



The ROELAND PARKER

May 2018

Aquatic Center Update



The Roeland Park City Council has been working on determining the future for the pool operations understanding that the Johnson County Parks and Recreation District will no longer continue with its joint-funding agreement after the contract expires in May 2019. After conducting a cost analysis and receiving bids from the insurance agency to repair the Aquatic Center's damaged dome, it has been determined that the Aquatic Center will not be open for the 2018-2019 winter season.

The Council put a lot of thought into this decision since the aquatic center's winter season has benefitted many community members and surrounding programs, including the Bishop Miege High School swim team. Ultimately, the cost to repair the aquatic dome and meet the recommended safety standards exceeds the City's budget for this coming winter.

Residents are encouraged to contact the JCPRD Board to voice their support for a Roeland Park – JCPRD Partnership, as well as any other resources that would allow the City to fund winter season operations for the Aquatic Center. Mayor Kelly and the Councilmembers are committed to looking for solutions through potential partnerships and various resources that would enable the City to resume the Aquatic Center for future winter seasons.

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2019 Budget Calendar

June 4th: Revised Budget Presentation (If Need-ed) - if major revisions occur following Commu-ni-ty Workshop and Special Budget Workshop

Council Workshop: Consent of Council to Publish Notice of Budget Hearing (setting Mill Levy)

June 11th: Publish Budget Hearing in Legal Re-cord

July 16th: Public Hearing on Proposed Budget (At council Meeting) - Consider adoption of 2019 Pro-posed Budget

July 20th: Submit approved budget to County Clerk (Must be filed no later than August 24th)

Tips on Sun Protection for Children

The City of Roeland Park will be adding shade shelters to Granada Park, R Park and the Aquatic Center in response to Roeland Park residents' high prioritizing of "Shade Shelters in R Park" in the 2016 City Survey.

With summer arriving, children will be spending more time outdoors. Sun Protection for Children brochures are free and available for pick-up from the table outside of the Council Chambers in City Hall. Written by the American Academy of Dermatology, the brochure pro-vides valuable information to prevent sun damage and skin cancer.



Community Events

Community Forum on 2018 CDBG Project (Birch Street, from Roeland Drive to 58th Street)

Wednesday, May 30th 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: 4600 W. 51st Street

Residents who live along the project limits and neighbors are encouraged to attend!



Coming in September!

Community Paper Shredding & Elec-tronic

Recycling Event

Saturday, September 22, 2018 9am – 12 noon

Location: 4350 Shawnee Mission Pkwy

We'll share more details as they become available.



Fundraiser

**FUN
RUN**

September 29th, 8 a.m.

Pick your distance—7 parks, 7 miles or a 5 park 5k.

Proceeds go to benefit Roeland Park's park system. To learn more and to register visit imathlete.com/events/park2parkrun

Dear Neighbors,

MAYOR'S REPORT

Happy summer! This is a great time of year to celebrate. We proudly recognize this season's major holidays, but also enjoy the season simply because of the company of our neighbors. Good weather means front porches, barbecues, and block parties. Last year, I was lucky to be invited to several block parties in Roeland Park, and I found these gatherings wonderful opportunities to not only meet new neighbors, but also reconnect with those friends you miss in the day-to-day shuffle. If your neighborhood would like the City's assistance in blocking the street to host your own event, we'd love to help you. Please see us at City Hall to get started.



Currently, the Governing Body is working on next year's budget. I am proud to say that Roeland Park's financial position is strong. Our 2019 preliminary budget maintains requisite reserves and pays off the City's debts while incurring no new bonds. Additionally, our preliminary budget accomplishes many of the goals you asked for: Progressively lowering the mill levy, providing a modest raise to our talented employees to keep them on par with other municipalities, and continuing the beautification of our parks.

We also are proposing the addition of new programs to help residents in need. Neighbors Helping Neighbors uses the newly formed Youth Advisory Committee to organize volunteer projects and help residents with minor property maintenance issues. Additionally, the Property Tax Assistance Program would help those residents who exhibit genuine hardship to pay increased property tax bills due to our extremely high property tax assessment increases.

