Village
- Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail
- Liberty Nationals
- Little Ceasar's of St. Joseph
- Local 77 Firefighters Union
- Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge
- Keegan McCush
- McDonald's Restaurant
- Caleb McKnight
- Bill McMurray, Honorable Mayor
- Made With Uncommon Character, St. Joseph, MO
- Mammoth Productions
- Marine Guard
- Mark Reynold's Memorial Bike Club
- Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Mid-Continent Library System
- Midland Empire Sports Association (MESA)
- Midland Empire Youth Football (MEYF)
- Midwest Figure Skating Council
- Midwest Storm Cheer
- Missouri American Water
- Missouri EMS
- Missouri Western PTA Program
- Missouri Western State University (MWSU)
- MoDOT
- Moffett Nursery
- Moila Shriners
- Mosaic Hospice
- Mosaic Life Care
- Navy Recruiting Station
- Roger Neely
- Northwest Health
- Noyes Home



Rotary Clubs Planting Trees

Community Partnerships

- Parkinson's Support Group
- Park Advisory Board
 - Wonda Berry
 - Valerie Brandt
 - Larry Douglas
 - Karen Foley
 - Darrel Grace
 - Bob Hatten
 - Joe Houts
 - Keeran King
 - Jerry Wilkerson
- Performing Arts Association
- Phi Boota Roota
- Phillco Construction
- Pivotal Point Housing
- Plasma Biological Services
- Pony Express Amphibian & Reptile Society
- Pony Express Association of the Blind
- Pony Express Baseball (PEB)
- Pony Express Prospectors Club
- Police Productions
- Pool Players Association
- R J Promotions
- Reeds Chevrolet Catfish Classic Committee
- Restoration Church
- Restoration & Waterproofing Company
- Riggs Recreation
- Rite Pac
- Riverbluff Architects
- Robidoux Resident Theater
- Sharon Ritchey
- Carol Roever
- Jim Roever



Three Rivers Hospice Programming at Senior Center

- St. Paul Lutheran Summer Youth Program
- St. Joe Griffons - Kansas City Youth Hockey Association
- St. Joseph Bicycle Club
- St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce
- St. Joseph Christian Cross Country & Track Teams
- St. Joseph Convention and Visitor's Bureau
- St. Joseph Curling Club
- St. Joseph Figure Skating Club
- St. Joseph Garden Club
- St. Joseph Kennel Club
- St. Joseph Kiwanais Club
- St. Joseph Mustangs
- St. Joseph News Press
- St. Joseph Optimist Clubs
- St. Joseph Post
- St. Joseph Safety and Health Council
- St. Joseph School District
- St. Joseph Stamp Club
- St. Joseph Symphony
- St. Joseph Transit Authority
- St. Joseph Youth Alliance
- St. Joseph Youth Hockey Association
- Santa Fe Fuel / Saint Joe Distributing
- Saxton Care Chateau
- Schneider & Associates Engineering
- Senior Center Council
- Senior Center Strategic Planning Committee
- Senior Citizen's Foundation
- Sertoma Clubs of St. Joseph
- Sertoma Deaf Camp
- Silver & Gold Club
- Jewell Simmons



Evening Garden Club at Noyes Complex

Community Partnerships



Hosea Elementary School and Southside Progressive entertain at the Hyde Park Holiday Park lighting

- Charlie Simon
- Small College Hall of Fame Classic
- Lynn Smith
- Southside Fall Festival Committee
- South Side Progressive
- South Side Rotary
- Special Olympics
- Gage Stiles
- Studio Psalms
- SWT Design
- Marshall Thevenot
- The Whole Person
- Tuesday Ladies League
- United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service
- United States Parks Service
- United States SUMO Federation
- United Way of Greater St. Joseph
- USA Hockey
- Laurel Vartabedian
- Heather Weddle
- Wilma's In-Home Angels
- Wood Bat Baseball
- YMCA
- YWCA
- and so many more.....

