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Mayor Darwin Hindman
Columbia City Council
City Manager Bill Watkins
Auburn Hills Neighborhood Association
Columbia Parks and Recreation Commission

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*Dedication of
Auburn Hills Park*

*A special thank you to the Parks Services staff for their efforts
in the creation of this park.*



October 10, 2009



Located on an 11.56-acre tract, Auburn Hills Park is one of Columbia's newest neighborhood parks.

The need for a neighborhood park in the vicinity of the area that is now known as the Auburn Hills Subdivision was identified in the *1994 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan*. The tract was acquired in 2002 for the purchase price of \$150,000. Funding for the acquisition came from a voter-approved one-quarter cent capital improvement sales tax.

Auburn Hills was one of six new neighborhood parks that received funding for development from the 2005 Park Sales Tax ballot. The budget for the park development was \$135,000, which included \$100,000 from the Park Sales Tax and \$35,000 in force account labor.

Auburn Hills features amenities most commonly found in neighborhood parks: a non-reservable picnic shelter, a basketball half-court, a .3 mile gravel trail around the park's perimeter, and a playground. Auburn Hills also has a pond stocked with minnows and red-eared sunfish. Bass will be added to the pond in the future.

The planning process for Auburn Hills began in July 2007 with an interested parties meeting in the neighborhood. City Council approved the park master plan in September 2007.

Thank you for being here today at the dedication ceremony.

**Columbia Parks and Recreation:
Creating Community through People, Parks, and Programs**

Auburn Hills Park

5101 Derby Ridge Drive

**Dedication and Ribbon-Cutting
11:00 am, Saturday, October 10, 2009**

Welcome ~ Mike Hood, Director, Columbia Parks and Recreation

Remarks ~ Mayor Darwin Hindman, City of Columbia

Ribbon Cutting

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