

10/19/11

# PUBLIC INPUT SIGN UP SHEET

PUBLIC INPUT SHALL BE LIMITED TO  
THREE (3) MINUTES PER PERSON.

EACH PERSON SHOULD:

- (1) STATE YOUR NAME
- (2) IN WHAT AREA OF THE COUNTY YOU LIVE
- (3) SPEAK IN A CLEAR AND COURTEOUS MANNER.

Please Print:

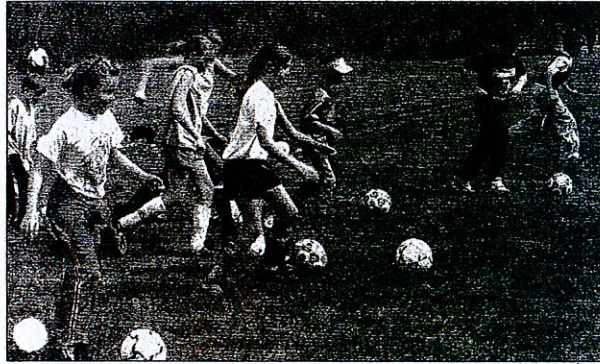
	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>ISSUE</u>
1.			
2.	Les Boyd	901 Asheville Hwy	Soccer
3.	Scott Donaldson	206 Crooked Creek Rd	SOCCER
4.	Judith Long	841 Case St.	The Free Clinics
5.	Corum Smith	Box 202, Mt Home	Recreation
6.	Mary Corvini	112 Founders Dr. Flat Rock	Animal Ord.
7.	Jeff Miller	1110 4th Ave W.	Soccer
8.	Chip Wovell	574 Jim Pace Rd	Soccer
9.	F. Eugene Lucas	50 Squint Run	PARADEE
10.	Mark Hannicutt	3 Landlusting Dr	Soccer
11.	John Dockard	1228 Chaudeloy	Soccer
12.	Jason Wells	211 Almond Branch Pl	THURSDAY / MISSION PARADEE PARK RIDGE
13.			



7 IN  
2001

# Sports *in your* Town

## Bigger than ever



Parks department, area soccer leagues hustle to keep up with growing demand

Kids practice their soccer skills last week during Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp at Jackson Park. At right, Sarah Carswell, 11, heads the ball during the camp.

### Soccer proponents push for complex

**By SCOTT PARROTT**  
*Times-News Staff Writer*

They called her name. Mikayla Spellicy walked to the podium, a smaller one the county officials set up so the 9-year-old could reach the microphone. She opened her folded piece of paper, and then she read.

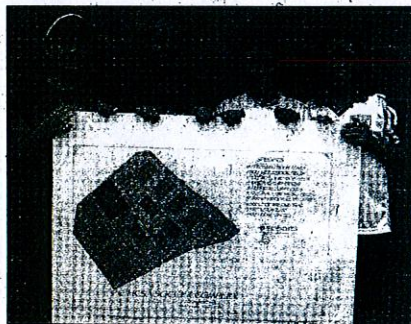
"I am on a girls challenge team that plays for Henderson County Soccer Association," Mikayla read for the county planning committee, the packed audience, the viewers who would later watch on government TV.

"Henderson County Soccer Association has about 800 children that play each season. They might not be able to keep playing if we don't have enough fields.

"A lot of them have dreamed of being pro soccer players, but that may not happen if they can't practice now. All of the soccer kids ask for a new soccer complex with nice flat fields. Please help us, we are in need!"

She turned, grabbed the poster emblazoned by the design of the soccer complex, and said, "This is what we would like."

Twenty girls, including Mikayla's friends on the Cold Fusion team, applauded. The poster board Mikayla held up represents a dream for these girls, a soccer complex in Henderson County where the balls don't dart off lumps in the ground, where the grass



The girls of the Cold Fusion hold a drawing of their dream, a soccer complex in Henderson County. Pictured from left are Mikayla Spellicy, Kelsie Wallace, Anna Conard and Aiden Clark.

PLEASE SEE SOCCER, 4B

# HHS hosts meeting on park needs

By JAMES SHEA  
Times-News Staff Writer

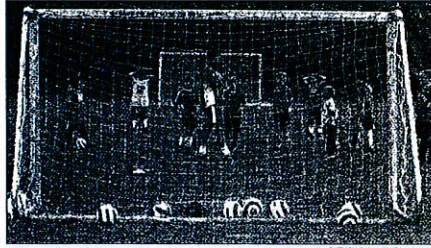
Henderson County's recreation planners continue a series of public input sessions on parks and recreation needs at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Hendersonville High School.

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Marcus Jones said the county is developing a facility needs assessment and it wants to know what new recreation facilities the community desires. So far the four main facilities mentioned have been soccer fields, a dog park, a pool and green space.

Jones said soccer fields have been cited the most. He said the county's soccer program serves more than 1,000 kids each year and has been in operation for more than a decade.

