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SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT RIBBON CUTTING FOR COMER COX PARK SPLASH FOUNTAIN

Date: Saturday, June 14, 2014
Place: Comer Cox Park, 301 Martin Luther King Drive, Springfield IL 62703
Time: 12:30 pm (approximate)

[Springfield, IL] – The Springfield Park District is excited to announce the ribbon cutting and opening of the Comer Cox Splash Fountain. The Splash Fountain is a culmination of efforts from the Springfield Parks Foundation, Springfield Park District, Springfield Urban League, City Officials and Neighborhood Associations for Comer Cox Park.

The project was first introduced as a possible addition to Comer Cox back in January of 2011 as a project that the Springfield Parks Foundation wanted to sponsor. After a long planning phase, dedicated community member involvement, construction and final implementation of the fountain last fall, the Springfield Park District and Springfield Parks Foundation is excited to showcase this new feature to Comer Cox and cut the ribbon!

The total cost of the project was $41,500 dollars, of which the Springfield Parks Foundation funded the entire amount. Lambert Custom Pools performed the design and construction of the Splash Fountain. Goodman Fence constructed a small iron-retaining fence around the Fountain. The scope of work included 800 square feet of concrete, iron fencing, plumbing lines and drainage system, 16 jet nozzles and a fully supported pump and filtration system to be securely housed within the shelter adjacent the Fountain. Shaun Lambert, of Lambert Custom Pools also donated a 5 year Fountain Service Agreement which includes, starting the Splash Fountain each season, all necessary chemicals and labor included with the start-up, weekly equipment checks during the summer season and winterizing the Splash Fountain each fall.

The Splash Fountain at Comer Cox opens each Memorial Day weekend and closes Labor Day weekend. It is open daily from 10am – 10pm and at any given time you can find the local children splashing and playing in the fun jets of cool water. It is a great enhancement to the updated playground area, visually as well as an interactive feature. Families who host parties in the adjacent Picnic Shelter can add to their experience now that the Splash Fountain is complete. Park Board President, Leslie Sgro commented “Made possible through a strong partnership with the Springfield Parks Foundation, the Splash Fountain is a tremendous addition to Comer Cox Park that will provide a new recreational activity for local residents to enjoy all summer long.

We hope you will join us for our Ribbon Cutting this Saturday, June 14th. We will partner with the 21st Annual Juneteenth Celebration to host the Ribbon Cutting during their announcements, shortly after their parade concludes around 12:30pm. The Springfield Park District is grateful for the support of the Springfield Parks Foundation in partnering to provide such wonderful features within our park systems. It is because of their dedication and willingness to support the need of facilities, parks and wishes of the community that we can add enhancements such as the Comer Cox Splash Fountain.

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