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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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