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Columbia Parks and Recreation Commission

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contributed to the success of this project:**

Westport Pools, Inc.
Karrenbrock Construction, Inc.

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



The Dedication of Douglass Park and Pool

June 16, 2007



Douglass Park is one of the oldest recreational facilities in Columbia's parks system. The park and pool were built in 1938 and have undergone many changes since then. Over the last few months, more improvements have been made.

The work 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 just opened 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 City of Columbia appreciates the support shown by the community for Douglass Park. Thank you for being here today to share in the dedication ceremony.

DEDICATION PROGRAM

Douglass Park and Pool
1 p.m., Saturday, June 16, 2007

Welcome and Introductions ~ Mr. Mike Hood, Director, Columbia
Parks and Recreation Department

Remarks ~ Mr. Bill Watkins, Manager, City of Columbia

Remarks ~ Councilman Chris Janku, Mayor Pro Tem,
City of Columbia

Closing Remarks ~ Mr. Mike Hood

Ribbon Cutting

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