



Gardner Park Restoration **PLAYGROUND & SPLASHPAD PROJECT**

Centrally located, Gardner Memorial Park is one of Newport City's most visited recreation facilities. Annually, over 40,000 people use the park for community events, sports leagues and unstructured recreational use. While the park is enjoyed regularly by many residents and visitors, the facility is in need of renovation to meet safety standards and the contemporary needs of our community.

The Vision

The proposed playground and splashpad is the first step in a large, multi-phase Gardner Park Restoration initiative aimed at improving one of our City's most prominent public recreation assets. Initial focus is on the playground and restroom facilities with improvements guided by three key objectives:

- ✓ Facility and equipment upgrades to meet safety standards
- ✓ Addition of accessible and multi-generational play options
- ✓ Increased opportunity for outdoor recreation on the lake

Project Elements

PLAYGROUND AREA

- Redesign play area to open more green-space
- Replace play structures with new, age appropriate features
- Replace chain fence with low morgan-rail and landscaping
- Install handicap and multi-generational swings
- Install a 40'x40' splashpad with motion-activated switch
- Install an L-shaped colorful sail shade system near splashpad

RECREATION & RESTROOM FACILITY

- Redesign floor plan to include larger gathering space
- Add two exits and other safety code improvements
- Create family style restrooms with changing stations
- Replace aged oil heat system with energy efficient propane
- Add 10' addition for expanded storage and concession area

Timeline & Funding

The proposed renovations are scheduled to break ground in September of 2020. The first step to achieve this goal is to secure the \$500,000 project cost through a series of grants, fundraisers and private donations. The Newport Recreation Committee has been tasked by the Newport City Council to raise a large portion of the funds needed to match state and federal grants. Attending committee sponsored events or supporting fundraisers is a great way to help the Playground & Splashpad project come to life!

Get Involved

Make a donation, help spread the word, plan a fundraiser, become a sponsor, join the Recreation Committee! Local projects inspire those who participate with a sense of ownership and pride - so much that they become the focus of community life. When goals are reached, people look back and describe their involvement as a momentous occasion... the experience of a lifetime. There are many ways for your family or organization to contribute, and it begins with an outstretched hand.

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Newport Recreation Committee gathers on the third Thursday of each month from 6-8PM at the Newport Municipal Building. Agenda, minutes and information on committee activities can be found at www.NewportRecreation.org/RecCommittee.

CONNECT WITH NEWPORT PARKS & RECREATION

Municipal staff are always eager to talk about Gardner Park Restoration projects and answer questions from the community! Stop by our office anytime, call or email Info@NewportRecreation.org to hear about the plan.

Make a Donation

Donations of all sizes are appreciated. Contributions are tax deductible and will help make this community dream a reality! Donate online, by phone or in person at our office. Checks can be made payable to "City of Newport," and mailed c/o Gardner Park Restoration to the address below.



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