

## **SOUTH PARK'S PLAYGROUND AREAS CONTINUE TO TRANSFORM**

Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department District #2 staff recently transformed the center playground area surface in South Park from woodchips to a rubber material created from recycled tires.



The project was funded through a matching grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Waste Management in an effort to conserve landfill space and reduce the need for new solid waste facilities.

Last year, Park and Recreation staff converted the south playground in South Park to the recycled material. One area remains and will be converted at some point in the future.

The conversion to the rubber material helps ward off weed invasion. It also cushions falls softer than woodchips and doesn't cause splinters. Plus, the replacement of the recycled, rubber material occurs less often than woodchips, saving money over time. Playground areas at Clinton Park and HAND Park were the first to be converted to the recycled, rubber material in 2008.

