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Keystone of Galvez Subdivision Park Groundbreaking Held

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PRAIRIEVILLE –Residents of Keystone of Galvez Subdivision joined parish officials Saturday in breaking ground for a new park to be located there.

The park is located on a two-acre section of land, southeast of the Timberstone Drive bridge that crosses Henderson Bayou.

Design architect Eric Poche with SJB Group said one corner of the park will contain two sets of playground equipment for children, ages two to five, and five to twelve years of age. He said benches will be installed around those areas. Plans also call for a pavilion, picnic tables, concrete walking trail, regular and handicapped parking spaces, and earthen berms in the park.

Ascension Parish Recreation Director Garney Gautreau thanked landowner Kevin Nguyen for donating the land for the park. He also said parish workers would start framing up the concrete walking trail in upcoming weeks and that some of the concrete was donated by Lenny Johnson with Ascension Ready Mix .

“Parish President Tommy Martinez has always supported our recreation programs and with his encouragement, we are building this park with no bond money,” Gautreau said. “We are able to build this park by saving money in our recreation department fund, and employees pitching in and doing a lot of volunteer work.”

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“This is going to be great,” added Councilman Dempsey Lambert, District 5. “We’ve got good, safe park equipment that’s coming in. I think the children are really going to enjoy it. We’re going to be making memories here. Plus I’d like to thank Lenny Johnson with Ascension Ready Mix for his generous donation.”

Councilman Lambert remembered former land owner, the late Jay Devall, and his family.

“This is something (Mr. Devall) really wanted,” said Councilman Lambert, “And Mr. Nguyen has continued on building nice, strong communities, healthy communities. The walk trail that will be here is less than a quarter of mile, but it will get the heart pumping.”

Councilman Lambert told the residents that a black, chain link fence will be installed to run the length of the park along Henderson Bayou for safety.

Land owner Kevin Nguyen also remembered a business partner and friend, the late Carey Arceneaux, for his involvement with the Keystone of Galvez Subdivision construction.

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Residents of Keystone of Galvez Subdivision broke ground with parish officials Saturday signaling the start construction of the subdivision's park. Shown from left are: Madeline Sparks, Diane Sparks, Branden Bennett, Vanissa Murphy, Emma Murphy, Carter Murphy, Deric Murphy, Parish Council Chairman Chris Loar, Developer Kevin Nguyen, Parish Councilman Dempsey Lambert, Cynthia Fekete, Savannah Fekete, Addie Bourgeois, Eric Poche, Ascension Parish School Board President A.J. Nickens, Alexis Smith, Paizley Smith, Sophia Fekete, Angela Spedale, Danial Spedale, Susan Spedale and Tiffany Poche.

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