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New courts to enhance Berkley Riverfront Park



By the end of the summer sports fans will be able to play volleyball and kickball on Kansas City's riverfront. A new recreational space will be constructed this summer at Berkley Riverfront Park, a great addition for KC natives and visitors alike. Port KC and [KC Crew](#), a thriving local recreational sports league operator, teamed up to meet demand for more recreational opportunities near downtown.

Plans include six full-sized sand volleyball courts with high efficiency LED lights for night play, a kickball field and a leisure sports area for activities such as badminton, croquet, bags and bocce ball. Once fully operational, the site has the potential to host approximately 1,000 volleyball and 250 kickball league players per week. Public use, spectators and special events will continue to increase facility use as momentum gains. Special events including live music, food trucks and sports tournaments will be scheduled throughout the year. The courts will operate through the spring, summer and fall each year. The new amenities will be located near the eastern most part of the park. Construction is expected to be complete by mid-summer 2016. This is the first phase of sport courts to be constructed at the park. Future plans include construction of a bocce court and additional amenities. The construction of the Berkley Courts complements Port KC's vision for the riverfront as an active, mixed-use urban village.

Rail connection to make port terminal a multimodal freight center



— Port Boundary — 2016 Planned Rail — Future Rail

After reopening the Port of Kansas City - Woodswether terminal in August 2015, Port KC President & CEO, Michael Collins, is seeing his vision of a truly multimodal freight center come to fruition. So far this year the port has handled 17 barges carrying 25,500 tons, equivalent to 1,159 truckloads. Originally this freight was trucked from Tulsa, OK. By moving directly to Kansas City by barge, there have been 290,000 road miles saved!

The port has also been successful in obtaining funding to reconnect rail infrastructure to the Union Pacific main line that is located next to the port property. Opening the port to rail connection will give shippers direct access from waterborne transport to rail infrastructure. The port terminal will offer transloading services for shippers interfacing with all ground modes of freight carriage. There is limited service for rail transfer offered to small and medium sized shippers who do not have rail access. The Port of Kansas City will now be an option for these shippers. The above map shows planned and future rail infrastructure at the port terminal. Initially there will be approx. 2,300 feet of rail installed with an additional 2,400 feet planned for the future.

First loan closed under new program



Port KC has closed the first loan under the *Diversified Contractors Growth Fund* (DCGF) after launching the program in April. Through the DCGF, Port KC and DCGF funding partner AltCap provided a \$35,000 working capital loan to A.D. Heating & Air Service to support their participation in the St. Michael's Veterans Center Campus construction project.

Located at 2221 Prospect Ave., A.D. Heating & Air Services has provided heating and cooling installation, service, maintenance and repairs to the Kansas City area for over 10 years. Owner Alvin "Demond" Ammons is a Master Mechanic and Project Manager, while his wife Crystal runs the day-to-day operations. Their family-owned and operated business is MBE/DBE/SBLE Section 3 certified and has an A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau.

Diversified Contractors Growth Fund (DCGF) was created by Port KC in partnership with AltCap to increase minority-and women-owned enterprises (M/WBEs) access to capital. The DCGF is specifically targeted to assist M/WBE certified trades contractors in the commercial construction industry. For more information please visit this [link](#).

Properties available for lease at Richards-Gebaur



At Richards-Gebaur Commerce Park, tenants enjoy easy access to major highways and interstates including I-49, 29, 35, 70, 435 and 635.

Additionally, these properties benefit from inclusion in a foreign trade zone and class I freight rail service from Kansas City Southern.

One such property, located at 3500 E 155th St., is available for lease and includes the following:

- 31,601 sf industrial property available
- Gradelevel hangar building
- Outside storage suitable for variety of uses
- Lease rate \$2.00/sf net of utilities
- Can be leased with adjacent 5,540 sf building

For more information and a list of all properties available for lease at Richards-Gebaur please [click here](#). For any inquiries, please contact Mark Long, SIOR, CCIM, LEED AP, at m.long@ngzimmer.com or call 816-512-1011.

Upcoming ITC events targeting international business

As an active board member and steering committee

participant, Port KC would like to announce International

Trade Council (ITC) of Greater Kansas City's ([link](#)) upcoming

events. ITC is a regional nonprofit association committed to

building a strong and successful international business network in the Kansas City region. To achieve this,

ITCGKC connects professionals and global partners in the international business and academic communities,

delivers timely international trade education and bridges access to relevant resources.

Upcoming Events:

June 20th from 11:30 pm to 1:00 pm- Women in International Business Luncheon featuring NASCO President Tiffany Melvin at Webster House. For more information and registration, [click here](#).

June 21st from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm- NASCO Impact Update: Tiffany Melvin, President, shares successes and future challenges. For more information and registration, [click here](#).



About Port KC

Port KC's mission is to foster the economic vitality of Kansas City, Mo., through transportation, trade, commerce and development.

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