

## Special Thanks

The citizens of Columbia and Boone County  
Mayor Bob McDavid  
Columbia City Council  
Boone County Commission  
City Manager Mike Matthes  
Deputy City Manager Tony St. Romaine  
Former Parks and Recreation Director Mike Hood  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Columbia Public Works  
Boone County Fire Protection District  
Mid-Mo Railfan  
Playpower  
Adair Construction  
Richardson Construction  
Timberlake Engineering

*Immediately following the ribbon-cutting and again at 3:30 pm, please join us for an Observed Bike Trials activity at the mountain bike skills course, led by Akira Yasuda.*

*Mr. Yasuda is a professional mountain bike skills instructor and expert Observed Bike Trials competitor. Prior to moving to Columbia, he lived in Colorado for 17 years where he founded the company RipStoke, LLC. The company provided consultation for mountain bike skills programs and boasted a group of trained riders who competed at the elite level of the UCI Mountain Bike and Trials World Championships.*



## Jay Dix Station

*Park dedication and ribbon cutting*

May 3, 2015



Jay Dix Station is the result of a successful collaboration between the City of Columbia and Boone County. The 30-acre tract is owned by the County. In 2009, the County and City entered into a park operating agreement, with the City taking responsibility for the development and maintenance of a park at Jay Dix Station. The portion of the MKT Trail that runs through the park remains under the County jurisdiction.

The park features a train theme and includes a small neighborhood shelter, basketball court, playground, fitness equipment, multi-use fields and mountain bike skills course accessible from the MKT. Jay Dix Station offers nearby neighborhoods a great place to gather and play.

Project funding in the amount of \$125,000 was made possible by the voter-approved Park Sales Tax. We appreciate the continued support by Columbia citizens for parks, as well as the valuable partnership with Boone County, making projects such as this one possible.

### **History of Jay Dix Station**

*The original name of Jay Dix Station was Turner Station. When trains still ran on the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railway, the area was a stop for livestock loading. There wasn't an actual building at this location, but there was a stockyard close by, and farmers loaded their livestock for shipping at Turner Station.*

*In 2002, Boone County lost esteemed medical examiner, Dr. Jay Dix, who had served the County for more than 20 years. Boone County Commissioners decided to memorialize Dr. Dix by naming a County entity in his honor. They chose the area at the MKT Trail, citing Dr. Dix's love of the outdoors, physical fitness and nature. A proclamation issued in December 2002 renamed Turner Station to Jay Dix Station because of Dr. Dix's interest in the MKT Trail and his dedicated service to the people of Boone County.*



## **Jay Dix Station**

Park dedication and ribbon cutting  
2:30 p.m., May 3, 2015

Opening ~ Mike Griggs, Director, Columbia Parks and Recreation

Remarks ~ Mayor Bob McDavid, City of Columbia

Remarks ~ Karen M. Miller, Boone County Commissioner

Remarks ~ Janet Godon, GetAbout Columbia

Conclusion ~ Mike Griggs

Ribbon Cutting

### **City Council**

Bob McDavid, Mayor  
Clyde Ruffin  
Michael Trapp  
Karl Skala  
Ian Thomas  
Laura Nauser  
Betsy Peters

### **Boone County Commission**

Daniel K. Atwill  
Karen M. Miller  
Janet M. Thompson

Mike Matthes, City Manager  
Tony St. Romaine, Deputy City Manager  
Mike Griggs, Parks and Recreation Director

### **Columbia Parks and Recreation Commission**

Marin Blevins, Sue Davis, Terry Kloeppe, Bill Pauls,  
Dan Devine, Meredith Donaldson, Linda Hutton