



Lewis Creek Park master plan ice cream social Sat.

SWEET HOME — Mid-valley residents are invited to provide input about the proposed Master Plan for Lewis Creek County Park at an ice cream social from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the park on the north shore of Foster Reservoir.

“We are excited to show county residents and Lewis Creek visitors the final draft master plan for Lewis Creek County Park,” Linn County Parks Director Brian Carroll said. “The staff from Cameron McCarthy Landscape Architects have done a great job soliciting the public’s ideas about what they would like to see at Lewis Creek and incorporating those ideas into the new design.”

Parks staff members have been working with Cameron McCarthy for more than a year, developing the first master plan in 50 years for the popular day-use facility.

Numerous public hearings seeking input about what the public would like the park to look like have been held since the winter of 2020.

Written surveys were solicited and parks and the architectural firm’s staff have met with representatives of numerous community groups, from the Sweet Home City Council and Chamber of Commerce, to user groups such as the annual Best in the West Triathlon and the Willamette Valley Water Polo league.

Input focused on needed infrastructure improvements including restrooms, potable water, increase electrical power services and open lawn and playground areas for children.

At this point, the preferred plan focuses on a naturalistic concept, with ample open spaces, access to water and lawns that will allow people to spread out. There would be a universally accessible playground, a rental building, space for concessions, volleyball courts, space to launch kayaks and paddle boards, shaded structures, and hiking trails.

The plan would improve boat slips and the dock area and add parking spaces.

A new water safety barrier has already been installed at the swimming area.

For more information, visit <https://linnparks.com/parks/lewis-creek/> or call the Parks & Recreation Department at 541-967-3917.

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Linn County Parks and Recreation Invites You To.....

A LEWIS CREEK PARK ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Join us to share your ideas on the final design for an improved Lewis Creek Park, enjoy music and activities, and best of all, cool off with some free ice cream!

Saturday, August 28th
10AM - 2PM
Lewis Creek Park

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