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**PUBLIC INPUT NEEDED FOR COMPREHENSIVE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

Caddo Parish, LA – Caddo Parish Parks and Recreation and Shreveport Parks and Recreation (SPAR) will host a series of public input meetings for the development of a comprehensive parks and recreation master plan.

The master plan will provide a vision and framework for ensuring quality of life services, improved facilities, and park amenities for the next fifteen years. The plan will utilize a system-wide approach to evaluating parks and open space recreational facilities, and amenities to develop goals, policies, and guidelines for more accessible and efficient use of park space.

“We are excited to begin the process and receive public input on the future of our park systems,” said Caddo Parks and Recreation director Patrick Wesley. “Collaborating with SPAR to create a comprehensive plan will enhance the quality of our system and offerings to all citizens of Caddo Parish,” said Wesley.

“You can help define the future of your parks,” said Shreveport Mayor Adrian Perkins. “Last summer we held a series of listening sessions to hear directly from citizens. One of the things we heard often was the desire to improve our parks and green spaces. Now, we need you to tell us how you want us to do that.”

"Parks are where communities start. It's where a city starts," said Shreveport Public Assembly & Recreation Director Shelly Ragle. "The information we gain from these meetings will help us decide future capital projects, the types of programming we offer, and if any specialty parks are needed."



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Public meetings are designed for direct community engagement and conversation to set a shared vision for sustainable park systems for Caddo Parish and the City of Shreveport. The master plan is scheduled to be complete by the end of this calendar year. All meetings are free and open to the public.

Public meeting dates and locations:

- April 26: Vivian Town Hall Council Chambers, 112 W. Alabama, Vivian, LA
- April 27: Riverview Hall, 600 Clyde Fant Parkway, Shreveport, LA
- April 28: Bill Cockrell Community Center, 4109 Pines Rd, Shreveport, LA
- May 2: Southern Hills Community Center, 1002 W. Bert Kouns, Shreveport, LA
- May 3: David Raines Community Center, 2920 Round Grove Ln, Shreveport, LA
- May 4: Blanchard Town Hall, 110 N. Main, Blanchard, LA
- May 5: Airport Park Community Center, 6500 Kennedy Dr, Shreveport, LA

Citizens who are unable to attend the meeting can also visit [www.caddoparks.org/masterplan](http://www.caddoparks.org/masterplan) or [www.myspar.org/masterplan](http://www.myspar.org/masterplan) to complete the online survey.

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