Donations and Trusts

- George Bode Benevolent Trust
- BNSF Railroad Foundation
- Harold P. Dugdale Charitable Trust
- Friends of the Park
- Bill Humphreys
- Norma J. & William J. Kenney Charitable Trust
- Leaverton Trust
- William D. Morgan Charitable Foundation

Other City Departments

- City Manager's Office
- City Mayor's Office
- Administrative Services Department
- Fire Department
- Health Department
- Legal Department
- Planning and Community Development Department
- Police Department

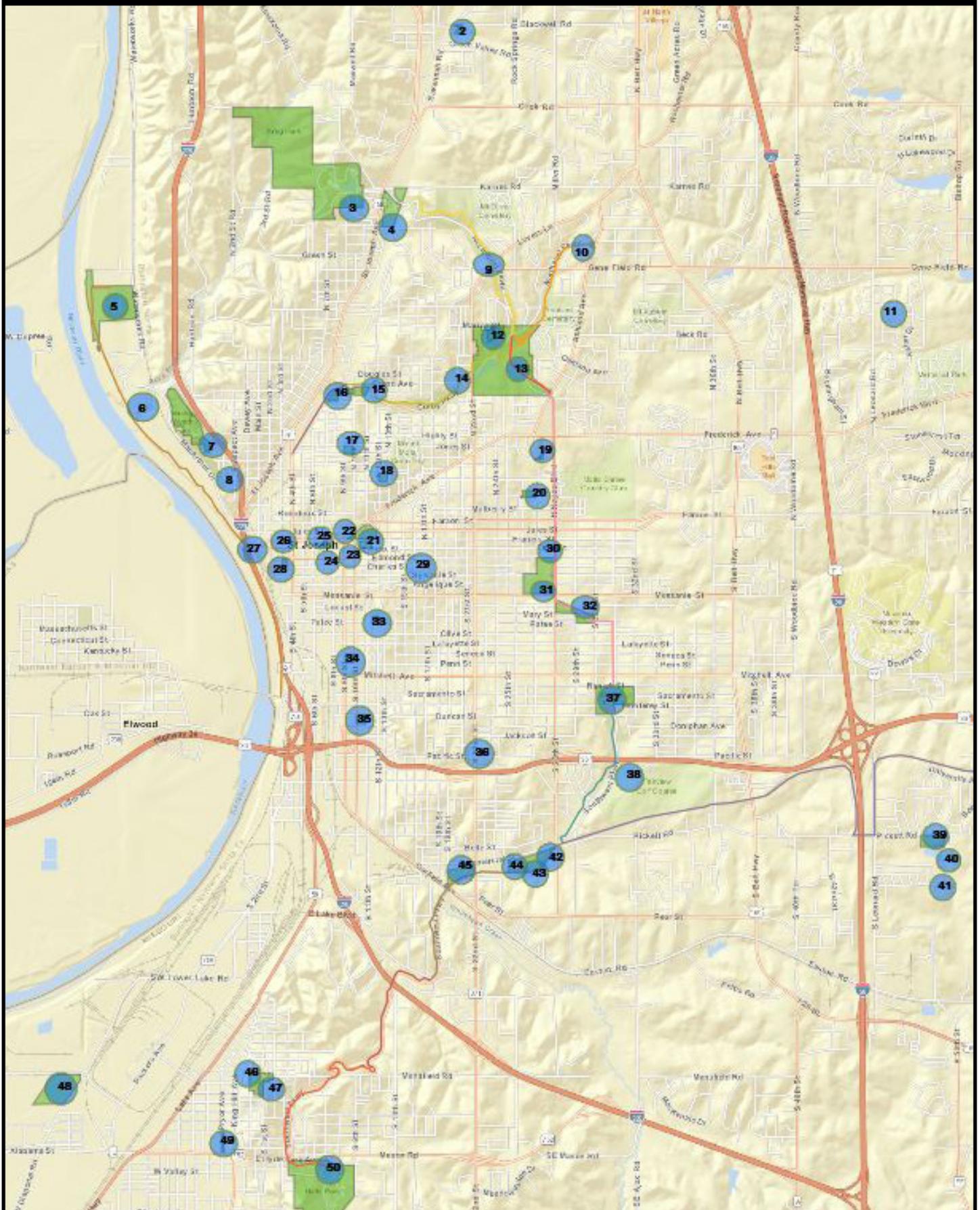


Dick Sipe from the St. Joseph Kiwanai's Club picking up trash along the parkway

Map Legend

Aquatic Park, 402 N Noyes (Map Location 31)	Picnic tables	Swimming pool	Dog Park, Northwest Parkway/Marion (Map Location 12)	Wood chip trail	Water fountains
	Concessions	Restrooms		Benches	Agility equipment
Arrowhead Park, Arrowhead Drive (Map Location 11)	Open playfield	Back stop	Eugene Field Marker, Lovers Ln/Northwest Parkway (Map Location 10)	Landscape	Urban trail
Bartlett Park, 3300 Duncan (Map Location 37)	Picnic tables	Open playfield	Fairview Golf Course, 3200 Pacific (Map Location 38)	Shelter	Picnic tables
	Inclusive playground	Landscape		Concessions	Restrooms
	Accessible Restrooms	Play path		Landscape	Pond
	Bicycle/Urban Trail	Shelters		18-hole golf course	
	2 lighted ballfields with concessions				
