

# Greater Clark Parks District 2012 Status Report



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## Youth sports park set to open; Housing slump delays remaining projects

**T**he Luke Jensen Sports Park in northeast Hazel Dell will open to the public in early 2012. Located on Northeast 78th Street near St. Johns Road, this 20-acre premier youth sports facility features three multi-purpose synthetic turf fields, two natural turf baseball fields, batting cages, a small playground, walking trails, picnic tables, parking lots and a combined restroom, concessions and scorekeeping building.

With the completion of this park, more than half of the sports fields planned as part of the Greater Clark Parks District will be finished. In addition, 25 new parks have been built since voters approved the parks district in 2005.

When the parks district was formed, real estate excise taxes and park impact fees were available and projected to pay for most capital construction. To put those resources to work, voters approved a property tax levy to pay for maintenance, operations and some construction.

Economic conditions have made it more and more challenging to maintain an ambitious construction schedule since 2007. Despite the challenges, the parks district has fared relatively well, through careful use of funding dedicated to development. Private contractors have helped stretch those dollars by submitting extremely competitive bids on park projects.

As of 2011, the local economy was not strong enough to continue the pace of construction previously envisioned. The continuing downturn in construction, home sales and property values had greatly reduced revenue available to develop and build new facilities. Meanwhile, the overall decrease in property values has been putting downward pressure on the parks property tax levy.

Given these harsh conditions, budgets for Clark County and the parks district call for the county to focus on operating and maintaining existing facilities, including the Luke Jensen Sports Park. The county will hold off on plans to build new parks, trails and sports fields until the local economy improves more fully.

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25 Parks  
Completed

26 Sports Fields  
Completed

# Project Status Update

## DELAYED

- A. Chinook Neighborhood Park**  
Location: South side of NW 146th Way along Whipple Creek in the North Salmon Creek area  
Size: 5 acres  
Web Page: [www.clarkparks.org/projects/chinook.htm](http://www.clarkparks.org/projects/chinook.htm)
- B. Otto Brown Neighborhood Park (formerly North Sifton)**  
Location: End of NE 96th Street, east of 152nd Avenue in the Heritage area  
Size: 8.4 acres  
Web Page: [www.clarkparks.org/projects/ottobrown.htm](http://www.clarkparks.org/projects/ottobrown.htm)
- C. Curtin Creek Community Park**  
Location: 12503 NE 72nd Ave. in Brush Prairie  
Size: 38.5 acres
- D. Dogwood Neighborhood Park**  
Location: 10516 NE 124th Ave. in Brush Prairie  
Size: 4.9 acres  
Web Page: [www.clarkparks.org/projects/dogwood.htm](http://www.clarkparks.org/projects/dogwood.htm)
- E. Kelley Meadows Neighborhood Park (formerly East Minnehaha)**  
Location: 8300 NE 69th St. in the Green Meadows area  
Size: 7.5 acres  
Web Page: [www.clarkparks.org/projects/kelleymeadows.htm](http://www.clarkparks.org/projects/kelleymeadows.htm)
- F. Kozy Kamp Neighborhood Park (formerly Stanton)**  
Location: 17410 NE 29th Ave. in the Fairgrounds area  
Size: 5 acres  
Web Page: [www.clarkparks.org/projects/kozykamp.htm](http://www.clarkparks.org/projects/kozykamp.htm)
- G. Pleasant Valley Community Park**  
Location: 14320 NE 50th Ave.  
Size: 40 acres  
Web Page: [www.clarkparks.org/projects/pleasant.htm](http://www.clarkparks.org/projects/pleasant.htm)
- H. Salmon Creek Community Club Neighborhood Park**  
Location: NE 159th Street at NE 20th Avenue  
Size: 4.5 acres  
Web Page: [www.clarkparks.org/projects/sccommunityclub.htm](http://www.clarkparks.org/projects/sccommunityclub.htm)
- I. Sorenson Neighborhood Park**  
Location: NW 26th Avenue near NW 109th Street in Felida  
Size: 4.9 acres  
Web Page: [www.clarkparks.org/projects/sorenson.htm](http://www.clarkparks.org/projects/sorenson.htm)
- J. Tower Crest Neighborhood Park**  
Location: NE 54th Street at NE 63rd Avenue in the Minnehaha area  
Size: 6.5 acres  
Web Page: [www.clarkparks.org/projects/towercrest.htm](http://www.clarkparks.org/projects/towercrest.htm)



Douglas Carter Fisher Neighborhood Park (6)



Covington Neighborhood Park (4)



Bosco Farm Neighborhood Park (2)

