

What's Happening in Rapid City Parks....

Flower Gardens of Rapid City

Rapid City has many beautiful flower gardens located throughout the community, so be sure to 'stop and smell the flowers' this summer.

- Butterfly Gardens
4515 Jackson Boulevard
- Halley Park Gardens
515 West Boulevard
- Memorial Park Rose Garden
444 Mt. Rushmore Road
- Memory Lane
915 Mountain View Road
- Native Wild Flower Garden
300 Omaha Street
- Roosevelt Park Gardens
235 Waterloo Street
- Sunken Gardens
2915 Canyon Lake Drive
- Wm. Noordermer Formal Gardens
2400 Canyon Lake Drive
- Wilson Park
1701 Mt. Rushmore Road



Niemiah Larimer Memorial Slackline Park

Parks and Recreation is working with the Larimer Family to create a Slackline Park in Sioux Park next to an existing playground and restroom. Slacklining is like tightrope walking on a flexible band a few feet off the ground and it is a fast growing youth and adult activity.

The park will feature posts for slackliners to attach their lines and a variety of balance components for beginners. The Slackline Park will be installed in summer of 2016.

Horace Mann Park, Playground, and Pool

Horace Mann Park received a complete renovation over the past year and will be open to the public this summer. Renovations include a new pool and building, new parking lot and landscaping, a new playground, and improvements to the existing ballfield. This Park is a must-see in 2016.



The new swimming pool has zero depth entry, a fountain play structure complete with spilling buckets, run-off slides, a drop slide and a climbing wall. Make plans to check it out on opening day!



Tennis Court Resurfacing

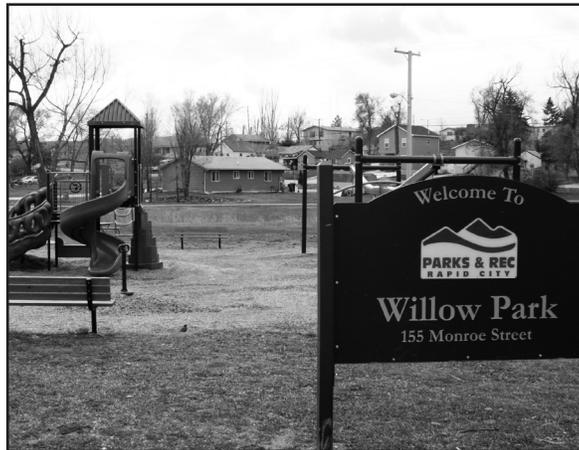
Rapid City Parks and Recreation has hired a contractor to resurface tennis courts and sport courts City-wide at Parkview, Sioux, Quarry, Roosevelt, Thomson and Wilson Parks this summer. This project will restore these facilities to a safe and playable condition. Work will be on-going throughout the summer.



Willow Park

Make time this summer to say hello to Rapid City's newest addition - Willow Park. Parks and Recreation staff members worked with the College Park Block Club and NeighborWorks Dakota Home Resources to facilitate and construct a park and playground in Willow Park, located along Monroe Street between Lemmon and Blaine Avenues. The park is near the existing community gardens. The park and playground were community design-build projects and received great participation from businesses and volunteers throughout the Rapid City community.

In addition to local contributions, a grant from KaBoom in the amount of \$9,000 helped to pay for amenities in the park.



Skyline Wilderness Trailhead Development Project

The Skyline Wilderness Area Development project is a "Trails for Everyone" Project. The project included improvements to three vehicle pullout areas located along the Skyline Drive Scenic Byway. Parking areas were constructed and are now available for public access to a network of trails in over 150 acres of wilderness parkland within the heart of Rapid City. Work continues on development and expansion of the natural surface trail system that connects to Dinosaur Park and can accommodate hikers, bikers and casual walkers. The trails will include signage and maps for easy navigation.

The "Stonewall Overlook" offers great views of the city and the Black Hills and includes restroom facilities for park users. The "Petrified Forest" Trailhead was built at the former location of a log-shaped concession building that burned down in the late 1950's. Petrified logs are evident throughout areas of the park along the trails. The "West Dinosaur" Trailhead is at the end of West Fulton off Jackson Boulevard and when trail construction is complete will open access to visitors from west Rapid City. Take a drive along Skyline Drive this summer, but bring your walking shoes or bike so you can explore all the new trails too.



