

# Louisville Metro Parks and Recreation



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# Tree Plantings

More than 3,500 trees planted in 2016



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# New Programs and Events

- **Easter Egg Hunt**
  - Over 1,000 attendees in its first year
- **Riverside, Outdoor Music /Movie Series**
  - Coming summer 2017
- **Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) – 6 completed during last year**



*\* Ben Washer Park, Creason Administration Building, California and Southwick Community Centers, Iroquois Amphitheater and Berrytown Recreation Center*

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# New Programs and Events

- **Wish Tree**

- Hosted during the month of December at Joe Creason headquarters

- More than 500 “wishes” attached to Dogwood tree





# New Programs and Events

## Mobile Playground

Fully staffed, playground on wheels featuring sports, crafts, game and activities.

- Available for rent
- Touring various parks this summer on a set schedule in underrepresented and underserved areas



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# New Programs and Events: Natural Areas Outdoor Education Mentor Program



Grant funding from National League of Cities and the Children in Nature Network to reach children in South and West Louisville



Training young adults to conduct out of school time programming and serve as neighborhood mentors

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# Community Center Improvements: Beechmont



- Updated the pottery studio with new equipment and glazes
- Now offering programs and open studio time



- New, professional grade tables for the table tennis program

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# Community Center Improvements: Beechmont



- Renovated the old billiards room into a welcoming multi-purpose/fitness room
- Grant funding provided new equipment
- Space now hosts yoga, aerobics, zumba and meeting space



- New Junior Theatre program – theatre for kids by kids
- First session kicked off in April 2017 with major production scheduled in June
- For ages 6-12



# Adaptive and Inclusive Recreation (AIR)

- Relocated to Berrytown Community Center
- Additional staff certified in archery
- Wheelchair basketball clinics and regular play
- Hosted National Wheelchair Basketball tournament from March 30-April 2, 2017





# New Initiatives

- Park Ambassador
- Butterfly pollinator garden at Joe Creason Park



## Naturalization

- Currently 25.92 acres
- 374.37 by December 2017
- Better air, water and environmental quality
  - Thriving flora and fauna

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# New Initiatives



- Professional
- Visible
- International symbols
- Cost effective
- Quick turnaround from vandalism and graffiti



- Joe Creason Park completed
- Next: all 18 Olmsted Parks
- Then: higher-use parks and sites
- Rest to be completed by spring 2018

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# New Initiatives

- Job Analysis
  - Full staff in engineering and infrastructure
  - Much better staffing levels compared to previous years
  - Job shadow program
  - Greater staff involvement in strategic planning

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# New Initiatives – Historic Homes



## Historic Locust Grove, Inc.

- New functioning exhibit of farm stills to help promote “bourbonism”
- Continued emphasis on music, theatre and culinary arts

***\*15,000 volunteer hours contributed annually at both sites***



## Riverside, the Farnsley-Moremen Landing

- Series of movie and music nights beginning in June
- Overall Expansion of Extension Service partnership, growth of Family Farm and Forage Day Festival (June 17)



# Partnerships: Dare to Care

- LMPR recognized with the Bobby Ellis Award in March 2017
- Program saved families \$425,000 in meal costs in 2016
- More than 160,000 meals have been served through 12 community center sites



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# Partnerships:

Over 4.5 million in cash and in-kind donations in 2016



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