

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

April 16, 2009





Agenda –April 16, 2009

1. Approval of Agenda Action
2. Approval of Minutes from March Action
3. Approval of March Monthly Report Action
4. Upcoming Dedications
5. Park Sales Tax Presentation
6. Council Items
7. Capital Project Update
8. Commission Comments
9. Staff Comments
10. Public Comments



4. Upcoming Dedications

- MKT Trail Plaza
- Atkins Park Ballfields
- Waterfalls at Stephens Lake Park



What is....

THE PARK SALES TAX?



Park Sales Tax

$\frac{1}{4}$ of One Penny





Park Sales Tax: $\frac{1}{4}$ -Cent

$\frac{1}{8}$ =Permanent



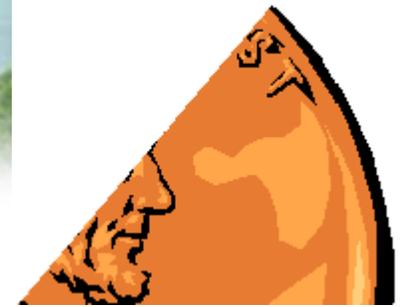
$\frac{1}{8}$ =Temporary



Park Sales Tax-1/8 Cent Perm

- 1/8 cent - permanent, passed in 2000
 - >\$1,000,000/year - purchase Crane property
 - >\$1,000,000/year- **Gen Fund operating**
 - Admin, Planning, Construction, Natural Resources, PMC, Maint & Ops, Fleet
 - >\$600,000/year - **Rec Services operating**
 - Maintenance for pools, recreation facilities, golf courses, and athletic fields

Adds up to \$2.6 million...but



Park Sales Tax-1/8 Cent Temp

- 1/8 - cent, Temp or *Renewable*
- Extended in 2005 (for five years)
- \$2.4 million/year, \$12 million/5 years
- Funds capital projects
 - **List of projects to fund were determined in 2005.**
- Expires March 2011
- Ballot expected in August or November 2010



What will be the impact to our Department if the voters do not pass the Park Sales Tax extens



- \$2.4 million/year less for our department
- Impact our capital improvement program
 - may mean reorganizing work responsibilities
- Impact our operating budget
 - current \$1.6 million PST subsidy
 - could affect jobs
- Impact Parks and Rec services offered to the community (more discussion on this later...)

How much is 1/8 cent?

- Have to spend \$8, before it costs a penny.
- On \$100 purchase, it costs 12.5 cents.
 - What can you buy for 12.5 cents?
- Pool it together - \$12 million to benefit the community.

Citizens will have the opportunity to decide to keep their half-a-gumball or pool it together to see what P&R can do for the community.



Total Sales Tax Rates: Midwestern Cities

Midwestern City	Sales Tax (City, County and State taxes)
Chattanooga, TN	9.25%
Garland, TX	8.25%
Amarillo, TX	8.25%
Rockford, IL	8.25%
Peoria, IL	8.00%
Independence, MO	7.60%
Columbia, MO	7.55%
Overland Park, KS	7.53%
Little Rock, AR	7.50%
Springfield, MO	6.85%
Jefferson City, MO	6.73%

Total Sales Tax Rates: Missouri Cities

Missouri City	Sales Tax (City, County and State taxes)
Independence	7.60%
Columbia	7.55%
St. Joseph	7.48%
St. Charles	7.45%
Joplin	7.33%
Springfield	6.85%
Jefferson City	6.73%

If we don't renew, it will be nearly impossible to add to Columbia's sales tax.

Is extending the Park Sales Tax a good idea in a tough economy?