## COMPLETED

- 1. Alki Middle School Soccer Fields**  
Location: Between Alki Middle School and Skyview High School on NW Hathaway Road  
Status: Two fields upgraded for year-round use in 2007
- 2. Bosco Farm Neighborhood Park**  
Location: 3601 NE 39th St. in the Truman area  
Size: 5 acres  
Status: Completed in 2010
- 3. Cherry Neighborhood Park**  
Location: 14510 NE 101st Way in Brush Prairie  
Size: 3 acres  
Status: Completed in 2007
- 4. Covington Neighborhood Park**  
Location: 6916 NE 94th Ave. in the Maple Tree/Five Corners area  
Size: 4.2 acres  
Status: Completed in 2011
- 5. Sgt. Brad Crawford Neighborhood Park**  
Location: 4710 NW 131st St. in Felida  
Size: 2.5 acres  
Status: Completed in 2008
- 6. Douglas Carter Fisher Neighborhood Park**  
Location: End of NE 54th Street, east of 49th Avenue  
Size: 2.4 acres  
Status: Completed in 2011
- 7. Eisenhower School Neighborhood Park**  
Location: Next to the new Eisenhower Elementary School (9201 NW 9th Ave.) in West Hazel Dell  
Size: 7 acres  
Status: Completed in 2007
- 8. Fairgrounds Community Park Phase 1**  
Location: 216 NW 164th St., next to the Clark County Fairgrounds in Ridgefield  
Size: 88 acres (29 developed in Phase 1)  
Status: Completed in 2009
- 9. Jack Z. Fazio Neighborhood Park**  
Location: 9600 NW 21st Ave. in West Hazel Dell  
Size: 5.2 acres  
Status: Completed in 2009
- 10. Greyhawk Neighborhood Park**  
Location: NE 126th Street at NE 45th Avenue in the Pleasant Valley area  
Size: 5 acres  
Status: Completed in 2007
- 11. Harmony Ridge Neighborhood Park**  
Location: 18209 NE 28th St. in the East Evergreen area  
Size: 4.3 acres  
Status: Completed in 2008.
- 12. Hockinson Meadows Community Park Phase 1**  
Location: 10910 NE 172nd Ave. in Brush Prairie  
Size: 240 acres (70 developed in Phase 1)  
Status: Completed in 2009.
- 13. Jorgenson Woods Neighborhood Park**  
Location: NW 3rd Avenue at NW 72nd Circle in West Hazel Dell  
Size: 6.3 acres  
Status: Completed in 2007
- 14. Kate and Clarence LaLonde Neighborhood Park**  
Location: 44608 NE 99th St. in Northeast Hazel Dell  
Size: 7.7 acres  
Status: Completed in 2010
- 15. Little Prairie Neighborhood Park**  
Location: 14009 NE 78th St. in the Sifton area  
Size: 2.5 acres  
Status: Completed in 2007
- 16. Luke Jensen Sports Park**  
Location: NE 78th Street, just west of St. Johns Road in Northeast Hazel Dell  
Description: Multiple youth sports fields  
Status: Completed in early 2012

## Completed parks & sports fields continued



Kate and Clarence LaLonde Neighborhood Park (14)

### 17. Mini-Mod Soccer Fields

*Location:* 2100 NW 99th St. in West Hazel Dell

*Description:* Four small “mini-mod” soccer fields located at All Saints Episcopal Church.

*Status:* Completed in 2010

### 18. Orchards Highlands Neighborhood Park

*Location:* NE 112th Avenue at NE 93rd Street

*Size:* 8.7 acres

*Status:* Completed in 2006

### 19. Oak Grove Neighborhood Park

*Location:* NE 159th Avenue at NE 71st Street in the Heritage area

*Size:* 4.2 acres

*Status:* Completed in 2008

### 20. Pacific Community Park

*Location:* 1515 NE 164th Ave. in the East Evergreen area

*Size:* 56 acres

*Status:* Completed in 2008.

### 21. Raspberry Fields Neighborhood Park

*Location:* NW 114th Street near NW 38th Avenue in Felida

*Size:* 4.3 acres

*Status:* Completed in 2006

### 22. Road's End Neighborhood Park

*Location:* 4019 NE 54th Ave. in the Road's End area

*Size:* 3 acres

*Status:* Completed in 2008

### 23. Sifton Neighborhood Park

*Location:* NE 131st Avenue at NE 71st Street in the Sifton area

*Size:* 5 acres

*Status:* Completed in 2007

### 24. Tenny Creek Neighborhood Park

*Location:* 3104 NE 88th St. in Northeast Hazel Dell

*Size:* 8.25 acres

*Status:* Completed in 2007

### 25. Tiger Tree Neighborhood Park

*Location:* 8600 NE 149th Ave. in the Sifton area

*Size:* 6 acres

*Status:* Completed in 2009

### 26. Vandervort Neighborhood Park

*Location:* 400 NE 172nd Ave. in the Fisher-Mill Plain area

*Size:* 5 acres

*Status:* Completed in 2010

### 27. Vista Meadows Neighborhood Park

*Location:* NE 29th Avenue at NE 145th Street, across from the Washington State University campus

*Size:* 5 acres

*Status:* Completed in 2006

### 28. Walnut Grove Neighborhood Park

*Location:* NE 58th Avenue at NE 70th Street in the Andresen/St. Johns area

*Size:* 3.7 acres

*Status:* Completed in 2006

## Luke Jensen Sports Park Progress Photos



May 2011



August 2011



December 2011

## For more information

For more information about the Greater Clark Parks District program, any of the parks listed here, or to request additional copies of this report, please contact:

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On a more encouraging note, an equestrian trail to connect Fairgrounds Community Park to the equestrian center at the county fairgrounds will open in early 2012. This would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of volunteers. Parks staff will continue to work with neighborhoods and service groups to find more opportunities leading to similar successes in improving our quality of life.

Please watch for additional updates as news becomes available. More information is also available online at [www.clarkparks.org](http://www.clarkparks.org).