"There have been a lot of people over the years who have been touched by that program," Jones said.

"The information sessions have been well attended and the public has voiced its opinion," Jones said.



Children participate in the Challenger British Soccer Camp at Jackson Park in June.

turnout." Jones said. "We have had about 50 people at each session and 25 people made comments."

been finished, the county Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will compile all the information and for-

cannot attend the input sessions, they e-mail the county, send a letter or call.

Jones said staff will write a report and make recommendations to the county commissioners in November.

He said the Parks and Recreation Department will need more funding to improve facilities in the county. The department has a \$1 million budget, of which about \$300,000 goes to capital improvement this year.

Jones said the majority of capital improvement funds will go toward improving a sewer line at Jackson Park. Prior to this year, the department had limited funds in the capital improvements budget, he said.

"At the current funding level, we will not be able to do much," Jones said.

Jones said there is some momentum within the county to increase capital expenditures within the Parks and Recreation Department. He said some of the funds could come from the land transfer tax if approved by county vot-



# County works on plans for parks

— Make your suggestions —

By Melissa Stout  
STAFF WRITER

**H**ENDERSONVILLE — During the season, soccer fields at Jackson Park are full from sun-up to dark.

Parents like Denise Hickling want the best for their kids, and with 76 youth soccer teams playing and practicing at Jackson Park, she said more fields and better facilities are needed.

"We only practice once a week. Twice a week would be helpful," Hickling said of the team of 6- and 7-year-olds she coaches.

"Parents are enthusiastic to do two practices a week."

Henderson County officials and commissioners are aware of the need for more fields.

projections in geographic areas and what those areas might need as they grow, according to Lance.

Lance hopes to have the master plans completed within the next couple months.

### Soccer and other sports

Most county officials and parents agree that more soccer fields are a priority.

"What's hurting the program is the resources we do have aren't at as high a standard as I would want for the fields," said Tim H.

athletic program supervisor for Henderson County Parks and Recreation.

### WEB EXTRA

To see more photos from Henderson County's Jackson Park, visit [www.mts.com](http://www.mts.com).

years ago  
s look back  
chives of the

...tale that  
singers  
Erika  
waitressing  
popolitan  
s

...in the place  
id hostage  
s statement  
l of state-  
ding cap-  
er release

...s people  
d a place  
t struggle  
t their cars  
s is its own  
yng this  
ces  
ay they  
and

...e North  
ry Gov  
es of  
nd other  
s coffers  
ey he and  
sist will  
on the  
ually

...ted Friday

## Henderson County getting playing field red card

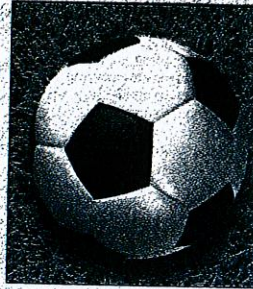
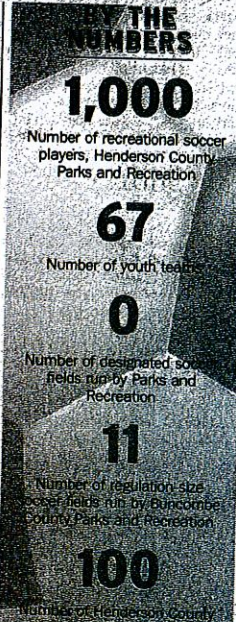
By SCOTT PARROTT  
Times-News Staff Writer

**I**t's a Wednesday afternoon, and the Diggity Dogs are running drills. They have gone 2-0 since the spring soccer season launched, but records mean little for these 8- and 9-year-old girls, who sport shin guards and smiles as they count off jumping jacks, run laps and kick soccer balls.

**INSIDE** The girls practice once each week, on the practice field for the Hendersonville Middle School football team. On this afternoon, coach Jeff Michels divided the girls into two lines for passing drills. He rolled the soccer ball toward one girl, who ran, caught the ball with her foot and then passed to another girl who ran along her right side.

The ball struck one hump, shot into the air and then landed on another hump, ricocheting. The girl retrieved the ball, reared her leg and let loose, kicking the ball through the goal — two battered, torn orange traffic cones.

Parents watched from field side, including Kevin Patrick, whose daughter plays on the Diggity Dogs.



'We know there's a concern and we're looking at every alternative we can to see if we can remedy the problem.'

**Roy Huntley**

vice chairman of the Henderson County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

There are spaces for soccer — most uneven turf riddled by rocks



### Facilities Needs Assessment Report Henderson County Parks and Recreation December 3, 2007

- 5 public input sessions
- Soccer Complex was identified as a top priority
- Report estimates between 6 and 11 million dollars may be needed for such a facility.
- Park has room for additional amenities including picnic shelters, playgrounds, walking trail and more....

8/7/2008

\*



The Henderson County Soccer Association, Inc. (HCSA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit and educational organization, was established in 2000.

