

Current members of the Park Committee are **Lori Murray, Debbie Mikol** and **Marsha Moore**. They presented an update at the annual homeowners association meeting. Lori made a good point that the park would not only enhance home values but should also decrease the time a house is on the market. Below is a summary provided by Marsha Moore:

The Amberleigh Community Park is scheduled for planning in 2009 with Phase 1 construction slated for 2010. This schedule assumes that the budget is passed by the Dublin City Council during their Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) update process. The relevant budget discussion will occur either **Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>** or **August 13<sup>th</sup>**. As time draws near, a definitive date will be determined and passed along via periodic email updates and reminders. In order to increase the chance of passage, we need to have good representation at the meeting as well as a persistent mail/email campaign that entails contacting members of our City Council.

In a nutshell, the budget meeting (CIPS) will involve discussion of the following items related to Amberleigh Park: **1) Design** (\$50,000) - City Staff and Amberleigh Residents will meet to design the actual park and determine where amenities will be located. This will require a few meetings but should be completed in a timely manner; **(2) Phase I Construction** (\$800,000) – slated to occur in 2010. There are one or two additional phases that are scheduled for 2011 and 2012,

**Conceptual maps of Phase 1, 2 and 3 are available on the website.** Keep in mind this was developed back in December 2001 when the proposed Memorial Bridge was still in the plans. The Memorial Bridge has since been omitted. **Phase 1** includes a shelter house, river outlook, river access path, open lawn, community scale playground, bike path, tennis courts, a parking lot and landscaping. **Phase II** includes the infamous Canoe Dropoff Area, bike paths, and an accessible ramp for the river. The Canoe Drop off is not being strongly pursued by any Council members but was a concept that was included because of the river access. A request to eliminate that item can be made during the Design phase if we get enough residents to convey their aversion to the idea. We can also begin to formulate ideas of what we would like to be included in the park during the next few months with a committee established by the Homeowners Association. In 2004, Shauna Holahan, a former resident of Amberleigh, was involved in meetings about Amberleigh Park. She was kind enough to pass along the information gathered at that time. You may contact Debbie Mikol at [mikolfamily@aol.com](mailto:mikolfamily@aol.com) if you would like to review the file electronically.

Many residents of Amberleigh may have been wondering why the Amberleigh Park plans haven't been implemented sooner. Answer: "The squeaky wheel gets the oil". According to the committee, plans for Amberleigh Park have been slated for the budget in the past but other groups that have been more vocal about their needs have managed to get their park plans inserted ahead of ours. So it is extremely important that Amberleigh residents send a letter to City Council members about our desire to have plans for Amberleigh Park included in this year's budget. Members to contact are Mayor Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher at 614/352-5060 or [mzuercher@dublin.oh.us](mailto:mzuercher@dublin.oh.us) as well as our Ward 1 Representative Cathy Boring at 614-889-7972 or [cboring@dublin.oh.us](mailto:cboring@dublin.oh.us). The form letter below can be used. It is also available on the website.

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May 1, 2008

[Mayor Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher **OR** Vice Mayor Cathy Boring]  
Dublin City Council  
5200 Emerald Parkway  
Dublin, Ohio 43017-1006

Dear [Mayor Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher **OR** Vice Mayor Cathy Boring]:

We are writing in support of the development of the Amberleigh North Park slated for construction in 2010. We live at \_\_\_\_\_ so we have a significant interest in seeing the park

developed. We support the passage of the \$50,000 Design Phase and the \$800,000 Construction for Phase I of the Amberleigh Park that is currently in the Dublin's Parks and Open Space budget for 2009 and 2010 as a part of the Dublin's five year Budget Plan.

After nine years of development, the Amberleigh North subdivision is completed and home to 120 families. There are over 200 children alone in our section. We look forward to seeing the Park finally built and our children enjoying the amenities within walking distance of their homes. Not only will the Amberleigh Park be frequently used by current and future residents of Amberleigh but the Dublin Community as well.

Once again, as Dublin residents, we truly appreciate the effort of the Dublin City Council members to see Amberleigh Park come to fruition. We look forward to the passage of the budget with the Amberleigh Park funding item included as well as participating in the planning process for 2009.

With warm regards,

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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