

Vandals Hit Gazebo

Vandals, who have had a successful summer at the East Kildonan Centennial Park, struck again last week.

On Tuesday night they, apparently, took keen delight in tearing apart the Margaret Laidlaw Hood Memorial gazebo. Damage was estimated at approximately \$200.

Eighteen-foot long 2x12 boards, which comprise the roof of the gazebo, were smashed, as well as portions of the walls.

Shrubs were also pulled up

and destroyed.

Earlier this summer vandals, on different occasions, damaged property to the extent of \$300 to 400.

Picnic benches have been broken and stolen, plastic skylight domes in the service building were smashed; wood garbage disposal containers smashed; toilets plugged with gravel; maintenance building broken into and tools, plus 30 locks, were stolen, and windows broken.

PERMITS REQUIRED FOR E.K. PARK FIRES

With the summer season rapidly approaching, it is anticipated that many community organizations and private individuals will be using the excellent picnic facilities available in the Centennial Park in East Kildonan.

For those wishing to use the "fire ring" in the day camp area, a permit must be obtained from the Parks and Recreation office, 755 Henderson Highway.

Fuel for this fire ring will be available at a minimum cost at the park. Fires may not be lit in any other area of the park site. Persons doing so will be prosecuted.

It is hoped that all the picnic sites will be ready by June 15. These sites can accommodate nearly 200 people. They are complete with running water and a large bar-b-que. Fuel for the bar-b-que must be supplied by the users.

A special metal screen will be required for use on the top of the bar-b-que pits. These may be obtained at the park and must be returned when used.

The wading pool and enclosed playground site will be open for the July 1st weekend. At present there is still some work being done in preparing this area.

People visiting the park site at present will see that the huge area that was seeded last fall is coming along very well and the public is requested to stay off this area until a later date.

There are still a number of projects to be done in the park this year. Among them are:

1. 400 new trees and shrubs.
2. Parking lot on Raleigh Road.
3. Completion of Day Camp area.
4. Margaret Hood Memorial Garden.
5. Completion of walkways.

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This picture shows a couple of the individual picnic sites. There are 12 of these sites located in the park and are ideal for single family use. All are completely equipped with water, bar-b-ques, benches and tables. These particular ones in this picture are very close to the children's play area and wading pool and are ideal for mothers who would like to bring their children to the park for a picnic as well as having a safe place for the children to play.



This picture shows one of the large family picnic areas. This particular one can handle 30 adults and four children at one sitting. It has running water, two bar-be-que pits, picnic benches and tables. All furniture is finished in a rustic colour that blends in very well with the overall design of the park site. The park is equipped to handle 225 people at one sitting at the various picnic site. There is one other large family area as well as a number of individual sites. All are complete with water, bar-b-ques, benches and table.

The Centennial Park, located on Raleigh street, will be open to the general public for full-time use starting on Saturday, June 29th.

All picnic facilities, as well as the playground area, will be in operation.

A number of things should be pointed out to park users:

All persons or groups planning on using the special "fire ring" in the Day Camp must obtain a fire permit from the Parks-Recreation office at the City Hall, Henderson Highway.

All persons planning on using the bar-b-que pits are urged to please use tin foil to do the cooking in. The grates on the pits are not designed to carry items of food.

Due to many new trees, shrubs and new grass areas, bicycles will have to be kept out of the park area. Parking stands for bikes are provided both near the playground site and the Day Camp.

For what should be obvious reasons, parents are reminded that the wading pool is for use by the young children only. It would be well to point out to all parents who plan to bring their children or send them to use the pool that the pool has a complete filtering unit and as a result the water will be constantly clean.

There are still a number of items to be completed in the park; such as the day camp area, parking lot, fence lines, play equipment and the Margaret Hood Memorial Garden. These jobs will be done during the summer months and the public is requested to bear with officials during this construction period.

Supervision will be handled by supervisors on duty every day Monday to Friday for the playground program, and park attendants will be on duty each day.

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This picture shows a section of the Day Camp located in the Centennial Park. It is in this area that the Fire Ring is located as well as the area where the children's Arts and Crafts program will be carried out. Overnight camping will be allowed at the Day Camp site for small organized groups such as Cubs, etc., providing supervision is provided by the group. The Fire Ring is the only place in the park where large bonfires may be lighted, and a fire permit is required from the Parks and Recreation office.