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Help Shape the Future of Cottleville Parks: Volunteers Needed for New Advisory Committee

The City of Cottleville is excited to announce the formation of a new *Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee* and is currently seeking passionate, community-minded residents to serve as volunteer members.

This newly established committee was created to enhance public input, strengthen recreational programming, and provide strategic guidance on the acquisition, development, and stewardship of Cottleville's growing network of parks, trails, and recreational events and activities. Members will work in partnership with City staff and elected officials, providing recommendations and participating in community engagement activities that help shape the future of Cottleville's outdoor spaces.

If you have a heart for service and an interest in improving our shared recreational resources, we encourage you to apply. Committee members must be residents of Cottleville and will be appointed by the Mayor with approval of the Board of Aldermen. The City's goal is to have a geographically balanced representation of the membership so there may be a broader perspective of the community's needs.

As part of the application process, a *Missouri State Highway Patrol Criminal Record Check* is required. This is a standard public safety measure for all volunteers who may engage with the community, including children. While there is a nominal fee for the background check, applicants may request reimbursement from the City to recover the cost of the fee.

Interested individuals can <u>download the application form</u> from the City's website or pick one up in person at City Hall. Completed applications, along with the background check results, should be submitted to the City Clerk's Office.

Let your voice be heard and your energy make a difference—become part of something meaningful in Cottleville!

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