



Cincinnati Park Board

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WHO: Cincinnati Park Board and Public Services Department

WHAT: Announce New "Green" Hybrid Vehicles Deployed in Parks

The Cincinnati Park Board is pleased to announce the award of four new "Green" vehicles, thanks to a US Department of Energy "Clean City Grant" obtained in partnership with the City of Cincinnati Department of Public Services, Fleet Management Division.

The four new vehicles delivered this week are Toyota Prius hybrid cars, replacing four SUV vehicles. The environmental benefits of the replacement vehicles are exceptional. A Prius emits an average of 3.4 tons-equivalent of CO₂ per year, compared to 7.5 tons emitted by the SUV vehicles. The environmental benefit of using the four new hybrid vehicles is the clean air equivalent to planting a forest of 6 acres! In addition to the environmental benefits, and maybe even more important to the taxpayers in times of budget challenges, the Park Board expects to avoid about \$3,000 in fuel costs every year with these new vehicles.

The Park Board fleet will become even "greener" later this year, with the deployment of eight trucks powered by propane fuel.

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MORE ABOUT THE GREENING OF THE CITY FLEET

The City is focused on finding new ways to continue reducing the carbon footprint of the City.

- In addition to the green vehicles being introduced to the Parks fleet, 4 hybrid vehicles were recently purchased for Public Services, 6 hybrid Highlanders were purchased by the Police Department, and the City is now researching the use of hybrid ariel boom trucks.
- The City uses synthetic oil and by-pass oil filter systems in twelve Police pursuit vehicles. Initial results indicate an oil change interval of 25,000 miles. The current interval for a Police pursuit vehicle is 3,000 miles.
- Specialized filters designed to extend oil change interval are being used on solid waste packers.
- The Metropolitan Sewer District is testing MicroGreen extended performance oil filters which extends oil drain interval between 24,000 miles and 30,000 miles.
- The City is in the process of testing various synthetic oils.

MORE ABOUT GREEN INITIATIVES IN CINCINNATI PARKS

The Park Board is implementing Mayor Mallory's "Green Cincinnati Initiative" with 31 green Park projects, ranging from "Big Belly" solar-powered trash cans to rain gardens (as featured in the "Future of Water" exhibit at the Krohn Conservatory.) The economic and environmental benefits generated by our Parks & green park projects make Cincinnati a more livable city.

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