

Parks open after upgrades

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Two of Carson City's parks have reopened after being closed for improvements, said Park Planner Vern Krahn.

Carson River Park was closed in the fall for a project that included landscaping to match the park's natural surroundings, replacing a chain-link fence on the west side of the park with ranch-style fencing, and changing the architecture of a well house by adding a barn door so it better fits in with the character of the nearby Silver Saddle Ranch. Additional sidewalks and parking were also included in the plan.

Carson River Park encompasses about 40 acres, the majority of which lies on the east side of the river south of Carson River Road. The developed portion is roughly 2 acres, Krahn said.

A picnic shelter will be

added in early February, but work will not interfere with park users.

Also now open is the Lakeview Trailhead.

"We will be adding an information kiosk with trails and rules, but the gates and fencing are done," Krahn said.

Fencing will not only keep traffic out of the forested areas, but has also been installed along the property lines between homeowners and city rights of way to keep trail users from trespassing.

Plans to build a park in Lakeview Estates at the trailhead leading to Hobart Reservoir were significantly scaled back last year after controversy erupted. It had once been considered as the site of a 40-acre park with increased parking and greater access.

The trail, popular among hikers, cyclists and equestrians, had been a source of contention between Lakeview residents and users.

While equestrians complained that access was too narrow and parking too limited, residents countered that

horses don't belong in their neighborhood. Homeowners had complained that horse manure was left on the street near their homes.

Although no additional parking spaces were added to the final design, leaving room for only about four horse trailers at a time, the turnaround loop and fencing were seen as a compromise.

In other Parks and Recreation Department news, the old ranch house on the former Buzzy Anderson Ranch was torn down last week.

"We left an old historic root cellar made of stone blocks because of its interesting character, but the house has been vacant for several years," said Parks and Recreation Director Roger Moellendorf.

The city purchased the ranch on Carson River Road in 2007 as open space, and in 2010, it purchased the adjoining Jarrard Ranch.

Moellendorf said all the property will be preserved in an agricultural state for passive recreational use, but he foresees some trails.

Progress on equestrian turnaround advances Lakeview Park Trailhead

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Finishing touches on the Lakeview Park Trailhead project will be completed this month, and it is expected to open to the public before Christmas, officials said Tuesday.

Park Planner Vern Krahn told the Carson City Parks and Recreation Commission that the rough grading has been completed on a wide turnaround area at the end of Hobart Road for equestrian horse trailers, and split-rail fences have been installed to protect property from vehicular traffic.

A locked gate now blocks the entrance to the turnaround, although access remains available to foot and equestrian traffic. The gate will be removed as soon as the project is complete.

"We're hoping to have it done before Christmas," Krahn said. "We're real close to being done as it is."

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A sign placed by the Back Country Horsemen of Nevada Carson Valley Chapter and the Nevada All-State Trail Riders, which helped provide funding for the project, reads, "Attention Equestrians, As users of trails, it is our responsibility to keep trailhead/parking areas clean by picking up the manure from our horses & packing it out."



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A turnaround for horse trailers has been built and fencing installed to protect private property at the Lakeview Park Trailhead area, expected to open before Christmas, weather permitting.

Costs for the project also were paid from the Question 1 Quality of Life fund.

Fisherman C.K. Baily, who hikes to Hobart Reservoir for angling, said he was concerned about vehicle parking for other trail users, if equestrian trailers were lined up along Hobart Road, but Krahn explained that there is plenty of public parking in city rights of way in the neighborhood.

Tim Howard said he also had parking concerns.

"I object to not being able to park under the trees (in the turnaround area)," he said.

Chairman Steve Lasco explained that the commission had held numerous meetings to gather public input.

"We had vigorous public debate and many public meetings were held," he said, and a compromise was agreed upon.

Krahn said only a few remaining barricades, boulders and signs need to be installed before the turnaround is opened.

Leaders to hear update on the Lakeview Park Trailhead project

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Parks and Recreation Commission members will receive an update Tuesday on the Lakeview Park Trailhead project.

Plans to build a park in Lakeview Estates at the trailhead leading to Hobart Reservoir were significantly scaled back this year after controversy erupted.

What had once been considered the site of a 40-acre park with increased parking and greater access, was approved in February by the Carson City Planning Commission as a turn-

around area for horse trailers.

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While equestrians have complained that access is too narrow and parking too limited, residents have countered that horses don't belong in their neighborhood.

While no additional parking spaces are planned, leaving room for only about four horse trailers at a time, it was decided that there would be a turnaround loop added to ease entry and exit.

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OTHER MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- The 911 Surcharge Advisory Committee meets from 8:30-9 a.m. Tuesday at the Carson City Fire Department, 777 S. Stewart St.
- The Shade Tree Council meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Sierra Room of the community center.

Vern Krahn will present the latest update to the plan when the commission meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Sierra Room of the Carson City Community Center, 851 E. William St.

Other project updates on the commissioners' agenda include the Carson River Park Phase 2, the Arlington Square Ice Skating Rink, the

Fuji Dog Park and the Multipurpose Athletic Center.

Commissioners also will hear a presentation on a preliminary design report for the non-motorized user bridge crossing at Valley View Drive, and could take action to approve a permanent location for the 9/11 World Trade Center Memorial.