Bode Sports Complex, 2500 Southwest Pkwy (Map Location 44)	3 lighted pickle ball courts	Picnic tables	Farleigh Terrace Park, 2700 Farleigh Terrace (Map Location 19)	Open playfield	Landscape
	1 adaptive court	Skate park			
	Concessions	Restrooms	Felix Street Square (Coleman Hawkins Park), 7th/Felix (Map Location 25)	Open playfield	Bandstand
	Meeting Facilities	Ice arena		Landscape	Concessions
	Bicycle/Urban Trail	Landscape			
	6 lighted basketball courts				
Civic Arena, 100 N. 4th Street (Map Location 26)	Bandstand	Basketball courts	Fort Smith, Bellvue & W Michel (Map Location 8)	Scenic overlook	Historic site
	Concessions	Restrooms			
	Theater	Meeting facilities	France Park, 26th/Clay (Map Location 20)	Open playfield	
	Large event space				
Civic Center Park, 1100 Frederick Ave (Map Location 21)	Open Playfield	Landscape	Gordon Park, Pryor Ave/Alabama (Map Location 49)	Landscape	Statue
	Fountain	Monuments			
	Statues		Heritage Park, 2202 Waterworks Rd (Map Location 5)	Pavillion	Restrooms
College Hill Park, 12th & Henry (Map Location 18)	Picnic table	Ballfield		Concessions	Landscape
	Basketball court	Playground		5 lighted ballfields	Playground
Corby Grove, 22nd-26th/Parkway (Map Location 13)	Pond	Picnic tables	Hochman Park, 4700 Pickett Rd (Map Location 39)	Lighted ballfield	Playground
	Restrooms	Tennis courts		Basketball court	Shelter
	Landscape			Picnic tables	Open playfield
	Urban and unimproved trails			Restrooms	

