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## **Parks and Recreation Planning Rededication of Douglass Park and Pool**

Columbia Parks and Recreation is planning a rededication and ribbon cutting ceremony at Douglass Park and Pool at 1 p.m. on June 16, to commemorate recent improvements at the facility.

Admission to the pool will be free that day between 1 and 1:30 p.m. After that, admission will cost only 10 cents the rest of the day for youth and adults. Parks and Recreation aquatic staff is planning games for kids at the top of every hour starting at 2 p.m.

The improvements at the pool includes a new modular climbing wall, which will allow swimmers to climb up a few feet and then fall back into the water. Douglass is the only city pool to have this feature. Extensive repairs were made to the pool shell, gutter system, plumbing and mechanical systems, improvements were made to the bathhouse, and the slide was refurbished. Westport Pools, Inc. was the contractor for the project. The cost was covered by \$200,000 in park sales tax funds and \$99,000 through the Community Development Block Grant program.

The rest of the park has undergone a facelift as well. New basketball courts were completed in time for the Moonlight Hoops summer basketball program. New concrete walkways and lighting/electrical improvements are underway and should be completed by the end of June. Karrenbrock Construction has performed the concrete work. This \$150,000 project was funded by the park sales tax.

The rededication is being held in conjunction with the annual Juneteenth celebration at Douglass Park.

For more information, call 874-7460.