Show Me State Games



Largest state games in the nation



Show Me State Games

- # Participants in Summer Games: 27,000
- Total Visitors to Columbia: 74,000
- Revenue for Columbia: > \$16 million

Hotels



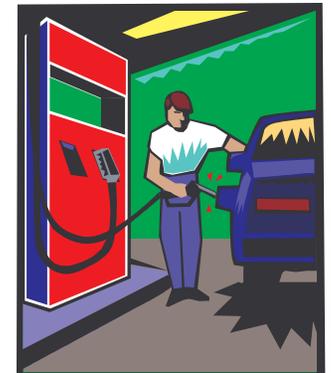
Restaurants



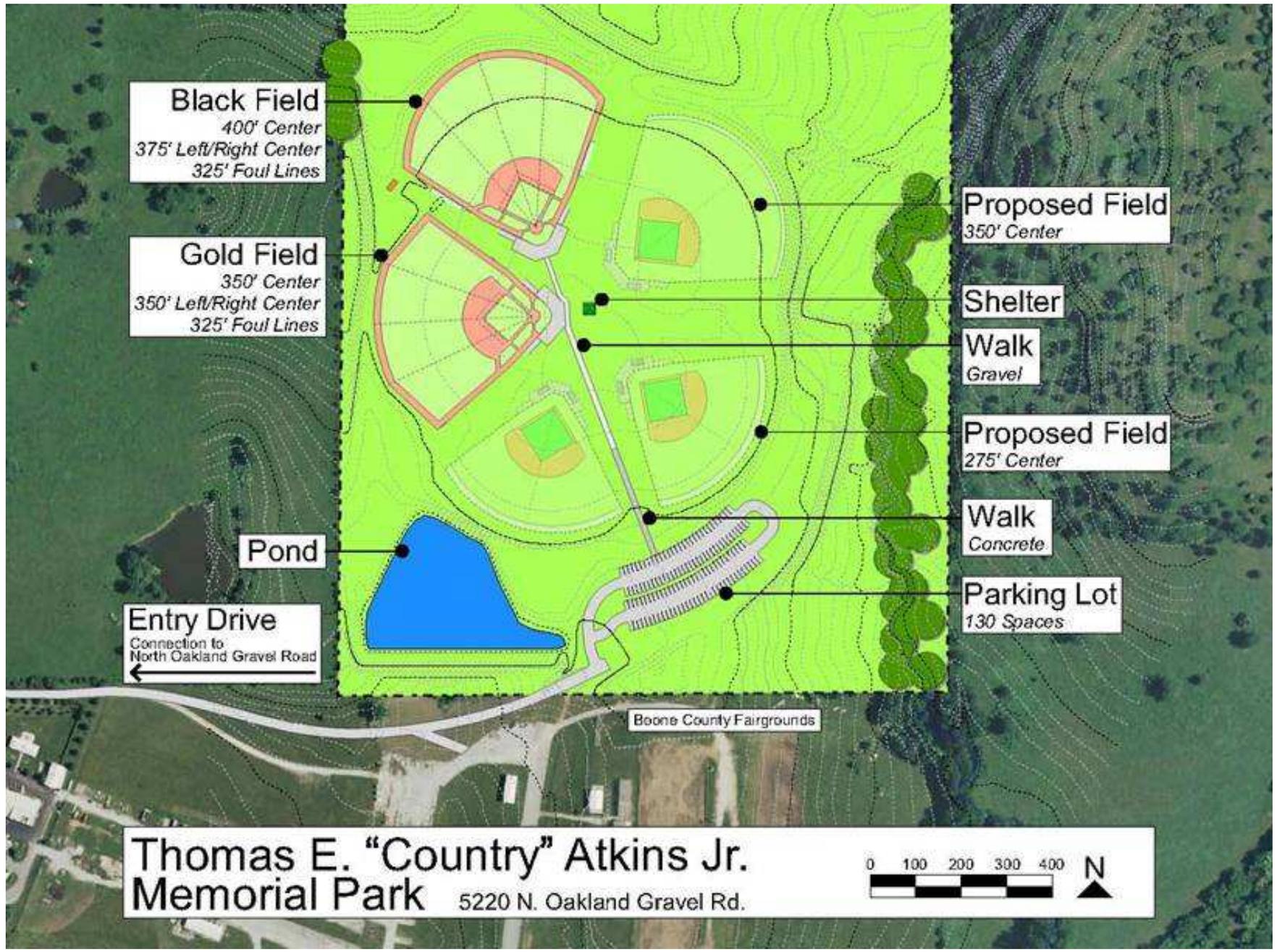
Stores



Gas Stations



Does building sports facilities benefit the community?