Our mission is to foster the physical, mental, and emotional growth of our youth through the sport of soccer.

- Develop players by building and improving their skills and fitness
- Develop coaches through a high quality instructional program
- Promote and encourage high standards of sportsmanship

8/7/2008

\*



#### WHY IS HCSA SO ACTIVE

- Approximately 1,200 young people playing a year
- Approximately 600 adult league players
- There are no regulation size dedicated soccer fields in the Town, county, or city
- These fields will be used by recreation, academy, challenge, classic, and adult players

8/7/2008



## Highland Lake Park

- 65-acres
- 1.5 mile perimeter walking/biking trail
- 18 acre Soccer complex with Bermuda grass and irrigation
- Future recreational areas for picnic shelters, playgrounds, etc.

8/7/2008

*additional items to be considered.*









Ted Mackorell Soccer Park, Boone



Bryant Park, Greensboro



John B. Lewis Park, Asheville

8/7/2008



## HCSA PARTNERSHIP

- Completing Final Engineering Plans
- Prepared detailed Cost Estimates
- Preparing sediment and erosion control plans
- Private fund raising campaign
- HCSA Grant writing

8/7/2008



## Soccer Complex

- 3 FULL SIZE GRASS FIELDS
- 6 U-12 Fields
- Bermuda grass and irrigation
- Consistent playing conditions
- HCSA can host matches for our recreation and travel soccer teams
- Provide location for soccer camps and tournaments

8/7/2008



## "Dribble down effect"

Youth tournament boosts local economy 4/30/2003

- "according to projections from the Asheville area Chamber of Commerce, soccer fans won't be the only locals benefiting from the tournament (80 teams), Chamber estimates that the hordes of families flocking to the area will have a 1.6 million dollar impact on the local economy."
- "that impact goes beyond hotels and restaurants, there's also incidental shopping, souvenirs, they buy gas, eat in restaurants...this money is spread around."

8/7/2008



## Why should Henderson County support Highland Lake Park?

- This park will meet the number one need identified in the Henderson County Facilities Needs Assessment Report.
- This park could meet the top six needs identified in report
- There are more than 1,200 young people and 600 adult players playing soccer each year.
- There are no dedicated regulation sized soccer fields in the county.
- Master plan includes walking trails and future recreational uses that could include picnic shelters, playgrounds and more.

8/7/2008



## Henderson County Wins with Highland Lake Park

- Central location where families come together to enjoy our community
- Multipurpose park with new amenities for everyone in Henderson County
- Athletes of all ages and skill levels will have quality game and practice fields
- Civic pride
- Increased community marketability
- Economic benefit within Henderson County
- 8/7/2008
- Healthy and active families are proud to call Henderson County home



**TABLE 1: Fee Schedule**

	<u>Worst Case</u>	<u>Better Case</u>	<u>Best Case</u>
Player Participant Fees	\$50/\$40	\$75/\$55	\$80/\$65
Number of Participants	200 additional	1455	1455
Rental Fees for Fields and Facilities	\$75/\$115	\$75/\$115	\$150/\$200
Profit Sharing from Tournaments and Soccer Events			\$5,000
<b>Notes:</b>			
1. Fees included in the "Worst Case" scenario are based on the current fee schedule.			
2. Fee Schedule cost is for fall/spring seasons.			
3. Rental Fees are for field/park rentals			
4. Partnership with HCSA in sharing Tournaments profits on a 50/50 basis.			

	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 1	OPTION 2
	Worst Case Scenario FINANCING	Worst Case Scenario WITHOUT FINANCING	Better Case Scenario FINANCING	Better Case Scenario WITHOUT FINANCING	Best Case Scenario FINANCING	Best Case Scenario WITHOUT FINANCING	Best Case Scenario FINANCING	Best Case Scenario WITHOUT FINANCING
<b>Operating Revenues<sup>1</sup></b>								
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 25,610	\$ 25,610	\$ 49,700	\$ 49,700	\$ 81,390	\$ 81,390	\$ 81,390	\$ 81,390
<b>Expenses</b>								
Operating Expenses	\$ 144,121	\$ 144,121	\$ 144,121	\$ 144,121	\$ 144,121	\$ 144,121	\$ 144,121	\$ 144,121
Developmental Costs <sup>2</sup>	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Acquisition Costs <sup>3</sup>	\$ 141,427	\$ -	\$ 141,427	\$ -	\$ 141,427	\$ -	\$ 141,427	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 295,548	\$ 144,121	\$ 295,548	\$ 144,121	\$ 295,548	\$ 144,121	\$ 295,548	\$ 144,121
<b>Projected Net Profit/(Loss)</b>	\$ (269,938)	\$ (118,511)	\$ (245,848)	\$ (94,421)	\$ (214,158)	\$ (62,731)	\$ (214,158)	\$ (62,731)
<b>Cost Recovery</b>	9%	18%	17%	34%	28%	56%	28%	56%