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Ceremony Planned for New Playground at Collingwood Park

A ribbon cutting ceremony marking the completion of a new playground at Collingwood Park in Alexandria, Va., is scheduled for Saturday, July 12, 2014. The event starts at 10 a.m., and the public is invited to attend.

The new playground replaces an older one that served the community for over 20 years. Newly installed equipment meets current playground safety standards and includes swing sets for young children (ages 2 to 5) and older kids (ages 5 to 12), a spring animal, and a leaf spinner. The main play structure includes climbers, slides, tunnels, and activity panels. Other elements of the project include a new drainage system under the playground, three new benches, and the planting of two shade trees.

At its meeting on December 10, 2008, the Park Authority Board authorized the reallocation of funds from the 2002 and 2004 Park Bond programs to replace a group of playgrounds that included Collingwood Park. Park staff worked with Katherine Ward, the vice-president of a nearby civic association, to design the playground. The Park Authority's Mobile Crew demolished the old playground and graded the site before Gametime, the Park Authority's contractor, installed the equipment.

Of the project, Ward said, "The community worked very closely with the Park Authority staff to make this new playground a reality. It encompasses all the things the community desired, including the newly planted shade trees and recycled materials for the benches."

Collingwood Park is located at 8200 West Boulevard Drive in Alexandria, Va. For more information, call the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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