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# PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

For immediate release through January 16, 2019

## **Residents invited to review draft master plans for Whitaker and Ninkpata parks**

Missoula Parks and Recreation will unveil master park plans for two Farviews-Pattee Canyon neighborhood parks at a public open house on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. Residents are invited to view the draft master plans for Whitaker and Ninkpata parks from 5 to 7 p.m. at UM's Lewis and Clark Village meeting room, 3000 S. Higgins.

Parks and Recreation staff will present the draft master park plans, summarize the design process and explain the next steps for future park development. Residents will have a chance to ask questions and comment on the proposed plans. Light refreshments will be served.

Neighborhood residents attended a Park Design Workshop in September 2018 to share their design ideas and priorities for the parks. Parks and Recreation planners incorporated workshop results into the park designs, which include amenities like multi-use sport courts, playgrounds and open green space. In addition, the proposed park plans incorporate the findings of the 2008 [Farviews-Pattee Canyon Park Study](#).

Public comment on the draft plans will be accepted January 16 through 31. Details will be posted at [www.missoulaparks.org](http://www.missoulaparks.org) after the January 16 Open House.

A master park plan is a comprehensive, community vision for a park, which guides park future development. When the final master park plans are adopted, Parks and Recreation can pursue funding for park development through the City budget, state and federal grants, impact fees and private and public partnerships. The planning process and site inventory are funded by Parks and Recreation.

Whitaker Park is located at 511 Whitaker Dr., and Ninkpata Park is located on the 200 block of E. Crestline Dr. Phone Parks and Recreation at 721-PARK (7275) or visit <https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/2495/WhitakerNinkpata-Parks> for more information.

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