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Plano Parks and Recreation to reveal Master Plan draft during June public meetings

Plano's parks and recreation system touches the lives of many in a number of ways, whether it's through quality recreation centers or the convenience of neighborhood parks and trails. For decades, Plano has taken pride in its outstanding parks and recreation facilities thanks to visionary leadership and support from the community at-large. As the department continues to celebrate its 50th anniversary, residents will have more opportunities to help shape the future of parks and recreation in Plano.

Creation for the new Parks and Recreation Master Plan began last spring and is expected to go before the Parks and Recreation Board and Planning and Zoning Commission this summer until it reaches City Council for their consideration this fall. The plan includes guidelines for park amenities, recreation facilities, water activities, nature preservation, trail connectivity and more.

Plano Parks and Recreation staff has been working on the plan with consulting firm Halff Associates, assessing the city's existing parks and recreation inventory while evaluating recreational wants, needs and trends throughout Plano. The next opportunity for community outreach will take place at 6:30 p.m. June 18 at Tom Muehlenbeck Recreation Center (5801 Parker Road).

The existing parks and recreation plan has been updated seven times since 1977 to reflect the changing needs of Plano's residents. The new plan will build upon previous plans to create a vision for parks, recreation facilities, trails and open spaces for the next 20 years.

"As Plano grows, ages and becomes more diverse, we need to address the changing needs for parks, recreation, athletic programs, trails and connectivity, and open space," Park Planning Manager Renee Jordan said. "Our goal is to determine the best way to build upon what we have. So far we have received tremendous feedback from the public, and we look forward to sharing our draft of the new plan with the community throughout the summer."

Please visit our [Park Master Plan](#) page for additional information about Plano Parks and Recreation's master plan process. The draft of the plan, as well as a new online citizen survey, will be posted June 6 on our [Parks Master Plan](#) page, where residents can also learn about the master plan process and the department's past [community outreach events](#).

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About Plano

Plano, Texas, is the largest city in Collin County with a population of 273,900 as of January 2016. Incorporated in 1873, the city is located 20 miles north of Dallas. Plano was recently named the third Best Run City in America by 24/7 Wall Street. The City offers a high quality of life that includes: nationally-recognized schools, award-winning parks and sustainability initiatives, designation as one of America's safest cities by Forbes magazine, and a wide variety of multi-cultural neighborhoods appealing to families, young singles and retirees. Plano is home and future home to the headquarters or regional operations of major international corporations such as Toyota, Liberty Mutual, JPMorgan Chase, Fannie Mae, FedEx Office, JC Penney, Dr. Pepper/Snappe Group, Rent-A-Center, Cinemark Holdings, Denbury Resources and Alliance Data Systems. The dynamic community features excellent restaurants, vibrant shopping and entertainment venues, a lively historic downtown district and active local arts scene. Easy access to DART light rail and major highways makes Plano a convenient place to live, work and visit. To learn more about Plano, go to our website at plano.gov.