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Our campus will come alive again this fall with hundreds of students. We are busy preparing for classes to resume the last week of August. For our south Knoxville community, this means sports! Our men's and women's soccer, tennis, and volleyball teams will compete this fall while taking necessary health precautions.

We love hearing from you.
Questions? Comments?
Contact Matt Johnson,
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We're making room for our fans to participate safely. This fall you will have the option to download a free ticket on your smartphone by going to JohnsonRoyals.com and choosing your event. You will also have the ability to order concession stand items on your phone and they will be delivered to your seat!

Of course, we'll do our best to ensure the health of our fans by taking all necessary precautions including masks and social distancing. JU plans to be open and safe this fall. For fans who would prefer to cheer from home, we will also offer some live-streaming events. Go Royals!

We need your input!

The old Kimberlin Heights Park property on Bays Mountain Road has become University property, and we're looking into options to make it a community asset once more. One option we're exploring is a partnership with BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Foundation. Their "Healthy Place" program provides grants and support to build ten parks across the state in 2021.

The proposed park would have a pavilion, playground equipment, a sidewalk, benches, and fitness stations. If you have visited the park recently, you know a lot of work is necessary to prepare for such an improvement. This work represents a sizable investment from our University and from BlueCross.

Since the result is not just University usage but also public access, we plan to keep the community's needs front-of-mind. So, before we take another step, we're seeking your input. It is important to us that whatever we do with this property has broad community support.

We are exploring options. With that in mind, we've created a web page to receive your feedback. Please go to **JohnsonU.edu/ParkSurvey** to share your thoughts. Your responses will be our main source of community input. The survey will allow you to tell us what you think the spot should be used for, what concerns you have, and what we need to consider as we move forward.



An artist's rendering of one option for this community space

Share your feedback at JohnsonU.edu/ParkSurvey

Prayers for Our Community

We continue to pray for our community. Families, jobs, and health have all been affected by our current crisis. We believe God's ear bends towards those who suffer. As our founder, Ashley Johnson, used to say, "We work as if everything depends on work; we believe as if everything depends on faith; we pray as if everything depends on prayer; we wait as if everything depends on waiting."

