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## **Renovations Begin at Douglass Pool**

The renovation of the City of Columbia's Douglass Family Aquatic Center began Wednesday (September 13). The pool renovation is on the list of parks projects that will be funded by an extension of the eighth-cent parks sales tax approved by voters last November.

The work at Douglass includes repair of the pool shell, gutter system, plumbing and mechanical systems. A modular climbing wall designed specifically for pools will also be installed, making Douglass the first city pool to have such a feature. The City has contracted with Westport Pools to complete the work. The project is scheduled to be completed in time for the pool to open for the 2007 swimming season.

Total cost of the repairs is \$299,000. The park sales tax will fund \$200,000 of that cost and the remaining \$99,000 will be provided by a Community Development Block Grant.

For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 874-7460.