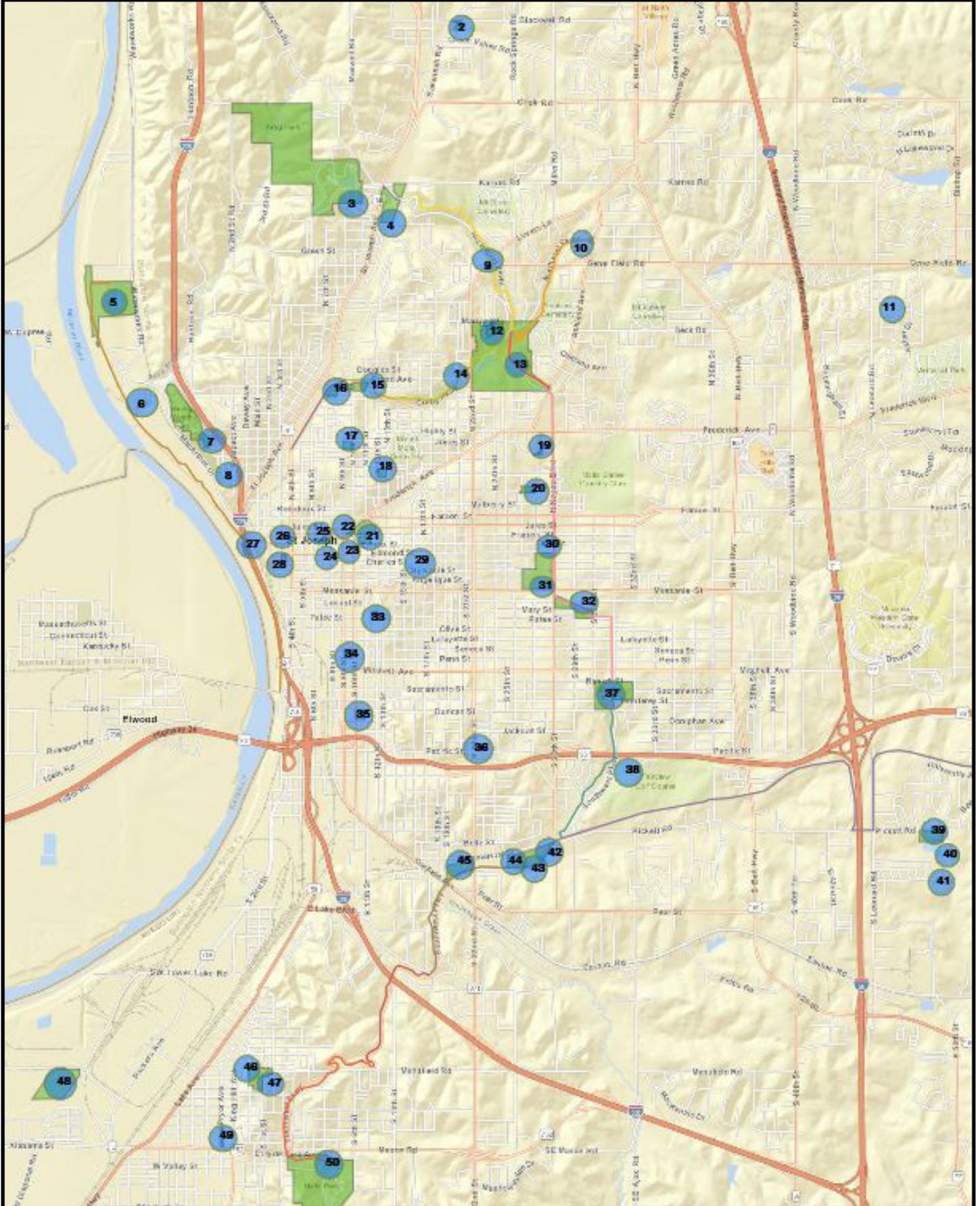
Parks Map



Map Legend

Huston Wyeth Hill, Poulin west to Elwood (Map Location 7)	Open playfield Picnic tables Scenic overlook	Shelter Playground	Leonard Road Acres, 4600 Cheyenne (Map Location 40) Open playfield Unimproved trails	Forested
Hyde Park, 8th/Hyde Park Ave (Map Location 50)	Open playfields Picnic tables Playground 3 tennis courts Basketball court 3 horseshoe courts	Shelters Restrooms Urban trail 6 lighted ballfields Skate park Landscape	Lions Field, 11th/Grand (Map Location 15) 1 lighted ballfield Concessions	Restrooms
John Lucas Recreation Center, 18th/Charles (Map Location 29)	Playground Basketball courts Restrooms	Picnic tables Horseshoe courts	Lura M. Story Sitting Park, 2900 Ashland Ave. (Map Location 9) Landscape	
Joyce Raye Patterson Senior Center, 100 S 10th St. (Map Location 23)	Restrooms Stage Fitness center	Meeting Rooms Cafeteria	Maple Leaf Park, Grand Ave/Richardson on Maple Leaf Parkway (Map Location 16) Playground Restrooms	Skate park Urban trail
Katherine Park, 5107 Shawnee (Map Location 41)	Playground Back stop Open playfield	Basketball court Picnic tables	Marion & Goff Ballfield, 2500 Marion (Map Location 12) 2 lighted ballfields Restrooms	Concessions
King Hill Overlook, Southwest Pkwy/Mansfield Rd (Map Location 3)	Picnic table Scenic Overlook	Landscape	Mary Park / Parkway A, S 28th/Parkway A (Map Location 32) Open playfield Shelter Back stop	Playground Urban trail Picnic table
Krug Park, 3500 St. Joseph Ave (Map Location 3)	Shelters Amphitheater Landscaping Restrooms Unimproved trails	Picnic tables Lagoon Playgrounds Open playfield Scenic location	Missouri Theater, 717 Edmond (Map Location 24) Theater Concessions Meeting facilities	Restrooms Historic site
Krug Pool, St. Joseph Ave/Northwest Pkwy (Map Location 4)	Picnic tables Restrooms	Concessions Swimming Pool	Mitchell Park, 10th/Duncan (Map Location 35) Open playfield	Landscape
			Native American Burial Site, 1st/Prindle (Map Location 47) Wooded area	Historic site