Black Field
 400' Center
 375' Left/Right Center
 325' Foul Lines

Gold Field
 350' Center
 350' Left/Right Center
 325' Foul Lines

Proposed Field
 350' Center

Shelter

Walk
 Gravel

Proposed Field
 275' Center

Walk
 Concrete

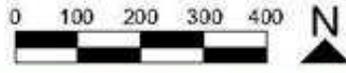
Parking Lot
 130 Spaces

Pond

Entry Drive
 Connection to
 North Oakland Gravel Road

Boone County Fairgrounds

Thomas E. "Country" Atkins Jr. Memorial Park 5220 N. Oakland Gravel Rd.



Is extending the Park Sales Tax a good idea for families that are struggling financially?

May not be able to afford to take the family to



Our local Heritage Festival is free!



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Stephens Lake Park
Beach & Spraygrounds

No Admission Fee!



Is extending the Park Sales Tax a good idea when considering low income families?

Middle and upper class homes typically have back yards to play in.



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Whereas, subsidized housing, duplexes, and apartment complexes may not.



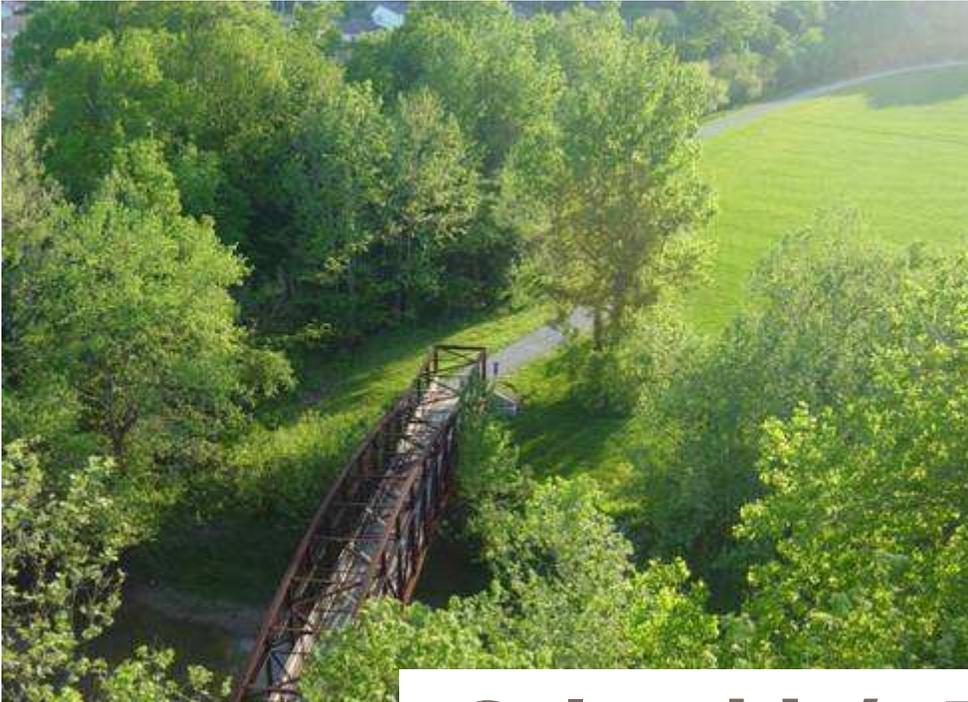
Neighborhood & Community Parks - Important Resource for Families



