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Neighbor NEWSLETTER



Prayer for our **COMMUNITY**

We continue to pray for our community. Our families, employment, and health continue to be affected by this pandemic. We pray the Lord grants you protection, providence, and perseverance. As bells from the JU campus regularly resound through Kimberlin Heights, may our neighbors be reminded of the Lord's consistent care for his people. God bless!

We **love** hearing from you.
Questions? Comments?

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Kimberlin Park **UPDATE**

Thanks to you, our neighbors, who responded to an online survey concerning the old Kimberlin Park property on Bays Mountain Road. While your responses were diverse, three desired features were mentioned most often: a walking track, a playground for children, and a pavilion. Uses you envisioned ranged from private gatherings to various community events. Two concerns stood out: security and maintenance.

While no park can be all things to all people, we hope to revitalize this property in 2021 for the good of the community. County Commissioner Carson Daily shares this vision and is working to connect us with state grants to (hopefully) supplement a grant from BlueCross Healthy Places. That grant will be announced early in 2021. Again, thank you for your support and feel free to thank and encourage Commissioner Dailey for his support of our community.

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Share the NEWS!

Do you have or know a high school student who could thrive at Johnson University after high school graduation?

Do you know someone who is interested in pursuing a master's degree or a Ph.D.? (Or are you that person???)

We love to connect with future students! Send student information to Admissions@JohnsonU.edu and our Admissions department will reach out.

Campus SPORTS

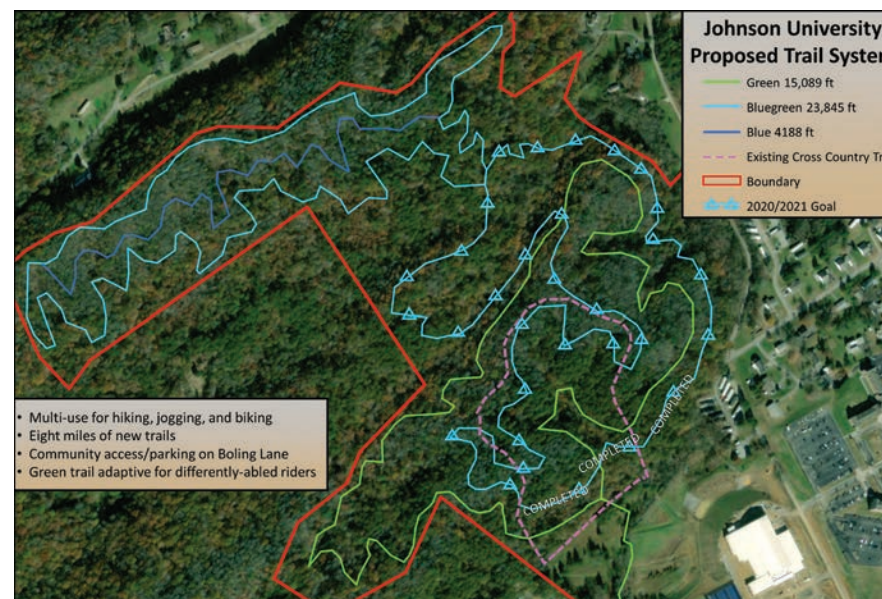


When can our neighbors get back to campus and enjoy a sporting event? Our fall sports began with a delay and have undergone significant modifications. Right now, we can offer spectators access to some outside events, including women's and men's soccer.

These are the precautions we are taking for outdoor events:

- Screening and temperature check are required for everyone.
- Hands must be sanitized as you enter the gate.
- **Bring your own seat.** The bleachers will be blocked off.
- Face mask must be available at all times. One will be provided if you do not have one. Face mask must be worn if you are within six feet of others.
- Practice social distancing; stay six feet away from those outside of your group.
- No more than six people to a group.
- Fans are NOT allowed within six feet of players even if they are family.
- Fans MUST exit the field as soon as the game ends.

Thank you for supporting our local athletics. Johnson University appreciates our Royal fans and wants to keep the Pride safe.



*It's exciting for us to **SHARE NEWS** that work has begun to **EXPAND** our trail system. This map details our trail expansion plans.*

Notice all trails are on the west side of Hodges Ferry Road and behind the ARC. We are working with experienced and local trail builder Randy Conner, who will guide us through our work with volunteers and use his professional builders when necessary.

Our goal is to build two miles of trails this school year. Thanks to student volunteers, one third of a mile is already complete. Eight miles of new trails are planned. These trails will be multi-use (hiking, biking, and jogging) and open to our community. That means you! The green loop will be adaptive, so the width and grade will allow for wheelchair access. The blue-green loop will be the longest and the difficulty level will be easy to moderate. The blue trail will be more technical.

We want the community involved from the very beginning. These days, however, we are all learning to live with new levels of flexibility. We will wait until the threat of coronavirus transmission passes before inviting community volunteers to participate. There will be plenty of work to do next year. So as our University president says, we'll remain "courageously patient" until the time is right. In the meantime, we'll keep you informed!

Trail DEVELOPMENT

