

FROM THE PARK BENCH:

Happy Summer! I hope this message finds you enjoying our beautiful City parks, Aquatic Center, and tennis courts! I wanted to give you a brief update about your parks & recreation programming as we wrap up the month of July.

Pool Memberships

It has been a very good year with high attendance numbers as well as passes sold. It is now that time of the season to purchase a swimming pass for half price! Visit the website for more information or stop by City Hall. Don't miss the fun at the pool!

Franklin Park Construction Update

Work is progressing on the improvements being made at Franklin with an anticipated completion by mid-October. Informational signs, with plan graphics, have been erected at the corner of Roe and Somerset and Somerset and 87th Street, so stop by and learn about all the exciting plans for this park! Gravel has been placed on the site where the expanded trail will be built (expanding to 8' wide). Electrical trenching has been completed, and most of the irrigation work is also finished. The new curbs were recently completed. New diagonal parking along Roe and an expansion to the present parking lot are currently the focus. A new shelter house, permanent restroom facilities, and a Nature Play area are also part of the project!

Public Works Crews

Special thanks to all of our Public Works employees who maintain our wonderful park system--- your efforts do not go unnoticed!

Once again, I want to thank you for your patience as we work hard to enhance your experience at the parks! Plans for 2011 include dramatic changes to Weltner (formerly State Line) Park...stay tuned!

Watch the website this fall for more information about a community-wide ribbon cutting at Franklin Park! Please remember you are welcome to attend the monthly Parks & Recreation committee meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month (except summer months) at 7:00 pm in City Hall. Feel free to contact me with any thoughts, questions, or concerns.

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L to R: David Morrison, Charles Clark, Al Herrera, Diana Ewy Sharp, Mayor Ron Shaffer, Former Mayor Bill Franklin and Laura Wassmer participate in the Franklin Park Groundbreaking on May 18, 2010