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UPCOMING AQUATIC CENTER EVENTS

June 7 ~ 9:00am - 10:45am Water Safety Day, sponsored by the SHRC
June 7 Summer Kickoff Party
June 14 Pirate "Flag" Day
June 14 ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm Pirate Party, sponsored by SHRC
June 15 Father's Day Specials
June 20 ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm Teen Night, sponsored by SHRC

WATERING STRATEGIES FOR THIS SUMMER

One of the best things you can do for your yard or landscapes is to *not* water to help build up plants defenses for the upcoming heat of late summer. Not watering your plants at this time of year, with the exception of newly planted trees and shrubs, encourages roots to grow deeper to search for moisture. When plants become accustomed to a constant water source it promotes the roots to remain shallow and become damaged by summer heat stress and periods of drought. Deeper roots benefit from cooler temperatures, more soil moisture and a better supply of nutrients. The rule of thumb in the Kansas City area is to leave sprinkler systems off until June unless a dry period exists. In dry conditions, supplying enough moisture is encouraged but refrain from over watering or watering too frequently.

Water new trees and shrubs slowly one time per week to moisten the soil to a depth of six to eight inches which could equate to as much as twenty gallons per week. Remember to water slowly to give the soil ample time to absorb the moisture and avoid runoff.

Using mulch in landscape beds is very beneficial in keeping the soil temperatures lower and reduces evaporation. A three inch layer of mulch around younger trees and flower beds will provide substantial benefits. Mulch can consist of store bought bagged wood fiber type mulch or grass clippings. Make sure to keep the mulch about two inches from the base of the trees and plants to reduce decay during high rainfall periods.

Reducing the amount of fertilizers on lawns and landscapes also reduces the plants requirements for moisture. Avoid fertilizer applications until fall.

APPLIANCE PICKUP SERVICE TIP

L & K Services, Inc. will pick up large items on your scheduled pickup day, including furniture and appliances. Because the landfills do not accept appliances, it might be required that L & K have a different truck pick up the appliance on a different day. There is no additional charge for appliance pick-up. To schedule an appliance pick-up, please contact L & K at 1-888-837-4640.

WEST LAKE PARK UPDATE

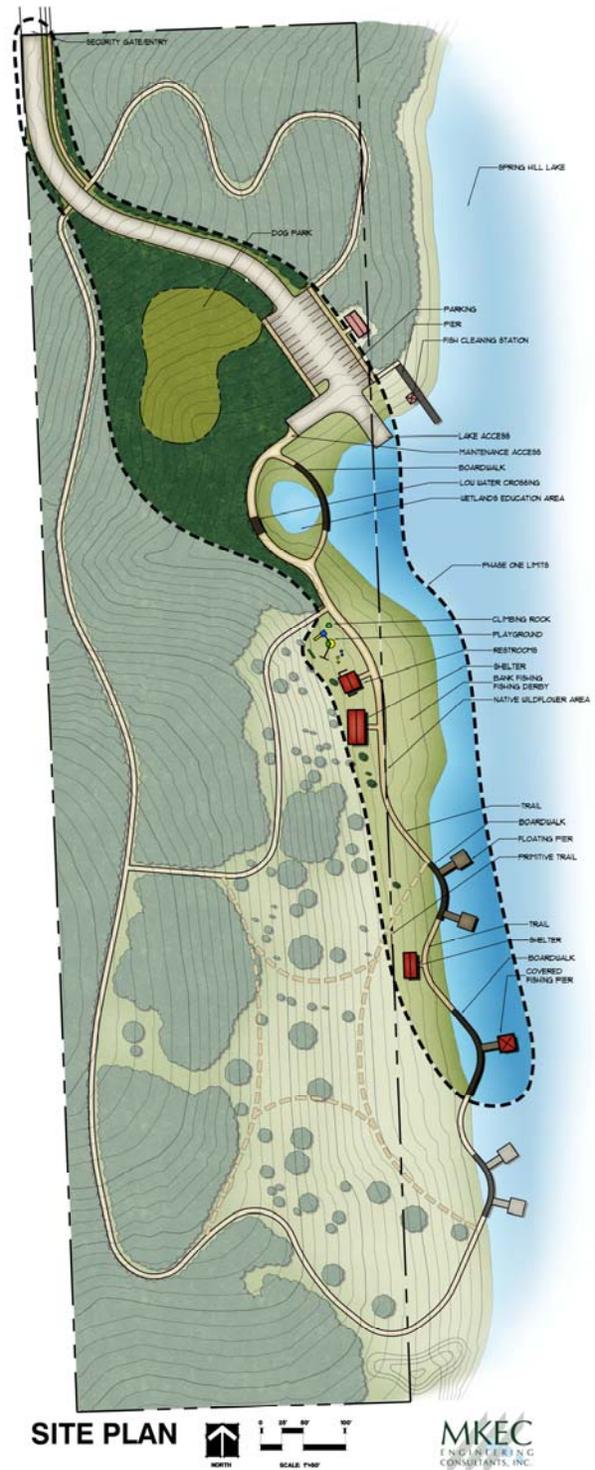
The proposed West Lake Park includes many new park amenities and exciting recreation opportunities that are unique to Spring Hill, that take advantage of the natural surroundings, lake and landforms. The design goal of the West Lake Park is to provide increased diverse recreational opportunities for the citizens of Spring Hill in a manner that complements the management and protection of its natural and cultural resources for the enjoyment of future generations. In addition, this park would preserve existing wooded areas, vegetation and native areas for the education and enjoyment of the park patrons.

Recommended Program Uses for the West Lake Park include:

- 199th Street Improvements
- Access Control
- Parking Lot
- Permanent Dock and Fish Cleaning Station
- Picnic Shelters
- Restrooms
- Playground
- Wooden Board Walk at Waters Edge
- Wooden Covered Fishing Pier
- Floating Docks
- Wooden Board Walk on Trail
- Rock Walls
- Walking Trails
- Dog Park Area
- Landscaping
- Community Open Space
- Signage

The City has recently acquired the property for the park. Over the next several months, the City will be working with the Spring Hill Green Board and Park Planners to finalize the design and proposed costs associated with the park.

The City hopes to start construction of the park by Spring 2015.



Proposed Conceptual Drawing of West Lake