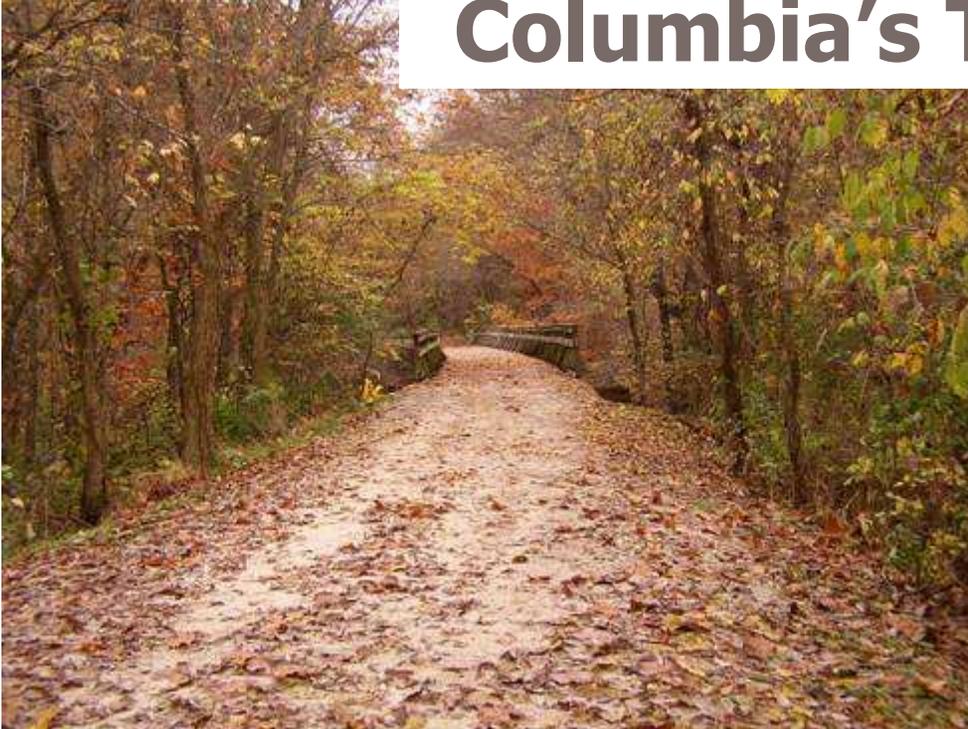


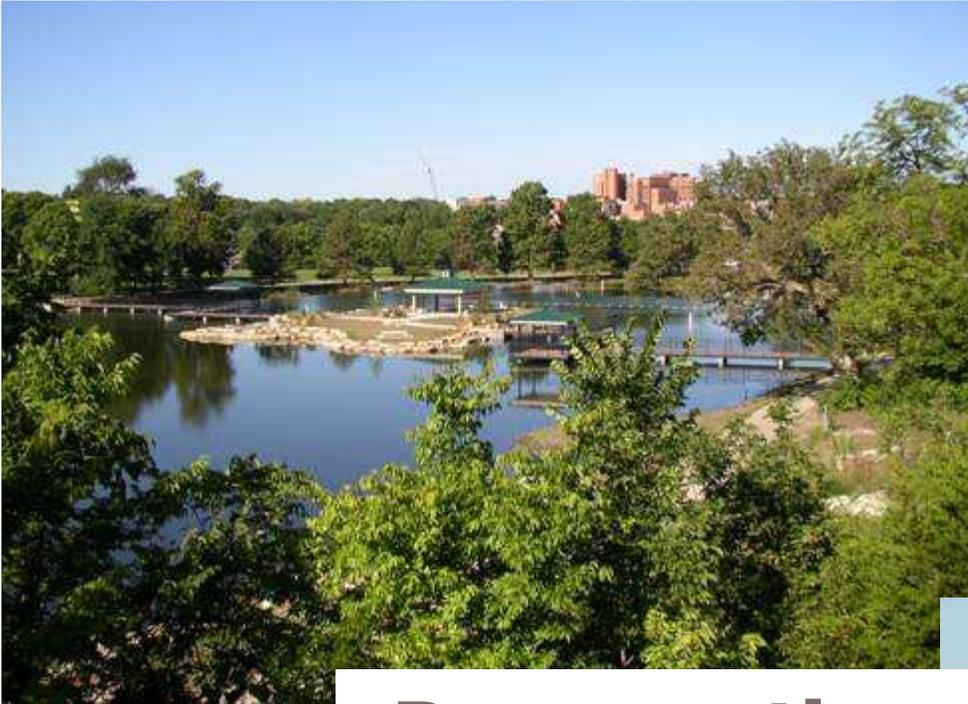
What is the value of Parks and Recreation in our community?