Rock Spinner Sculpture

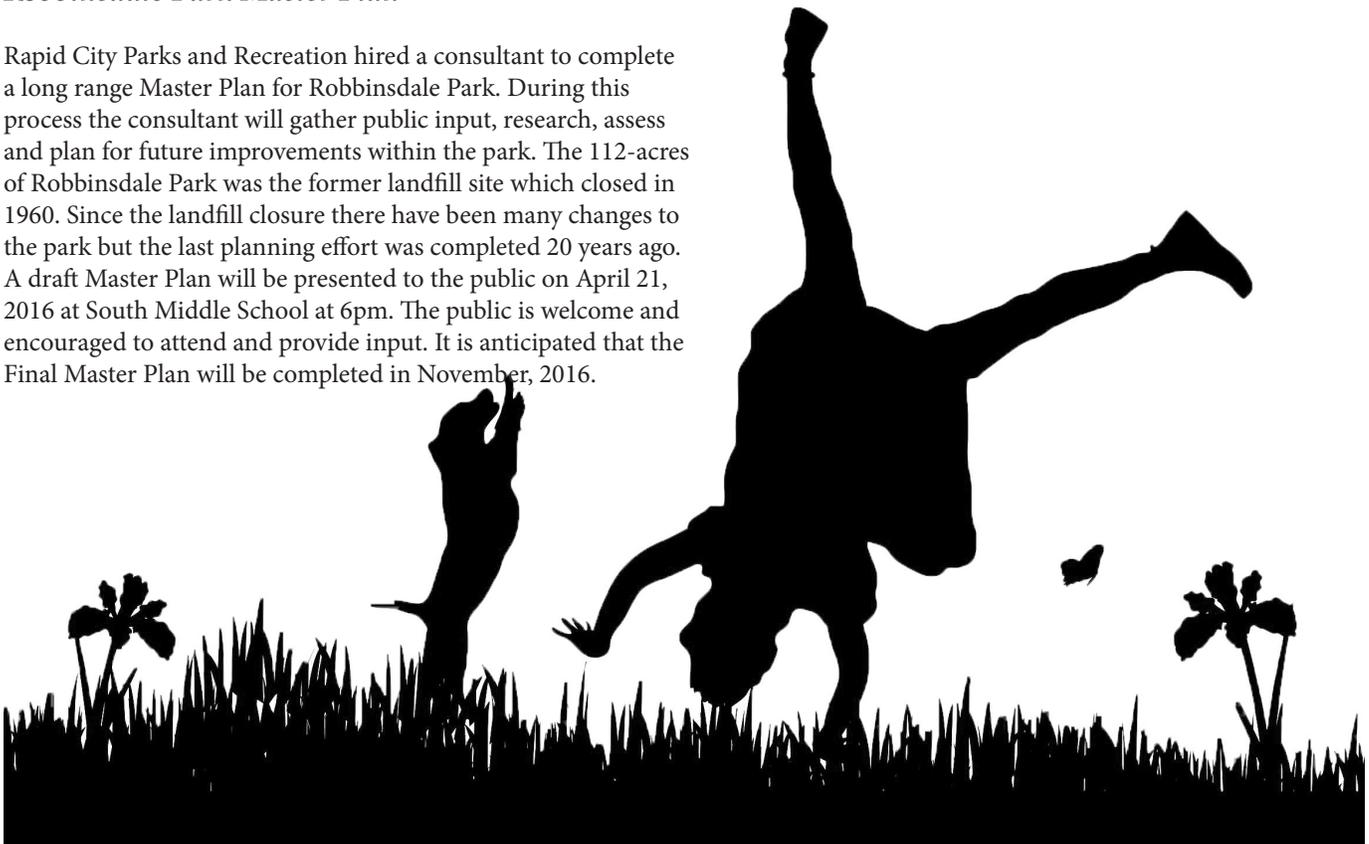
In April, 2015 the City, Destination Rapid City and Arts Rapid City created a partnership to install a sculpture in the Legacy Commons Art Plaza in Memorial Park. Legacy Commons Art Plaza was constructed as part of the Promenade and Playground improvement project designed to create a visible and safe location for artwork to attract park users and the general public.

A Rockspinner 6 was selected as the sculpture. This is an interactive kinetic sculpture by Oakland, CA based sculptor Zach Coffin. The sculpture is meant to be touched and fits within the adjacent playground by connecting art with play for children and adults. It is a boulder affixed to a bearing that allows it to rotate. The artwork is not affected by the weather and has proven durable in other locations.

Destination Rapid City funded the purchase and installation of the artwork through grant funds from the Bush Prize for Community Innovation.

Robbinsdale Park Master Plan

Rapid City Parks and Recreation hired a consultant to complete a long range Master Plan for Robbinsdale Park. During this process the consultant will gather public input, research, assess and plan for future improvements within the park. The 112-acres of Robbinsdale Park was the former landfill site which closed in 1960. Since the landfill closure there have been many changes to the park but the last planning effort was completed 20 years ago. A draft Master Plan will be presented to the public on April 21, 2016 at South Middle School at 6pm. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend and provide input. It is anticipated that the Final Master Plan will be completed in November, 2016.



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Meadowbrook Golf Course	394-4191
Executive Golf Course	394-4124
Sioux Park Tennis Complex	394-6965
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