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2014 Highlights

We Care for Our Natural Resources Because We Care for Each Other.



The Commission on Parks and Recreation continues to take the lead in reviewing major development plans proposed for city parkland. The latest is Project 250, a proposal for a multi-sport and entertainment facility at FDR Park in South Philadelphia. As with other development proposals, the Commission gives citizens the chance to voice concerns or show support in an open public meeting with developers before submitting its recommendation to the Mayor and City Council. The dialogue, fostered by the Commission, insures that any proposals for parkland development are transparent and fully vetted through public meetings and online forums. Find out more about Project 250 and how you can voice your opinion.

Safe, Clean and Ready to Use.



The Commission on Parks and Recreation spearheaded an effort to clarify regulations banning amplified sound, particularly where parks abut residential areas. Now neighbors disrupted by loud, unauthorized amplified sound coming from nearby park areas have a new tool at their disposal to quell excessively loud park users. The new regulation is available to view online at http://www.scribd.com/doc/234611558/Department-of-Parks-and-Rec-Amplified-Sound.

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We Are Open and Willing Partners.



The Commission on Parks and Recreation co-sponsored, in association with Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, the Fairmount Park Conservancy, the William Penn Foundation and PennPraxis, an ambitious and inspiring Master Plan for "The New Fairmount Park," which is already having a positive influence on shaping future improvements to the parkland that surrounds the Schuylkill River.

We Believe in Others.



The Commission on Parks and Recreation wants you to "Pitch Your Passion" for our parks and recreation system. This effort takes advantage of Philadelphia's innovative spirit to find new and imaginative improvements through community "crowdsourcing." The initiative began in 2014 and is continuing in 2015. All you need is a good idea and a link to the Pitch Your Passion Facebook page to get started. Many of your neighbors are already contributing great ideas. Why not see what's happening and post your idea too? And we love making friends! Our "likes" have more than doubled in 2014! So keep up with what's happening with the Commission and get involved by visiting our Facebook page and our webpage at Phila.gov.