

GEORGE WINTER PARK

PARK HISTORY

In April 1969, the St. Louis County Council enacted several ordinances which permitted the acceptance of a parksite from Winter Brothers Material Company. This site consisted of a gift of 37.4 acres and an additional adjacent 13.12 acres to be leased for \$1.00 per year, annually renewable for the next 50 years. This combined parcel was named after George Winter Sr. and was dedicated as a County Park on August 29, 1971.

In May 1974 an additional gift of 52.65 acres was received from Gloria and Wanda Winter. Another gift of 13.619 acres, given in honor of Viola Winter, brought the park size to 116.789 acres (August 1974). An additional 8.05 acres were added in 1986 with Bond Issue Funds.

The lake was created through the dredging operations of Winter Brothers Material Company. By 2003, it was silting up and could no longer be used for some water recreation events. Due to siltation, one ramp is restricted to Jetski use only depending on the water level.

A boat ramp was constructed in 1978 partially with funds donated by the Concord Village Lions Club as a result of the cooperation between the Department and this civic organization.

Winter Park is the scene of the annual Concord Village Lions Benefit Boat Race.

Winter Park became a Land and Water Park with the acceptance of the trail grant in 1992.

George Winter Park is included in the Meramec River Greenway.

GEORGE WINTER, SR.

George Winter, Sr. was born in 1894, and spent his career working as a stonemason and quarry man in the Sappington area. After World War II he and his sons, George Winter, Jr. and Robert Winter, started Winter Brothers Material Co. in South County. George Sr. retired in the 1950's, but worked as an advisor to the company until his death in 1992. In 1971 the Winter

Brothers Material Co. donated land to St. Louis County for a park. The park was named the George Winter Park in his honor. In 1974 an additional gift of 52.65 acres was received from Gloria and Wanda Winter. A few months later another gift was given in honor of his wife, Viola Winter. George and Viola Winter had three daughters and three sons.