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New Richard Siegel Soccer Practice Fields Open for Practice Play *Jordan Farm Property Converted to Soccer Practice Facility and Parking Area*

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — The Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department is proud to announce the opening of Richard Siegel Park Fields 16-21 located at the old Jordan Farm Property, 1233 Cherry Lane in Murfreesboro.

“We are excited to introduce the new practice fields on Cherry Lane to our Richard Siegel Parks recreational venue,” said Parks Director Angela Jackson. “The fields were constructed due to a shortage of available space for youth soccer and to contribute to a rapidly growing sport in Middle Tennessee.”

The recently completed Phase 1 of the project includes six new soccer practice fields and parking. Long range plans for Phase 2 will include a restroom/pavilion with funding from a Local Recreation and Parks Fund (LPRF) grant from the Tennessee Department of and Conservation (TDEC).

In addition to the practice fields, the department has also added sports lighting to field 11-15 at Siegel Soccer Park. “Adding lighting to the additional four fields and the areas around the fields increases the capacity for play after dark,” said Thomas Laird of Parks & Rec. “Increasing the number of lighted fields is particularly important as daylight decreases in the fall and the saving time change falls back in November.”

Richard Siegel Soccer Complex and Community Park is a 130-acre complex which plays host to some of the most prestigious events in the country, including the Tennessee Soccer State Championships and the TSSAA State Soccer Championships. The complex has one lighted stadium field, eight lighted regulation fields and six lighted unit fields as well as pavilions and restroom facilities. Now, with the addition of the new practice fields, which are not lighted, the complex has twenty-one soccer fields.

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The growing sport of soccer in Murfreesboro not only brings wellness opportunities to our park system but also contributes to tourism with a significant economic benefit to restaurants and hotels in the community.

For more information on Richard Siegel Soccer Park, call 615-867-4913 or visit the Siegel Soccer Complex & Community Park webpage at <http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/194/Siegel-Soccer-Complex-Community-Park>. To contact City Parks & Recreation Department, call 615-890-5333.

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Photos attached provided by Jim Davis, Murfreesboro Parks & Recreation Department:

1. *New Richard Siegel Park Fields 16-21 wide view.jpg*
2. *Richard Siegel Park Fields 16-21 Parking.jpg*
3. *Soccer Practice at Richard Siegel Park Fields.jpg*