

Help create a master plan for Fallen Leaf Lake Park

A master planning process for one of the newest additions to the City of Camas' extensive parks system will begin soon.

The community is invited to help plan future improvements for the 55-acre Fallen Leaf Lake Park, located at 2911 N.E. Everett St.

Citizens can make comments and propose suggestions and ideas during an open house that will be held Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Lacamas Lake Lodge, 227 N.E. Lake Road.

Design concepts that have been suggested include upgrades to existing park facilities, new opportunities for recreation, waterfront access and parking improvements.

The master plan will identify a lake loop trail system to help separate day-use activities from private rentals. It will also address improvements between park-trail connections and neighborhood access.

Specific proposed site improvements include better vehicle access from Northeast 23rd Avenue; additional day-use parking; a new trailhead from Northeast Lake Road; an over-water lookout and fishing pier; a launch for hand-carried boats; a play area and picnic tables; upgrades to the existing west-side trail; an elevated concrete walkway; kiosks; and a marked loop trail around the lake.

Fallen Leaf Lake is one of three interconnected lakes known as the Lacamas Corridor, which also includes Lacamas Lake and Round Lake.

Fallen Leaf Lake Park features shoreline access, natural forest, hiking and biking trails, picnic and rental facility and parking.

The city purchased the site in May 2011 for \$2.05 million from Koch RP Holdings I, LLC, which has owned the Georgia-Pacific Camas paper mill since 2005.

Those who are unable to attend the open house can submit comments by emailing Parks and Recreation Manager Jerry Acheson at jacheson@cityofcamas.us; visiting www.cityofcamas.us/index.php/parkshome; or visiting Lacamas Lake Lodge to obtain project flyers and comment cards.