- Our goal as P&R commissioners is to get citizens to think about...



Columbia's Trail System





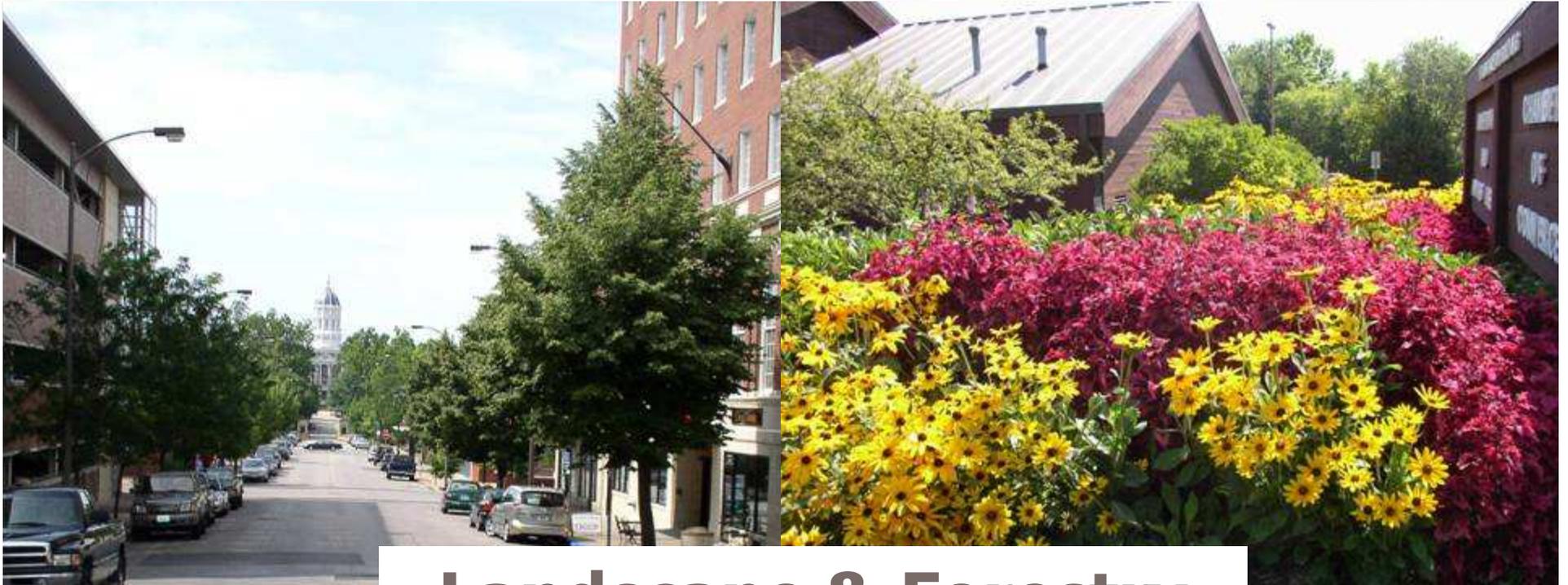
Preservation of Green Space





Preservation of Natural Areas





Landscape & Forestry





Protecting the Environment





Art in the Park - Stephens



**One Sky, One World
Kite Flying Event at
Cosmo-Bethel Park**

Park Special Events

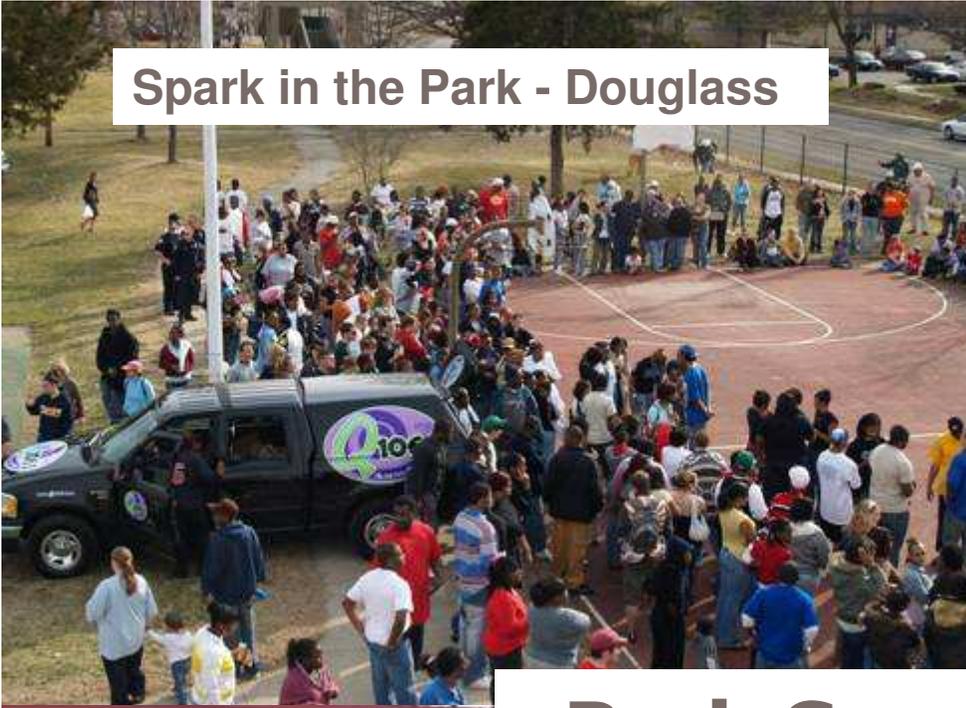


**Roots N Blues N BBQ
at Flat Branch**



Polar Bear Plunge - Stephens

Spark in the Park - Douglass



Bike, Walk, & Wheel Week - MKT



Park Special Events

EGGstravaganza - Douglass



Twilight Festival - Flat Branch





We hope the citizens will continue to support the Park Sales Tax, so that the Parks and Recreation Department can continue to provide recreation facilities and services for the community.



- Half-a-gumball
- 1/8 of 1 penny
- 0.125%



6. Council Items

- CARE Program
- County House Trail



7. Capital Project Update





LAN Golf Course Greens Aerification & Topdressing





Paquin Park New Fencing





Albert-Oakland Park Infield Improvements



Second ag lime infield complete



Albert-Oakland Park Hail Damage Roofs Repaired





Cosmo Park Antimi Shelter Roof Repair





Antimi Softball Complex Scorer's Table





Auburn Hills Park Shelter Construction Complete





Atkins Park Parking Lot Striping





Atkins Park Distance Signs





Garth Nature Area Parking Curbs, Connecting Walk



Connecting Walk



Curb



TLRA Fishing Lake New Dock





Cascades Park Site Preparation





MKT-Stewart Road Plaza Dedication Preparations



Planted and mulched for dedication ceremony



Four new bench replacements



Kiwanis Park TreeKeepers Project 3/28/09





Arbor Day Tree Giveaway

April 4, 2009

750 trees were given away



Volunteers wrap trees for event





10. Commission Comments

11. Staff Comments

12. Public Comments

Adjourned



Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs