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Mt. Ton of Fun All-Inclusive Playground Construction Continues



The City has partnered with non-profit Project Sevier, a local grass roots organization, to fund, design and build an all-inclusive playground at Sevierville City Park. Project Sevier was founded by local resident Lisa Bremer, who worked with a group from [Leadership Tomorrow](#) to develop the idea.

Inclusive playgrounds are now the accepted method of playground construction, with the goal of integrating all children into one playground venue to build respect and relationships among children of all walks of life. The new playground is a public-private partnership between the City and Project Sevier.

Construction is underway with the goal of opening the playground by Memorial Day Weekend.

Click [here](#) for more Mt. Ton of Fun All-Inclusive Playground information.

Sevierville's PetSafe Unleashed Dog Park Ribbon Cutting Scheduled

A ribbon cutting ceremony has been scheduled for May 13, 2017 to announce the grand opening of Sevierville's PetSafe Unleashed Dog Park. The dog park is located at the entrance to City Park on Park Road.

A group of residents started a local fund raising effort in 2016, and the City later received a generous \$100,000.00 donation through the [Legacy Park Foundation](#) from Radio Systems Corporation, the parent company of PetSafe.

To learn more about the ribbon cutting and this public/private partnership, click [here](#).



City Greenway and Walking Trails Map Completed

A comprehensive map of City greenways and walking trails is now available. The downloadable color-coded map was developed to help users of the City's expansive greenway and walking trail system.

The detailed map includes greenway/walking trail names and distances, trail head and parking area locations, and trail wayside locations.

For more information on the City greenways and walking trails, including a downloadable PDF map, click [here](#).



City Greenways Renamed to Improve Identification and User



Last month, the City took the first step towards improving the safety of your greenways. While crime on the trails is rare, a [Leadership Tomorrow](#) group made a proposal to increase user safety that included installation of numbered greenway location markers.

The three main greenways have been renamed to better correspond with their respective locations: Veterans Boulevard Greenway, West Prong Greenway and Middle Creek Greenway (click [here](#) for a greenway/walking trail map). Signs are scheduled to be installed in May. Next, the City plans to place numbers on all light poles throughout the greenway system and provide respective GPS coordinates to 911. This would allow users to provide specific location information to 911 in an emergency situation.

Celebrate Arbor Day

The annual City Arbor Day Celebration is scheduled for Friday, May 19. This year's event will feature the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of Middle Creek Greenway and presentation of the City's Tree City USA Award.

The event will begin at 11AM at Burchfiel Wayside, located at Veterans Blvd. and Middle Creek Road.



This will be the 33rd consecutive year that Sevierville has been recognized as a [Tree City USA](#). Additional information about the May 19 event will be available in the near future.

Middle Creek Greenway Grand Opening

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of [Middle Creek Greenway](#) will be held on May 19, in conjunction with the annual City Arbor Day Celebration. The recently completed greenway connects the Municipal Complex walking trail to the Veterans Blvd. Greenway. The event will begin at 11AM at Burchfiel Wayside, located at Veterans

Blvd. and Middle Creek Road.

Middle Creek Greenway extends approximately two miles along the Middle Creek corridor.

Click [here](#) for additional information and to view a map of the Middle Creek Greenway and the entire City greenway/walking trail system.



Middle Creek Greenway construction near New Salem Baptist Church

Find Your Tree Helps Memorial Tree Program Donors Locate Trees



Paine Memorial Park on the West Prong Greenway

Residents who have donated trees through the Department of Parks and Recreation [Memorial Tree Program](#) can now locate their trees through a GIS program on the City website.

The City recently completed an exhaustive inventory of all trees donated by residents that includes the memorial dedication name, tree species and location.

IT and Planning Department staff then created a map including data on every tree using GIS technology. Donors can search the database by the memorial dedication name or click on a tree on the map to retrieve detailed information.

To access the *Find Your Tree* map, click [here](#).

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