

Northside Park Improvements



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Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department

Improvements being made:

- Addition of 40 parking spaces
- Construction of a Generations Play Zone
- Construction of a new playground

Construction Milestones

Start date: September, 2019

Approximate completion date: April, 2020

Park Project/History

In 2017 the Rotary Clubs of Gainesville Foundation (RCGF) voted to sponsor two major public park initiatives using proceeds from its annual Wild Game Feasts. Along with the Wild Spaces & Public Places half-cent sales tax, the Rotary sponsorship will help fund the **Generations Play Zone** at Northside Park.

The **Generations Play Zone** will include outdoor games such as bocce ball, pickleball/tennis courts, pétanque, table tennis, checkers, chess, an outdoor patio, a large pavilion with grills, shaded seating and viewing areas, and a walking path with outdoor exercise equipment. "The idea of a multi-generational park is to create public spaces that promote healthy, active recreation to people of all ages and abilities," said Mary Kate Walker, President of the RCGF. "Rotary is excited to be a part of a project that meets the needs of so many in our community."

The City of Gainesville's Wild Spaces & Public Places (WSPP) program and the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Department held two open houses in 2017, a neighborhood workshop in 2018, and conducted an online survey to gather public input and to discuss the proposed redevelopment of Northside Park. Meetings were also held with the Chain Hawks (the local disc golf club), the Racquetball Club of Gainesville, and Gainesville Pétanque, as well as other key stakeholder groups to ensure that the proposed park improvements will support all user groups.

Parking lot improvements will temporarily disrupt parking in December/January. The Senior Recreation Center and Northside Park will remain open during this time. The construction project is being facilitated by Scherer Construction of North Florida, LLC.

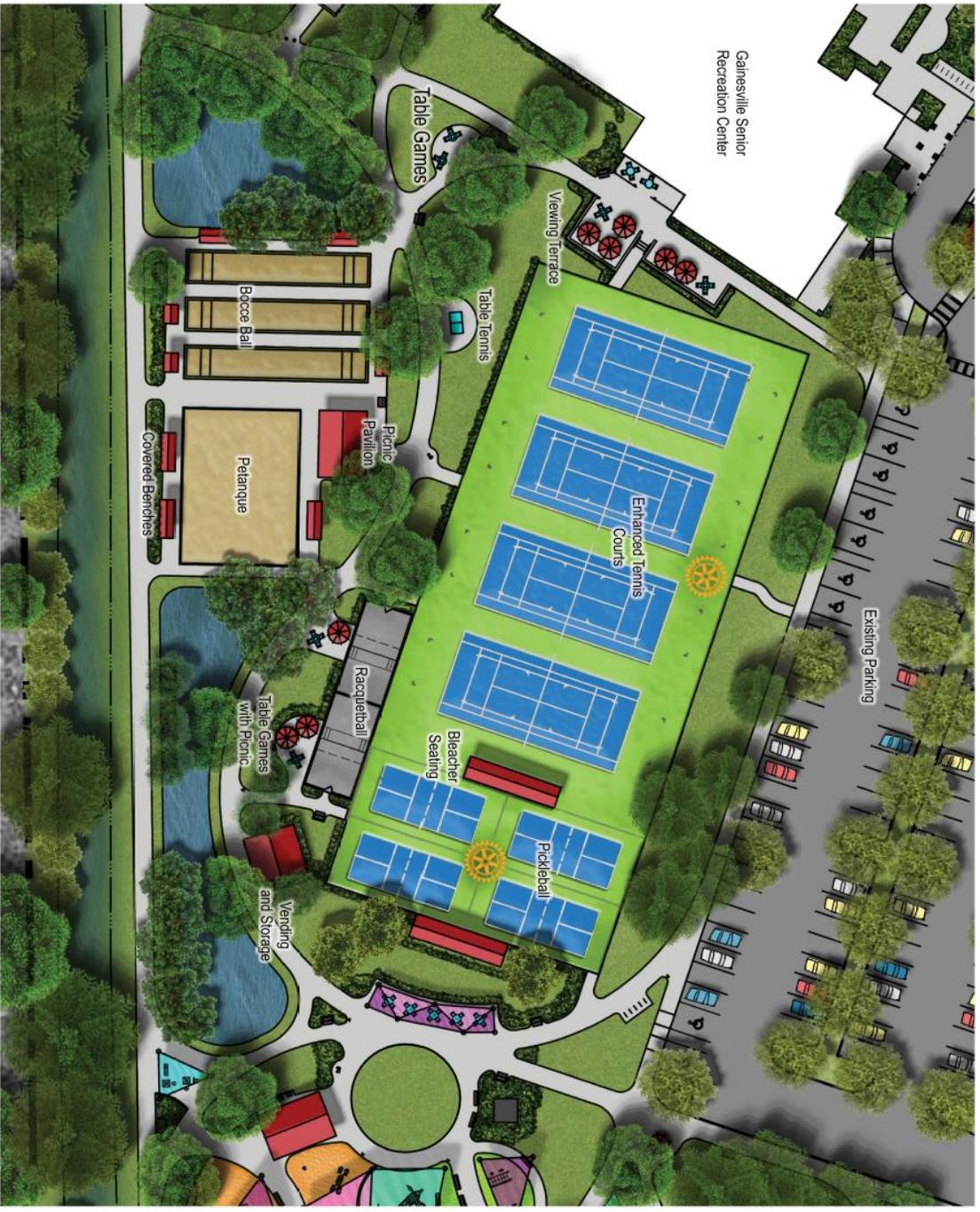
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The WSPP half-cent sales tax, collected from January 2017 to December 2024, will continue to create, improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities, and acquire and improve environmentally-sensitive lands.

To sign up for updates, please visit www.WildSpacesPublicPlacesGNV.org



Gainessville Senior
Recreation Center

Existing Parking

Viewing Terrace

Table Tennis

Table Games

Enhanced Tennis
Courts

Bleacher
Seating

Pickleball

Picnic
Pavilion

Petanque

Covered Benches

Racquetball

Table Games
with Picnic

Vending
and Storage

Bocce Ball



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Rotary Generations Play Zone

Northside Park



March 2019
SCALE: 1" = 20'



Viewing Terrace at Senior Center



Renovated Pickleball Tennis Courts



Bocce Ball Courts



Racquetball Court



Petanque



Table Games



Picnic Pavilion



Open Space