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The City of Burleson's first universally accessible playground will be dedicated Saturday, April 7, thanks to the efforts of the City and several community organizations.

The dedication is at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park, 1100 Scarlet Sage Pkwy., off of McAlister Road.

This is the first fully accessible park for children of all abilities. The park is made possible by the City's parks and recreation department, the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), the Burleson Garden Club, Burleson Rotary Club, Burleson Rotary Mid-Day Club, Delight Justice/Center for Western Cross Timbers Studies, and Court Appointed Special Advocates of Johnson County (CASA).

Saturday's speakers include Burleson Mayor Ken Shetter, CASA President Blake Kretz, Burleson Rotary Club President Bruce Anderson, and Tom Collett who serves with the Burleson Youth Association's Buddy Ball program and as a Pony official.

Centennial Park will allow physically challenged children and able-bodied children to play together. The surface of the playground equipment is a mixture of a rubberized material and engineered wood fiber to aid in mobility. A shade structure shields the playground. Ramps are ADA compliant.

The park also includes an 18-space parking lot, concrete walk, concrete pad for a future pavilion, minimal irrigation, drinking fountain, trash cans, benches and a restroom. In honor of the City's Centennial, a 100 -strong Double Knock Out Rose garden is also part of the park.

Also coming for the City's newest park will be another centennial celebration slated for Nov. 3 . . . the planting of the City's Veteran's Grove. Through the efforts of citizens community-wide, 100 native Texas trees will be planted at the park to honor the men and women who serve or have served in the armed forces. The trees are being furnished by the City and TXU Energy.