PARK PROGRAMS

Wood Chip & Mulch

The Parks and Recreation Department operates a wood chip and mulch give-away program adjacent to the Composting Exhibit Site in Memorial Park.

When excess wood chips or mulch are produced during forestry maintenance, they are dumped at the site and are free for the taking for the general public. Availability varies throughout the year. Just bring your vehicle and your shovel and load the wood chips anytime the park is open.

The compost site at Memorial Park does not accept yard waste or tree trimmings. Please do not drop off any items at the compost site. If you have yard waste to dispose, please go to 2606 West Edgewood Drive. This service is free for City residents. For more information on yard waste drop off, contact Jefferson City Community Development at 634-6409.

Commemorative Trees & Memorial Benches

During the spring (March-May) and fall (September-November) planting seasons, Parks and Recreation staff will plant a tree from the list below. After planting, a memorial plaque will be installed in front of the commemorative tree. Types of trees available include Sawtooth Oak, Redbud, Swamp White Oak, Kousa Dogwood, White Pine, Crabapple, Magnolia, Autumn Blaze Maple and Burr Oak.

Applications are available at the Parks and Recreation office. Commemorative trees are $150 per tree. Orders taken from June 1 - November 30 are planted during the fall, orders taken from December 1 - May 31 are planted during the spring. For more information, contact City Forester at 634-6509.

The cost of a memorial bench is $250 which includes installation and a memorial plaque. For more information, contact the Park Resources and Forestry Division Director at 634-6486.

Please Don't Feed the Geese

Goose droppings have been a major problem in our park system for a long time. Obviously feeding them only exacerbates the problem, since it encourages them to stay.

Therefore, it is strongly recommended that you do not feed the geese inside the parks. The Parks and Recreation Department has tried many other means to alleviate the goose problem, but to no avail. Hopefully this will curtail the problem and lead to cleaner and nicer parks for you and your family.

Recycling

There are six locations around Jefferson City where you can drop off your newspapers, magazines and cardboard. The bins are located at the following locations:

McKay Park, off Southwest Blvd.
Fire Station 1, at 621 W. High St.
Fire Station 5, at 1005 Fairgrounds Rd.
Memorial Park, next to Composting Exhibit.
Fire Station 2, at 2400 E. McCarty St.
City Hall parking lot, 320 E. McCarty

Gardening and Landscaping Classes

GARDENING CLASS

Putting Your Garden to Bed

As the gardening season winds down, learn how to prepare your garden for winter. Bring your pruners, loppers, and gloves and come join us for a three hour hands-on workshop as we demonstrate the techniques used to winterize your garden. Location: Cedar City School Building

Monday, October 26, 2009 6-9 pm **Activity Number:** 415491-1 **Fee:** $15

LANDSCAPING CLASSES

Landscape 101: A Program for the Home Gardener

Whether it's a landscape, garden or yard, it's a big investment in time and money for the homeowner learning how to choose the right plants, how to keep them healthy and how to discourage insects and plant disease can save additional time and money. Landscaping 101 is a program designed to help the home gardener make the most of their investment. Topics include plant selection, irrigation, fertilization, pruning, etc. Location: Cedar City School Building

Monday, January 11, 2010 6-9 pm **Activity Number:** 415491-2 **Fee:** $15

Landscape 102: Between Rocks and Hardscape: Using pavers, blocks, and stones in terraces, walls, paths and patios

This workshop will focus on do-it yourself hardscape construction or repair. Add planting space to your yard, build up an herb spiral with stone, or put in a paved path or walkway. Participants will learn about materials, method of use, and proven construction techniques. Each type of hardscape will be explained and demonstrated using local materials. Small or large, these installations will enable you to repeat proven methods in your own landscape. Location: Cedar City School Building

Monday, January 18, 2010 6-9 pm **Activity Number:** 415491-3 **Fee:** $15