I am proud of the Governing Body's leadership and cooperation in pursuing these programs because first and foremost, we are all neighbors. We'll continue to look out for our neighbors, just as our neighbors look out for us.

As always, please come see me at City Hall with any ideas, or simply to talk. It's my favorite part of the job.

Gratefully,

Mayor Mike Kelly

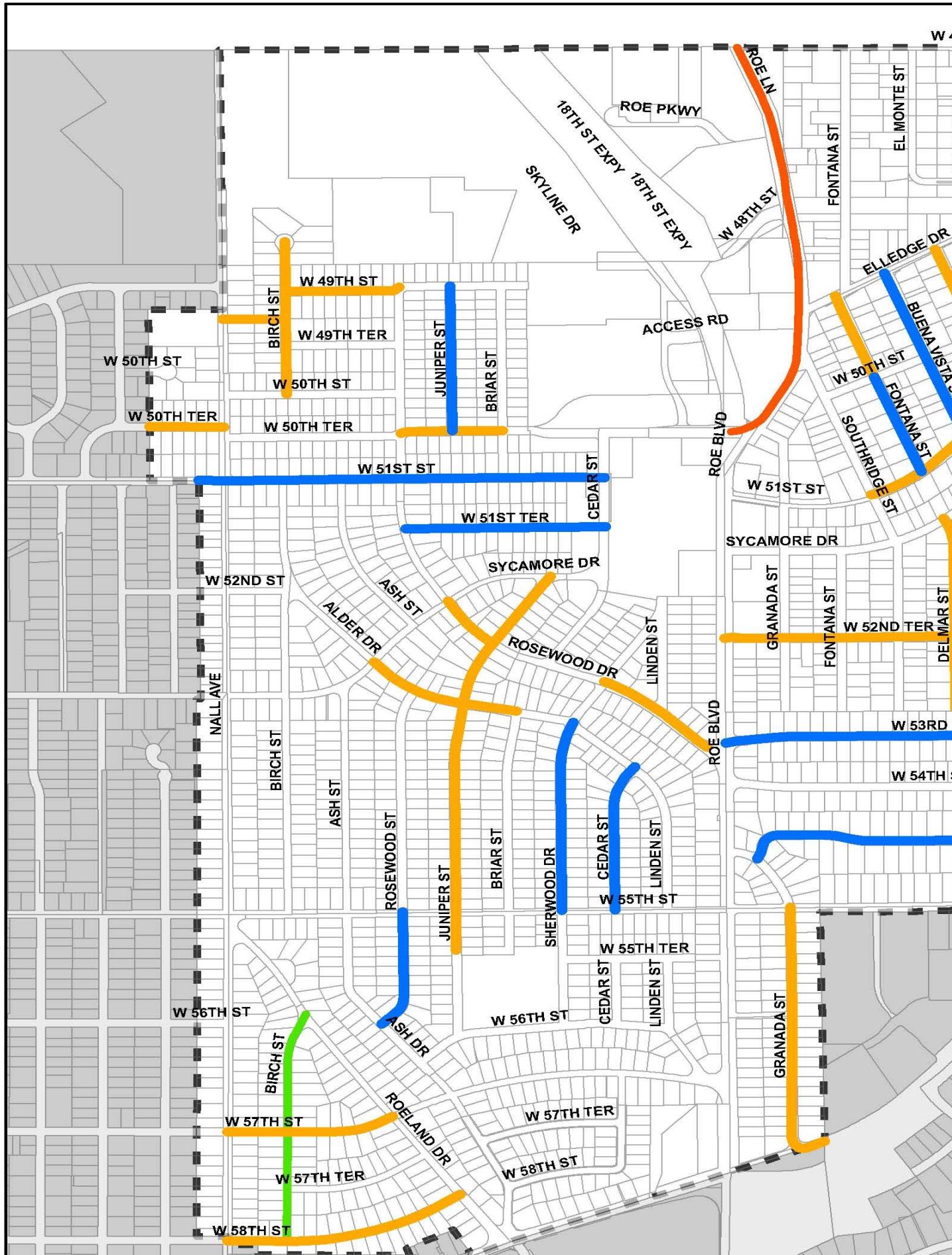
Roeland Parkers at the Nall Park Spring Fling!

