

# Give a piece of the parks for Christmas!

Give a unique Christmas gift that will last for years, provide activity or comfort to hundreds, and will invest in the future of our community. Parks Galore and a Whole Lot More is sponsoring a holiday fund drive that provides meaningful giving opportunities (they're tax deductible) and helps the Shell Rock parks project move forward. Please, join in, support a community project, and get a special gift for someone on your list.

Phase I of Parks Galore focuses on McCague Park (the pool park) and includes new tennis courts, new volleyball courts, a new basketball court, a new t-ball field, other ball field improvements, expanded play equipment, and a new trail connecting the park with the downtown area. Many of the projects are done or nearly so, and the rest are expected by next summer. Total Phase I cost is \$264,000.

Phase II of the project includes a new walk/bike trail, new disc golf course, and new benches in the dry run area between Washington, Prairie and Courtland Streets in the southeast part of town. Exact cost is not known yet, but this phase of the project is expected to cost between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

The community has raised enough funds to cover Phase I commitments, but some of the large gifts are multi-year pledges that won't be fully available for another year or two. In addition, we must raise local funds before applying for another CAT grant (Community Attractions and Tourism) from the state, to help out with Phase II costs. (We received \$70,000 in CAT money for Phase I of the project.) We need funds now to help with Phase I cash flow and to begin fund-raising for Phase II.

To get over the next hurdle, we are turning to the community for help. You can sponsor a tree or bench, buy some trail, or simply provide an amount in someone's name as a special gift. We will send you a certificate identifying the gift, for you to give to the honoree. Or you may, of course, choose to give a gift in memory of someone special. Benches will include plaques identifying honored individuals. All gifts of \$500 or more will be recognized on a large donor board at the conclusion of the project. All gifts, large or small, will be included in a gift summary list. (You may choose to remain anonymous, if you prefer.)

**Recognition levels for donation board:** Player (\$500-\$999), Coach (\$1,000-\$4,999), Official (\$5,000-\$9,999), Director (\$10,000-\$24,999), Owner (\$25,000-\$49,999) and Commissioner (\$50,000 and up)

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## YES, I would like to help the parks project in Shell Rock!

I would like to contribute in the following way:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Bench    | \$1,000                     | plaque and donation board recognition | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund a Tree       | \$500                       | donation board recognition            | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail by the Foot | \$25/ft or \$100 for 5 feet |                                       | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Donation  | any amount                  |                                       | \$ _____ |

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of/In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send donations to: Parks Galore, c/o Security State Bank, PO Box 430, Shell Rock, IA 50670.**  
Please order by Dec. 14 to ensure a certificate before Christmas. *All donations are tax deductible.*