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Parks and Recreation, Boone County to Dedicate Atkins Park

Columbia Parks and Recreation is planning a dedication ceremony at the new Thomas E. "Country" Atkins Jr. Memorial Park on Monday, May 11. Located adjacent to the Boone County Fairgrounds, Atkins Park is cooperatively owned by the City of Columbia and Boone County. The dedication will be held at 5:45 p.m., prior to the evening's baseball games.

The 81-acre park at 5220 N. Oakland Gravel Road is the site of two new lighted baseball fields. The fields opened for play in March, although the park remains under development.

The property was donated by Tom Atkins in 2002 to the City of Columbia and Boone County, each having undivided one-half interest. Mr. Atkins donated the land with the intent that the land be developed for youth recreation.

The ceremony will include remarks by city and county officials, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, ceremonial first pitch, giveaways and refreshments.

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