

# The Wyandotte County Parks Foundation



Established in 1993

## Newsletter

*Mission: To Improve the  
Quality of Life In Our Community*

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### Special points of interest:

- Foundation selects the building of Accessible Playgrounds as its Signature Project for 2011
- Many Wyandotte County Stakeholders are stepping forward to support the Mission of the Foundation.

## T-Bones Fund Playground Project



**Adam Ehlert, Co-Owner of T-Bones,  
speaks at ground breaking ceremony**

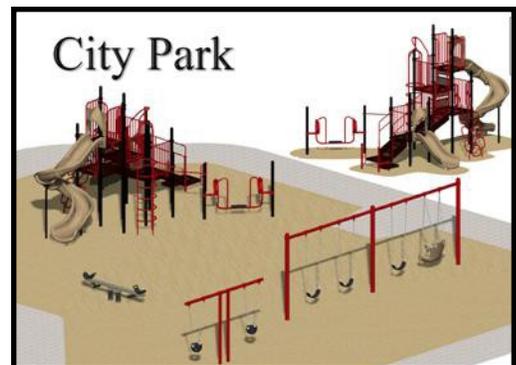
Thanks to the combined efforts of the Kansas City T-Bones, the Unified Government and the Wyandotte County Parks Foundation, four new ADA-accessible playgrounds are now open in Wyandotte County.

The new playgrounds are part of an extensive effort to build playgrounds throughout Wyandotte County that are accessible to all children. The Foundation's goal is to replace eight local facilities with modern playgrounds.



The T-Bones, with a \$200,000 contribution through the T-Bones Uncommitted Recreation Fund (TURF), helped make construction of the first four playgrounds possible.

The four new ADA-accessible playgrounds are located in Kansas City Kansas at Emerson Park, Shawnee Park, Quindaro Park and City Park.



**All Children Deserve a Place to Play  
Together, Regardless of Their Ability**

## Renaissance Festival Hosts 2010 Dinner



**Jim Peterson, Owner of the  
K.C. Renaissance Festival,  
Welcomes Guests**

*The 2010 Annual  
Foundation Dinner*  
was a tremendous success, thanks to the generosity of the co-host, the K.C. Renaissance Festival. The Foundation's dinner guests were treated to great dining, drinks and

fantastic entertainment. The dinner, combined with donations and the silent auction, raised over \$6,000 for the Accessible Playground Project.

It was a great night for everyone.



## Sunflower Hills to Host Golf Tournament



### Sunflower Hills

**The Board of Director's is excited** to announce that the Inaugural Foundation Tournament will be held on July 25th at the beautiful and challenging Sunflower Hills Golf Course in

Bonner Springs, Kansas.

Your tournament fee of \$75 will provide you a competitive round of golf, cart, gift bag, proximity prizes and dinner following the round.

Many sponsorship opportunities are available with great associated benefits for your business.

All proceeds will support the 2010-2011 fundraising drive to build additional Accessible Playgrounds in Wyandotte County.

Please tell your friends who love to golf and maybe have not visited Sunflower Hills lately.



**Sunflower Hills . . .  
You Have Seen  
All of the Others . . .  
Now, Be Surprised**

**For More Tournament Information,  
Please Call: 913-573-8570**



**The KCK West Kiwanis Club** was very proud to make their recent donation to the Foundation's signature project. This playground project fits the mission of Kiwanis almost perfectly, that is, to change the

## To Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time

world, one child and one community at a time. "We look forward to doing more in the future with the foundation, and challenge other service clubs to join Kiwanis in supporting this needed addition to our community," stated

president Cindy Dunn. With a focus on children, Kiwanis helps children throughout the world and right here in our own city. The KCK West Club meets every Thursday morning, 7:30 a.m. at Country Club Bank, 110th and Parallel.

