

## **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARK** **PARK HISTORY**

This park was acquired as the result of a large urban renewal project in the unincorporated area of Elmwood Park. This project spanned the early sixties with \$15,575 spent for land and \$28,000 in development. Several names for the park were proposed through a local school "Name the Park" contest. On July 17, 1968 the area was dedicated as Martin Luther King, Jr. County Park. The park was renovated in 1985 with improvements to the restrooms, playground, and ballfield. This was funded by Community Development money.

A new master plan for the park was developed with public input from the community and the Park was completely redeveloped accordingly in 2001. The Community Development Office provided the funding. A grant from the St. Louis Health Department paid for the rubber surfacing from recycled materials under the playground structures.