



PARK PARTNERS

Lillian Recreational Park Newsletter

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WELCOME TO "PARK PARTNERS"

Welcome to the inaugural edition of PARK PARTNERS, the Lillian Recreational Park's brand-new newsletter designed to keep you informed about all the Park's plans and upcoming activities. We hope you enjoy it.

In this inaugural edition, you'll learn about some of the much-needed (and long overdue!) improvements that will soon begin in the Kiddie Playground, as well as this year's Christmas in the Park celebration and the Park's new pop-up drive-in movie theater established in response to our current COVID situation.

We'd love to get your ideas and thoughts about the Park, too. Maybe you have some programs or amenities you'd like us to consider. Or maybe you have an idea for a movie you'd like us to show at our new drive-in movie. Whatever it is, we'd love to hear from you. This is YOUR park, so keep in touch! Two easy ways to do that: Join our email list by filling out the form on the reverse side (no spam, we promise!) and "like" us on our Facebook page. Or, of course, you can always give us a call at 962-2129.

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS ARE ON THE WAY!

Over 20 years ago, a group of individuals and organizations got together and built a playground for all the children in our area to enjoy. The Park's swings, merry-go-round and other equipment have been much loved and much used by thousands of children over the years. Now, after all that use, the equipment is showing its age. Some of the wood is splintered; the metal bars are HOT to the touch. Some are missing pieces or simply need to be replaced. There's no shade to hide from the sun, either.

All that is about to change! Thanks to grants from the Snook and Hearin-Chandler Foundations, and with **your** support, the Park's Kiddie Playground will soon undergo a revamp. Actually, more of an overhaul.

It's important for kids to have a safe and fun place to play, so we are removing, repairing and refreshing some of our existing playground equipment. Other pieces will be removed altogether. Then, this fall, we'll add a colorful new play structure - and a shade structure, too! After these improvements are made, the Kiddie Playground will be ready for many more years of love and use.



See related story on reverse about how you can help.

PARK OFFERING NEW POP-UP DRIVE-IN MOVIE EXPERIENCE!

During these days of physical distancing, seeing a drive-in movie is a great, safe way to enjoy a night out. So join us this fall for our pop-up drive in movie theater on the Park's soccer field. Our first one was a blast! Now the question is ... what movies to show this fall. Want to help us choose? Go to our Facebook page and vote for the movies you'd like to see! The movies will begin again in September.



CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

Pretty soon all this heat and humidity will be gone and it will be time to start thinking about Christmas. To help get you in the holiday spirit, mark this year's Christmas in the Park celebration on your calendar now. Christmas in the Park will begin with a Preview Party on December 4 and then officially open to the community when Santa arrives on Saturday, December 5. The lights and displays will be lit through the month of December.

Want to help, or would you or your company like to sponsor a display this year? Great! We need volunteers to help plan the event, as well as help with the set-up. And, of course, we need sponsors to help make it happen. If you would like to learn more, email Lucy Smith (LRA28west@aol.com) or give her a call, 961-2408.

Want to help us build a playground?

The Park will host a one-day community build to install our new playground equipment this fall. If you'd like to help, we'd love it! Any age or skill level is welcome.

If "building stuff" is your thing, clearly, we can use your skills. But if you'd prefer to do something a little less active, like checking in volunteers, that would be great, too! We can use you, no matter your age or skill level.

If you would like to make a contribution to help purchase additional playground pieces, the Park could certainly use your help there, as well. Our foundation grants provided the initial funding, but, unfortunately, they do not cover everything we need to do. So if you'd like to help, we'd appreciate your support. As you probably know, the Park receives absolutely no government funding. We rely solely on the wonderful community spirit and generosity of people like you to make Park improvements and to offer our programs and activities.

The Lillian Recreational Park relies solely on contributions to maintain the Park and provide activities for the entire community to enjoy. Thank you for helping make that possible.

_____ Yes, I/we want to become a Park Partner! Enclosed is my check for:

- \$500 \$50
 \$250 \$25
 \$100 Other _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

I'd like to learn how I can become involved with the Park. Please contact me.

Thank you for your tax-deductible gift. Please make checks payable to Lillian Recreational Park and mail to PO Box 865, Lillian, AL 36549