



**Wynna Faye Tapp-Elbert
Memorial Amphitheater at Douglass Park
Dedication
5 p.m., May 12, 2018**

Opening ~ Mike Griggs, Director, Columbia Parks and Recreation

Remarks ~ Clyde Ruffin, Ward 1 Council Member, City of Columbia

Remarks ~ Daryl Williams, Wynna Faye's friend and co-worker

Remarks ~ Alma Tapp, Wynna Faye's sister

Remarks ~ Markisha Young, Wynna Faye's granddaughter

Concluding Remarks ~ Mike Griggs

Plaque Unveiling

Immediately following the ceremony, please join us for the John and Rod Kelly Baseball Field dedication ceremony.



Wynna Faye Tapp-Elbert worked tirelessly as an activist to improve the lives of youth and the African-American community. She accomplished this through her work with Columbia Parks and Recreation and a number of community organizations.



Wynna Faye was a 30-year employee with Parks and Recreation, retiring from the department as supervisor of the Community Recreation division. While at Parks and Recreation, Wynna Faye was instrumental in the development of many programs, including the CARE youth program, Midnight Hoops (which later became Moonlight Hoops), Douglass Bulldog Baseball, Operation Toy Drive, Easter celebrations, the STAR program and Juneteenth.

She founded the community's Frederick Douglass Coalition, co-founded the J.W. "Blind" Boone Heritage Foundation Board and was involved with the NAACP and the Missouri Ethnic Minority Society and Judicial Law Enforcement Task Force, among other organizations. Wynna Faye earned numerous awards from these organizations, including the Outstanding Heroine Award from the Ethnic Minority Society.

Wynna Faye became known for creating and hosting the "Straight Talk" radio program on KOPN for more than 20 years. Throughout her career, she worked closely with the Columbia Police Department to build community trust and implement ways to better serve the safety of the community. She was an integral part in shaping the history of Columbia and strengthening its future.

"It's important that I keep fighting and that I keep the heat on, you might say, to make sure that there are some people when I'm gone who can keep the heat on, that can make sure that things happen."

Wynna Faye Tapp-Elbert