			Northeast Park, 3519 N Village Dr (Map Location 1) Urban trail Outdoor fitness center	Shelter Picnic tables

Parks Map



Map Legend

Northside Complex, St. Joseph Ave/Karnes Rd
(Map Location 4)

Playground	Shelter
Picnic tables	2 football fields
1 lighted ballfield	3 tennis courts
1 handball court	Open playfield
2 lighted basketball courts	Landscape
4 horseshoe courts	

Noyes Field Recreation Complex, 26th/Noyes
(Map Location 30)

12 lighted tennis courts	Concessions
1 football field	1 track
1 lighted softball field	Picnic tables
16 horseshoe courts	Restrooms

Outdoor Nature Center, 5402 Diagonal
(Map Location 48)

Unimproved trail

Park Administration Office, 1920 Grand Ave
(Map Location 14)

Patee Park, 9th/10th, Seneca/Penn (Map Location 34)

Fountain	Shelters
Picnic tables	Playground
Monuments	Steam Engine
Open playfield	Landscape

Phil Welch Stadium, 2500 Southwest Pkwy
(Map Location 43)

Concessions	Restrooms
Lighed ballfield	Grand stand
Picnic tables	Landscape
Urban trail	

Pony Express Monument, 10th/Francis
(Map Location 23)

Monument	Landscape
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REC Center, 2701 Southwest Pkwy (Map Location 42)

Fitness center	Concessions
Restrooms	Meeting facilities
3 gymnasiums	Indoor track

Remington Nature Center, 2503 McArthur Dr
(Map Location 6)

Restrooms	Landscape
Scenic Overlook	Pond
Urban trail	Picnic tables
Outdoor theater	Meeting facilities

Rest Square Park, 2200 Pacific (Map Location 36)
Open playfield

Playground

Riverfront Park/Robidoux Landing, 1st/Francis
(Map Location 27)

Sheter	Urban trail
Monuments	Scenic overlook
Landscape	Historic site

Seitz Park, 6800 Esther (Map Location 51)

Playground	Open playfield
Basketball court	

South Park Complex / Drake Field, 22nd/Commercial
(Map Location 45)

3 lighted ballfields	Playground
Restroom	Concessions

Urban Outdoor Nature Center/Walk, 10th/Powell
(Map Location 17)

Shelter	Picnic tables
Landscape	

Western Gateway Park, 3rd/Edmond
(Map Location 28)