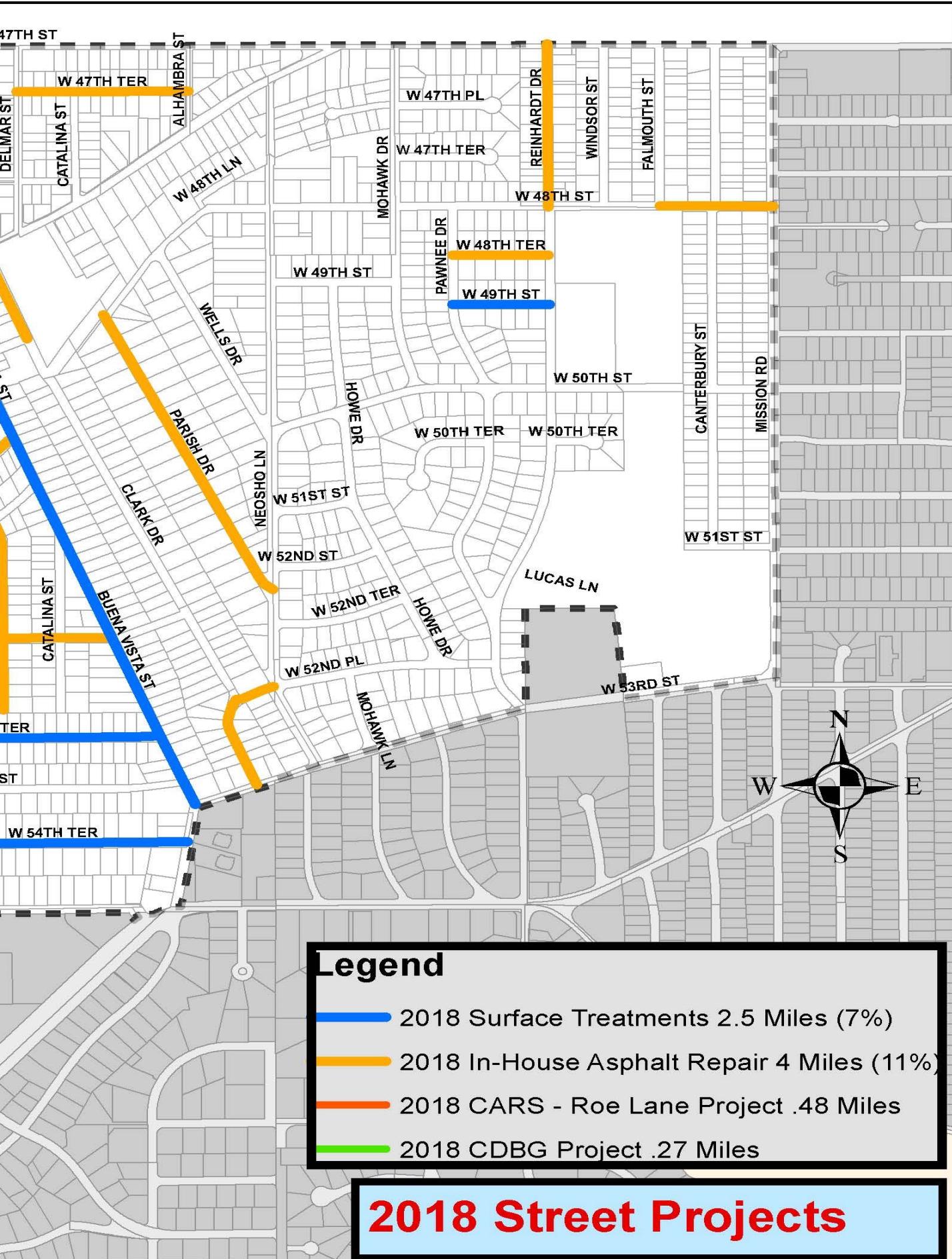


2018 Fall Leaf Pickup Program

There are significant changes coming to our Fall Leaf Pickup Program. **Please note that our new leaf pickup machine picks up leaves behind the curb, not in the street as in years past. You will no longer put leaves in the street starting this fall.** The City will have more information provided to all of our residents as the year progresses, but please see the photo for reference of how our new pickup equipment operates.









