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MUELLER’S SEVENTH PUBLIC PARK HEADED TO NEW HEIGHTS

Town Center Park to Feature a ‘Prospect Hill,’ Among Other Unique Features

AUSTIN, Texas – May 31, 2017 – The construction of the next public park at [Mueller](#) will soon be underway along Aldrich and Philomena streets. Town Center Park will be an active 3.5-acre open space located across from the [new Texas Mutual Insurance Companies office](#) and AMLI’s second multifamily community on the northern end of the [Aldrich Street](#) mixed-use district.

“We programmed this new park to reflect the diverse users in the area, including office, retail, multi-family and single-family housing, as well as visitors and surrounding neighborhoods,” said Steven Spears, a partner of [Design Workshop](#), part of the design team for the park. “The park will be filled with a variety of unique elements that recognize the diverse adjacent users while complementing Mueller’s existing parks.”

The new open space will feature a “prospect hill,” approximately 15-feet high, that will allow visitors elevated views of the park and unobstructed views down Mattie Street toward Ella Wooten Park to the south. The hill’s street-facing side will be covered with native and adaptive plantings, while the park-facing side will provide an overlook lawn to watch activities in the park below.

Beyond its prospect hill, Town Center Park will include a special water feature that will emulate the way water flows in Central Texas: with a push of a button, park goers will be able to operate interactive jets that represent rain. The water will then channel through an area that resembles a Hill Country stream before the water shoots out of “limestone cliffs,” offering an interactive experience.



Town Center Park in Mueller will be a 3.5-acre green urban oasis in the heart of the bustling, mixed-use Aldrich Street district. The park will feature a hill, volleyball and bocce courts, a unique water play area and playground, a dog run, a bike care station, an open field and hundreds of shade trees among other features. Image courtesy Design Workshop.

For group activities, Town Center Park will also feature two regulation-sized sand volleyball courts and a flexible area for social games like Bocce. A 10-foot wide trail and an exercise/stretching area will also include a bicycle care station alongside bike racks. A nearby set of restrooms will feature a landscaped rooftop.

A children's playground will feature swing sets, climbing spaces and other equipment designed for multiple age ranges with adjacent sensory gardens that feature a wide variety of textures, colors and sounds to stimulate the minds of the youngest playground users. Additional rain gardens will absorb and help filter both rain runoff and reclaimed water irrigation. Nearly 220 shade and ornamental trees will be planted throughout the park to strategically offer protection from Central Texas sun while preserving an open lawn area suitable for family picnics, flying a kite or playing catch.

Rounding out the park programming, Town Center Park will feature an approximately 6,500-square-foot, enclosed, off-leash dog run. The park is scheduled to be completed later in 2018.

“When it's completed, Town Center Park will offer an ideal blend of activity and relaxation,” said Ken Blaker, Senior Vice President of Development for [Catellus Development](#), the master developer of Mueller. “Like the rest of Aldrich Street, we envision this park will be fully utilized throughout the day, but also serve as a restful spot for employees, neighbors and the community at large.”

Town Center Park will be the seventh [park in Mueller](#), following completion of the Northwest Greenway, Lake Park, Southwest Greenway, Ella Wooten Park, Paggi Square and John Gaines Park. Part of the Southeast Greenway has also been developed with more work expected later in 2018. With Town Center Park, Catellus will have developed more than 90 acres of Mueller's 140 acres of parks and natural open space.

Town Center Park is the latest development surrounding Mueller's Aldrich Street, a vibrant activity hub in the heart of the master-planned community. Recently, Alamo Drafthouse opened, Catellus broke ground on Texas Mutual's headquarters, and a number of fitness operators and local restaurants have announced their first location or expansion to the district. The district is also home to the Thinkery, several local businesses, three multi-family communities, Lake Park and Mueller's information center.

About Mueller: Mueller is one of the nation's most notable new-urbanist communities located in the heart of Austin. The 700-acre site of Austin's former airport is being transformed into a diverse, sustainable, compatible, revitalizing and fiscally responsible master-planned community. Mueller is taking shape as a joint project between the City of Austin [Economic Development](#) department and Catellus Development over 10 to 15 years following nearly 20 years of extensive citizen input. Upon completion, Mueller will feature at least 5,900 single-family and multi-family homes, a mixed-use town center district known as [Aldrich Street](#), 4.4 million square feet of prime commercial space, including 750,000 square feet of local and regional retail space, 140 acres of parks and open space, plus Dell Children's Medical Center, the Austin Film Studios, The Thinkery, H-E-B and the Austin ISD Performing Arts Center. For more information, visit www.MuellerAustin.com, find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/MuellerAustin and follow us on Twitter [@MuellerAustin](https://twitter.com/MuellerAustin).

About Catellus: Catellus is a national leader in mixed-use development, solving some of America's most complex land challenges. With nearly 30 years of experience as a master developer, Catellus has transformed former airports, military bases and urban industrial sites into thriving retail, residential and commercial communities. These projects, which often include substantial public amenities, add economic, social and environmental value to the communities they serve. Catellus has both the financial strength and development expertise to turn vision into reality at even the most demanding development sites. For more information, visit www.catellus.com.

About the City of Austin, Economic Development Department – Redevelopment: The City's Economic Development Department, formed in 2002, has led redevelopment, small business development, business recruitment, international economic development, and the cultural arts, music and film programs for the City. With a focus on regenerating key assets of the city, Economic Development has implemented catalyst redevelopment projects, including the Seaholm District, Second Street Retail District, and the Mueller Redevelopment, an award-winning national model for responsible urban planning and development. Visit www.austintexas.gov/ecodev.

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