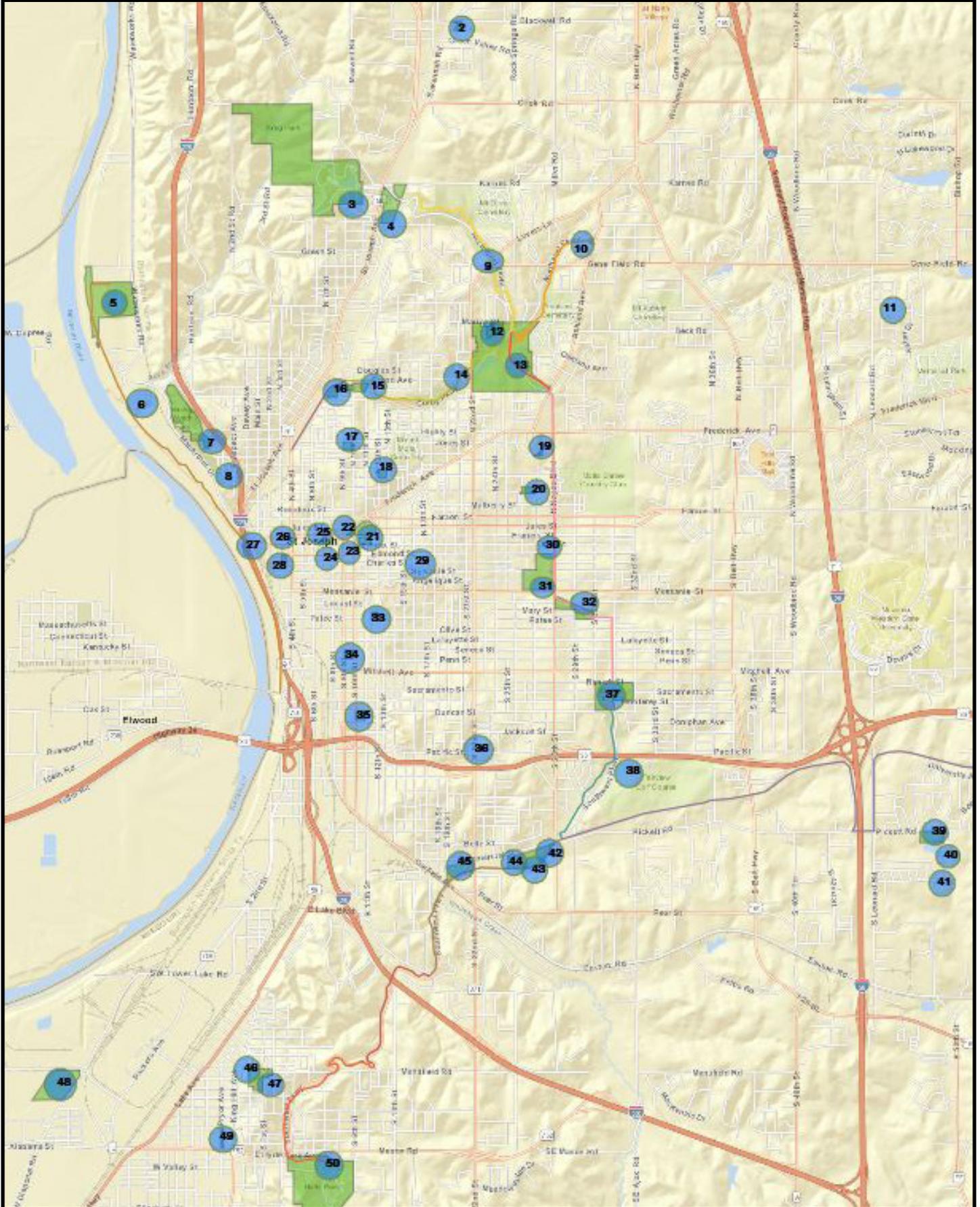
Monument	Landscape
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Westminster Park, Blackwell/Savannah Ave
(Map Location 2)

Open playfield

William & Louis Park, 13th/Patee (Map Location 33)
Scenic Overlook

Parks Map



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