

PRESS RELEASE

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Citizen input sought on new playground at White Pine Park

Fast Facts:

- Citizens are invited to take an online survey about the types of playground features they'd like to see installed at White Pine Park.

Missoula Parks and Recreation invites citizens to complete a survey and share their ideas for a new playground at White Pine Park through Wednesday, April 18. A brief project overview and the survey are available online at www.missoulaparks.org.

A public Playground Vision Workshop was held on March 28. The online survey is a chance for those citizens who were unable to attend the workshop to comment on how the playground will be used, how the playground can help meet the physical and developmental needs of children in the neighborhood and what types of play features will fit the character of the neighborhood.

Parks and Recreation will use the public comments to select a playground theme and specific playground equipment. The park's development is guided by the [Master Plan for White Pine Park](#). Parks and Recreation is committed to designing playgrounds which reflect the character of and meet the needs of neighborhoods. Public input is an essential part of the planning process.

The 3-acre park, located at 1515 Scott Street, was developed in 2010 by Missoula Parks and Recreation and funded by a federal Community Development Block Grant, a \$50,000 donation from the Watkins family and Zip Beverage, a \$40,000 donation of topsoil from Mark Bretz, and other donations and in-kind services from UM College of Technology, several local businesses and the City of Missoula. The playground project is funded by a new Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

For more information about the project, visit www.missoulaparks.org or phone Dave Shaw, Parks and Trails Development Manager, 552-6264, or email at dshaw@ci.missoula.mt.us.

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