**I take pride in knowing that I am helping to positively affect someone's life.**

**- - - Julie Hess**

## Foundation's Booth is on The Move

**The Foundation's Information booth** is popping up more and more at special events throughout Wyandotte County. The Board of Directors believes it is important to "reacquaint" the people of our community with the Foundation's Mission and its Goals. The Foundation's Booth allows this sharing of information on a "one to one basis". The Booth also provides a way for the community to support the Foundation through that "loose change" in your pockets.

If your organization wishes to support the Foundation through a "fund raising effort" at your next major event, please give us a call. This will be a great opportunity for your group to support our Mission and our work.



**Board Members David Hurrelbrink, Steve Domicic & Pat Gates at Eagle Day**

## Two Local Labor Unions Provide Support



**Jeremy Hendrickson & Carlton Young present checks to David Hurrelbrink**



**Let's give a big round of applause** to two local unions who wish to make a statement about "being part of the community"

Public Service Employees Local 1290PE and Construction & General laborers Local 1290 AFL-CIO joined together to give \$1,000 to the Foundation's Playground Project.

This is a great example of how many stakeholders in Wyandotte County are stepping forward to contribute in new ways to

enhance the Quality of Life for our residents.

"We gladly support the Foundations Playground Project and are proud to be a partner in our community" said Jeremy Hendrickson Local 1290PE Business Manager. "We are committed to keeping Wyandotte County a quality place to live and work."

The Board of Directors of the Foundation would like to encourage the other Unions in our community to also step up and support the Foundation's Mission.

## Speaker's Bureau is Created

### **Need a guest speaker?**

No need to scratch your head on how to find that great guest speaker at your next club, civic group or agency monthly meeting?

You can easily arrange for a representative of the

Foundation to bring important and interesting information to your membership.

The Foundation's Speaker's Bureau was set up as just another way to "reacquaint" the people of Wyandotte County and

beyond of its Mission and Goals. The only requirement that the Foundation has is that the audience be at least 25 or more.

We request that presentations be scheduled at least one month in advance.

**Call  
913-573-8381  
to "book"  
a speaker for  
your next  
meeting**

## A Partnership with the Community Foundation of Wyandotte County



**You have two great ways to donate!** The public has two destinations to choose from to direct their donations to improve the quality of life within Wyandotte County. The Wyandotte County Parks Foundation is a proud partner with the Community Foundation of Wyandotte County.

The Community Foundation streamlines the giving process so individuals, families and corporations can focus on supporting the causes they care about.

Anyone can establish a charitable fund quickly and easily, and for a fee of as little as \$21 a month.

If you would like to donate with a check, please make the check payable to the Wyandotte County Parks Foundation Fund and mail to 1055 Broadway, Suite 130, Kansas City, MO, 64105. To make a donation with your credit card over the phone, contact 816-842-7444.

*The Wyandotte County  
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Dedicated to Improving Our  
Quality of Life

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Supporting the Mission  
and Goals of Our  
Worthy Endeavor

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### **Board of Governors Established**

#### ***Major Foundation***

***Contributors become annual members of the newly formed Board of Governors.***

This special Board was established to reward those Foundation Members who wish to donate both experience and their financial support to assist in the growth of the Foundation.

Congratulations to new Board Members, Jim Peterson of the Kansas City Renaissance Festival and Adam Ehlert of the T-Bones Baseball Organization.

Call 913-573-8381 to learn more about this opportunity



### **From the President's Desk**

Dear Friends,

I hope you will decide to join the hundreds of supporters who wish to see the benefits of their charitable contributions appear within the community in which they work and live.

Your support could be in the form of a direct donation, a sponsorship, a contribution of in-kind services, volunteerism, conducting a fund raiser or becoming an active member of our Board of Governors. Additional support could also be provided by simply sharing the information within this Newsletter with your family, neighbors and associates.

If you require additional information about Wyandotte County Parks Foundation, please call our office and a Foundation representative will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

David Hurrelbrink



**David Hurrelbrink,  
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