



LINDON CITY PARKS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

As you travel around Lindon, you will likely notice the number of beautiful parks located throughout the City. Below, you will find information on past, present and future planned development of parks in Lindon.

- **Does the City consider parks a priority in planning for future projects?** The simple answer is YES! The Mayor and City Council began acquiring property to create parks approximately 12 years ago, and have been able to develop a number of parks since that time. The City Master Plan includes areas for several additional parks, which the City will acquire when private property owners are prepared to sell the property, and as revenues are available.
- **How are parks paid for, are my taxes increased to build parks?** The policy of the Mayor and City Council has historically been to obtain property for parks, and to phase installation of improvements as revenue is available. The City feels that prudent financial planning requires improvements such as parks to be completed using available revenue, rather than placing the City and residents in debt to provide park improvements. In addition, developers pay a park impact fee to offset the cost of creating park amenities for new residents of the City. The revenue received as impact fees is used to purchase and improve parks within the City.
- **How many parks are currently located in the City?** The City is proud to provide six fully improved City Parks for residents. Existing parks are in various stages of development, as amenities such as playground equipment, pavilions, and restrooms are phased in over several years as cash funding becomes available. In addition to the six main parks, several detention basin parks are located throughout the City, which provide recreational opportunities for local residents, as well as visitors to the area.
- **In addition to parks, what other recreational amenities are currently provided for Lindon residents?** Through the diligent efforts of Lindon City staff and elected officials, the City has preserved 200 acres of the foothills area east of the City for recreational use by this and future generations. Through a cooperative effort with the Trust for Public Lands, the City was able to facilitate the preservation of the property which was privately owned. This area of the City will not be developed in the future, and is preserved for recreational use and as a wildlife habitat. In addition, the City owns the Equestrian Staging area on the east side of the City, which connects to the regional Bonneville Shoreline Trail. Improvements which include an asphalt parking area and restrooms are being installed at the Dry Canyon Trail Head in cooperation with the National Forest Service. The Dry Canyon Trail head also provides access to regional trail systems, such as the Great Western Trail. Lindon City is the only Utah Valley community with direct access to the Great Western Trail located within the City limits.

- **How much open space is provided in the City?** The national standard for open space within incorporated areas is for the municipality to provide a minimum of 3 acres of open space per 1000 residents. As of October 1, 2007, 55.34 acres of park space in Lindon are developed, providing approximately 5.5 acres of open space per 1000 residents. When all Master Planned parks are completed, residents will enjoy approximately 6.7 acres of open space per 1000 residents based on the City's estimated build out population of 17,000 residents. Current and long range park planning provides double the national standard for open space per resident, making Lindon beautiful and livable!

- **What amenities are planned for future park projects?** Future park amenities include completion of playgrounds, restrooms, and pavilions at all main parks, as well as tennis courts at Pioneer Park and Pheasant Brook Park. The City also plans to restore the historic pavilion at the Geneva Resort Park located on the shores of Utah Lake, which is owned by the City. The City will continue to acquire property for additional parks as property and revenue become available. Approximately five acres of Pheasant Brook Park was donated by the developer of the Pheasant Brook subdivision, and 4.2 acres of open green space was provided by Fieldstone Homes as part of the Creekside Meadows subdivision Meadow Park on the west side of the City. The Mayor and City Council will continue to explore alternatives to provide abundant and superior park amenities to residents.

- **Where are City parks located?** Locations for the six main parks are as follows:
 - City Center Park, the oldest park in the City, is located at 200 North State Street.
 - Creekside Park is located at 100 South 600 West.
 - Pioneer Park is located adjacent to Rocky Mountain Elementary at 150 South 500 East.
 - Hollow Park can be found just off of 400 North at 300 East.
 - Pheasant Brook Park, which had restrooms, sod and a pavilion, as well as two regulation Little League baseball fields installed this year, is located at 800 West 400 North.
 - Squaw Hollow Park, which is currently being developed, is located at 800 East 500 North.

Each of these beautiful parks provides open green space and recreational opportunities for residents. Photographs of many Lindon parks, as well as rental information and a list of existing and planned parks, is available on our website at www.lindoncity.org.

Your elected officials consider providing beautiful, open space for recreational use a very high priority as the future of the City is planned. Lindon residents live in a community that is blessed with abundant beauty, with Utah Lake on the west and Mount Timpanogos on the east. The City will continue to make every effort to preserve and enhance the natural beauty of this valley. Take some time to get out and enjoy one of the great parks in Lindon with your family!