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Traceway revamp to bring state-of-the-art facilities

By Katherine R. Dougan

With approval to advertise for bids for a massive project at Traceway Park, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on August 20 gave the go-ahead that City officials say will put Traceway Park in the big leagues for recreation, allow for hosting of major events and bring serious revenue to Clinton.

According to Parks and Recreation Director Adam Wade, \$800,000 is earmarked for the project, with funding distributed for ball fields, backstops, fences, dugouts, restrooms and a concession stand.

Wade says that backstops at the fields are outdated and not safe, as the lower edge of the backstop fencing has sharp wire at the bottom. In places, the backstops are high enough from the ground to allow a ball to roll under the fence and out of the playing field.

Where the twenty-foot backstops are currently installed, a three-foot brick wall will serve as the base for the backstop, with a new twenty-foot high net installed on top of the three-foot brick walls to keep balls on the field.

The brick, which will match the Olde Towne style brick throughout other city locations, was chosen to bring continuity to the appearance of the park.



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Traceway Park will receive \$800,000 worth of improvements to its ball fields, including upgrades to backstops, fences, dugouts, restrooms and the concession stand.

“All of our fields, from field one to field fourteen, will all look the same,” Wade said.

Fences at the fields will be replaced

with black vinyl fencing, said Wade, which will be sturdier and safer than the fences on the fields now. The look of the black vinyl fencing is designed to

blend with the Olde Towne red bricks around the field and carry the theme of the downtown’s black awnings.

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Groundbreaking for dog park means fun for dogs and people is on the way

By Katherine R. Dougan

The City of Clinton broke ground for its new park for furry, four-legged friends on Monday, August 19. Situated between Kids Towne Park and Fire Station 2 on Old Vicksburg Road, the dog park has a tentative completion date set for the end of August.

Two acres have been designated for Clinton’s Dog Park. Small dogs, those that weigh less than 30 pounds, will have a half acre of fenced park to roam, and dogs weighing more than 30 pounds will have one and a half acres of fenced area in which to play and so-



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City of Clinton officials recently broke ground on the city’s new dog park, to be located adjacent to Kids Towne Park on Old Vicksburg Road.

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