Introducing an Engaging Sculpture for R Park: A Testament to Joy!

A new, colorful and joyful sculpture, symbolizing revitalization in the Roeland Park community, will be installed in R Park in the spring of 2019. This sculpture will fulfill the first of 7 public art focal points designated in the R Park Master Plan and will join with future art pieces, some created by local and regional artists.

This sculpture project, led by Citizens Sculpture Initiative for R Park with guidance from the Arts Advisory Committee of Roeland Park, will be funded entirely by grants and tax-deductible private and business contributions. This sculpture, a gift to the City of Roeland Park, has received the unanimous support of Mayor Mike Kelly and the City Council. It has also been endorsed by the Arts Council of Johnson County.

Internationally acclaimed and award winning sculptor Jorge Blanco was commissioned to design an iconic sculpture specifically for R Park. The playful

and active figure of the runner in his design symbolizes the forward movement and progress of the City of Roeland Park and will act as a welcoming herald for visitors who come to the park for fun, fitness and community engagement. Three Rs on the rings represent the conventional 3 Rs of Reading, 'Riting, and 'Rithmetic as a tribute to all teachers and students, locally and globally, and a reference to Roeland Park Elementary school, formerly on the site. The figure, standing 5-6' tall on 8' posts, will be made of heavy aluminum with a durable powder-coated paint finish that can withstand extreme temperatures and allow for easy maintenance. The piece is expected to last more than 50 years.

Tax-deductible donations for this \$56,000 sculpture project can be made payable to "Roeland Park Community Foundation," memo on check: "R Park Sculpture" and mailed to Roeland Park City Hall, 4600 W. 51st Street, Roeland Park, Kansas 66205. Credit card donations can be made online or in person at Roeland Park City Hall.

Jorge Blanco is known for making sculpture that captures the energy and vitality of the human spirit. Using bright colors and clean shapes, his creations evoke a playfulness that is inviting to children and to all people with a playful heart. Blanco, a Venezuelan-born American citizen, has created outdoor sculpture for over 30 years. His work can be seen in more than 30 cities around the world, including Leawood, Kansas.

Jorge Blanco will visit Roeland Park in late July, 2018, to consult with Citizens Sculpture Initiative for R Park, the Arts Advisory Committee, Public Works, and the Parks Committee regarding the ideal location for the sculpture in R Park. During Blanco's visit, an event is planned for Roeland Park citizens to meet and engage with the artist. Blanco will make a second visit to Roeland Park in the late spring of 2019 to supervise the installation of the sculpture.

Thank You R Park Sculpture Donors!

INDIVIDUALS:

Jan & Jim Grebe
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Gloria Walker
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Mary & Jim Pipher
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Roeland Park Community Center
(913) 826-3160

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday: 8am-8pm
Friday: 8am-5pm
Saturday: 8am-2pm

Fitness Room
Monday-Thursday: 7am-8pm
Friday: 7am-6pm
Saturday: 8am-2pm
Sunday: Closed

Room Rental Hours
Monday-Thursday: 8am-10pm
Friday-Saturday: 8am-10:30pm
Sunday: 11am-8pm

Roeland Park Aquatic Center
(913) 432-1377

Summer Season Dates
Open: Saturday, 5/26 at 12:00 PM
Closes Sunday, 8/12 at 4:00 PM

Lap Swim Hours
Monday-Thursday: 6am-7:00pm
(limited lap lanes at times)
Friday & Saturday: 12pm-7pm
Sunday: 12pm-6pm

Open Swim Hours
Monday-Saturday: 12pm-7pm
Sunday: 12pm-6pm

Roeland Park Sports Dome
(913) 362-8700

Please call for open gym and court rental availability.

www.jcprd.com




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What do you do for fun?

