



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR KOCH PARK AQUATIC CENTER TOOK PLACE THURSDAY, MAY 23RD AT 2:00 PM



Yesterday, the City of Florissant was very proud to cut the ribbon for Koch Park Aquatic Center. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on Thursday, May 23rd at 2:00 pm at Koch Park located at 315 Howdershell Rd. The Aquatic Center for Koch Park sits right behind the newly renovated JFK Center.

The weather was beautiful and the people showed up to see this beautiful, new amenity the city has to offer.

In attendance were Mayor Lowery, members of the Council, Andrew Harris Ward 1, Paul Manganelli Ward 2, Joe Eagan Ward 3, Jeff Caputa Ward 4, Tom O'Donnell Ward 6, Jackie Pagano Ward 7, Economic Developer Patrick Mulcahy, CEO/Owner of Jost Builders Larry Jost, Project Superintendent Bob Bodensted, Project Manager Andy Crippen with Westport Pools, State Rep. Gretchen Bangert, Greater North County Chamber President Jaimee Jenkins, Parks Director Cheryl Thompson-Stimage, Project Coordinator Jerry DeGeare, Fire Chief Jason Hoelmann, members of City staff, and many more from Jost Builders and Westport Pools.

Thanks to the hard work of Jost Builders and Westport Pools for making this project possible. City staff has also worked hard in so many ways to get this pool opened.

This 10-million-dollar general obligation bond passed under “Proposition A” adding a small tax for residents. The bond was handled by Lorenzo Boyd at Stifel. This has been a long time in the making and we are very excited to show this beautiful Aquatic Center off to our residents. Providing modern and upgraded aquatic recreational facilities enhances the overall desirability of Florissant as a great place to live and raise a family. It will also directly contribute to the health and wellness for users of all ages.

The opening of Koch Aquatic Center is the first to open, but Bangert will be next. Bangert Pool is due to open later this Summer and will be a more traditional pool with swimming lanes.

The pool will be open for business starting on May 25th - May 27th for residents only. After that, it will be open to the public.



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