

Inclusive playground construction underway

**(KAIR)--Grant monies are secured as the City of Atchison moves forward with construction of an inclusive playground at the city's Jackson Park.**

**Approved by the City Commission in August, funding support was offered by Live Well, Live Atchison, through the “Pathways to a Healthy Kansas” program, offered by insurance provided, Blue Cross Blue Shield.**

**In September, the Commission was tasked with approval of a tobacco-free ordinance, in order to secure the funding.**

**As promised, the organization, according to a [news release](#) issued by the City, has presented the \$32,000 grant for construction of the playground.**

**The ordinance that led to the funding prohibits tobacco use within 25-feet of all playground areas located on city property.**

**According to the news release issued November 5, construction of the inclusive playground began in October, with demolition, site grading, and perimeter concrete having been completed since that time.**

**The project is expected to be completed in four to five weeks, once the playground structures, surfacing, and perimeter fencing have been installed.**

**The release says the inclusive playground “aims to provide a fun, safe environment where children can be social, develop skills, work on sensory challenges, learn from each other, and most of all, have fun together.”**

**It will feature a wheelchair accessible composite structure, a multiple occupant saucer swing, a merry-go-round, musical instruments, and a tunnel mound.**

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