Roeland Park Aquatic Center opens May 26th!

Learning to swim is an important life skill at any age. Develop swimming competency, confidence and endurance in a safe and fun environment. JCPRD offers a variety of group swim lessons available on weekday mornings, weekday evenings or Saturday mornings.

Sessions begin on June 2nd, 4th and 18th. For a listing of available times and class descriptions please visit www.jcprd.com and select swim lessons from the activities menu.

Dance and Dine with the KC Dixieland Band (16 & Older)

Friday, June 15th, 6:00 – 9:00pm, \$15

Bringing some cool jazz to a hot summer night! Born in New Orleans 100 years ago, Dixieland music is an American tradition still enjoyed today. The event includes dinner, dancing, and live music from the KC Dixieland Band.

Crafts: Learn to Sew (16 & Older)

Monday, June 4th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, \$24

Learn the basics of sewing on a machine. This is a great class for newbies or anyone who needs a refresher. Participants required to bring their own supplies; a supply list is available online. Please register by 5/29.

Kids Café - FREE summer meals begin June 5th!

The community center will once again be participating in the Kids Café meal program through Harvesters. Youth 18 years of age or younger are invited to the community center every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for a free meal between the hours of 11:30am - 12:30pm. Visit the pool following lunch for some added summer fun. Pool admission fees apply.

Crafts: Finish that Project (16 & Older)

Friday, June 29th, 5:00 – 10:00 pm, \$16

Is it hard to find time at home to finish your sewing and craft projects? Bring your supplies and join us for pizza, socialization, and uninterrupted time to work. Teachers knowledgeable in sewing, crochet, knitting, and crafting are available to help if you run into a problem. Please register by 6/22.

Flag Day Fun (All Ages)

Thursday, June 14th, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, \$3; Ages 2 and under FREE

Celebrate Flag Day with some good ol' family fun! Activities include: making a flag craft, playing family board games, and root beer floats. Free lunch available for children ages 18 and under through the Kids Café program, or bring a family picnic to enjoy on the lawn. Walk over to the Roeland Park Aquatic Center after the event to add more fun to your day! Pool admission fees apply.

Squirt Gun Fun (Ages 8-12)

Friday, June 22nd, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, \$20

IT'S ON! Brave kids needed for this fun event! Bring your squirt gun, swim suit, towel, sunscreen, and running shoes for a day of water battles. Take a break and make a pizza for lunch, supplies included.

Exciting new programming coming to R Park!

Be on the lookout for information regarding Tennis Lessons starting this summer. The courts at R Park are estimated to completed this June with lessons starting thereafter. Tennis programming information will be distributed through City email. Visit www.roelandpark.net to ensure you receive Community Center e-Newsletters through Constant Contact.

For more information, a complete list of all our available programs or to register for activities please call (913) 831-3359 or visit us online at www.jcprd.com.



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Roeland Park Police K9 Update

The Roeland Park Police Department is excited to announce that enough funds have been raised to begin the police canine program. Thanks to generous community donors, several non-profit organizations, and a partnership with the Lenexa Police Department, this goal will allow the police department to purchase a canine in 2018 rather than 2019 as originally projected.

The Lenexa Police Department has offered to assist in the canine selection process, and has also invited the newly selected canine to join their canine police training free of cost. We are very grateful to Corporal Summer and the rest of the Lenexa Police Department for extending this opportunity for a meaningful partnership.

A police canine marks a vital addition to the police force that will offer additional protection to the police officers and citizens. The canine will be trained in narcotics detection as well as other patrol related duties including tracking, building searches, suspect apprehension, and crime prevention.

Roeland Park Police Department is looking forward to this journey and will update the community on the progress the canine is making throughout the training program.

Thanks again for your support!



THANK YOU Roeland Park Police K9 Donors!

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Security Bank
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Ardie and Gretchen Davis
Tom and Judy Hyde
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