

the Buzz

UG PARKS AND RECREATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

September

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County Parks and Recreation has been actively trying to improve our parks for our community. We recently applied for grant funding in hopes of constructing a community dog park. PetSafe announced in August that 25 cities across the country will receive funds for new off-leash dog park construction and existing park maintenance and upgrades as grant recipients of its 2017 PetSafe Bark for Your Park campaign. PetSafe received a total of 215 applications in 2017, surpassing all other years of the program.

After a review of all applications by an internal committee, PetSafe has selected 25 communities across the country as 2017 grant recipients. **The UG Parks and Recreation department was chosen as one of the top 5 cities who will receive funding** for dog park projects or commercial-grade dog park equipment from UltraSite™, a PlayCore Company:

With the addition of 14 states added to the program with this year's grant recipients, PetSafe has helped fund 64 off-leash dog parks in 40 states since 2011.

Calendar

- Sept. 4 UG offices closed for Labor Day
- Sept. 9&10 Hunter Safety Course
- Sept. 9 CABA Parade 10am-3pm
- Sept. 9 DASH KCK 5k 7-11am
- Sept 9 Library in the Park (Big 11, JFK)
- Sept. 15 Overnight Fishing
- Sept. 30 KCK Huggers Zombie Run @ WYCO Lake
- Sept. 30 Renaming Celebration of JFK to Beatrice L. Lee Community Center



What's Happening?

In Review

Back to School Giveaway

Back to School Parade and School Supply Giveaway at Parkwood Park and Pool was on Saturday August 12th in collaboration with P.R.I.D.E. and the Black Police Officers Association. 1000 backpacks with school supplies were provided to area youth, as well as hotdogs, chips, and drinks. Free swimming with a canned good donation to Harvester's was offered.

This year's event marked the 20th anniversary of giving back to the community with a hope of providing 20 more years.

MO340 Race

Held annually at Kaw Point, 450 boats signed up for the 12th annual Missouri American Water MR 340 on August 8 at Kaw Point. 4 countries and 30 states were represented. Roughly 378 boats started the race.

The race was won by two Missourians for the first time, Joe Mann and Dylan McHardy in 39 hours 9 minutes. The final finisher, also a Missourian, Kelly Bowers arrived in 86 hours, 2 minutes. (that is minutes shy of two days later!) It was an "easy" year; the weather cooperated with cool and cloudy days.



Looking Ahead

Hunter Safety Course

A FREE Hunter Education Clinic. The classes will be held on Saturday, September 9, 7:40am to 5:00pm and Sunday, September 10, 10:00am to 2:00pm, with a test following the end of class on Sunday. You are REQUIRED to attend both days to receive your certification upon completion. Call the office at 913-573-8327 for more information!

KCK Huggers/Special Olympics Zombie Run

KCK Huggers/Special Olympics are happy to announce their First Annual Zombie Chase 3K! This event will take place at Wyandotte County Lake Park Marina on **September 30th, 2017**.

This is like a flag football event. Each runner will get a belt with flags on it. On the course there will be Zombies throughout that will try to get your belt. Cross the finish line with a belt still on and get a T-Shirt saying you survived. Lose all of your flags, and you are now a zombie and you will get a shirt saying that as well. All proceeds will be going to the Special Olympics. **\$30 for pre-registration and \$35 for day of. Packet pickup starts at 2:00 PM.**

Renaming Celebration

September 30th from 2-5 p.m. has been established as the date for the renaming celebration of JFK Community Center to Beatrice L. Lee Community Center. The ceremony will take place at Big 11 Lake and the Community Center.

