

## MEDIA RELEASE

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# City of Evansville Hosts Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for New Spraypad at Leonard-Leota Park

**EVANSVILLE, Wisc. (June 22, 2024)** – The City of Evansville invites all local media to a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the grand opening of a new Veteran’s Memorial Spraypad at Leonard-Leota Park.

The spraypad replaces a public pool that formerly occupied the site and was decommissioned to plan for the new aquatic center located at Larson Acres Park, which officially opened to the public on June 7, 2024. The splashpad overlooks 40-acre Lake Leota and was designed to accommodate individuals of all ages and abilities. Featuring zero-depth entry and a flow-through design, the splashpad integrates nicely with its historic surroundings and includes multiple interactive surface water features such as ground sprays and geysers, surrounded by new patio spaces and a refurbished parking area.

The schedule for the ribbon-cutting ceremony is as follows:

- **Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024**
  - 10:00 a.m. | Ribbon-cutting Ceremony
  - 10:00 a.m. – 8 p.m. Splashpad Open to the Public, with Speakers, Music from the McCloskey’s Duo, & Babcock Dairy Ice Cream by Rock’N Rollz Sandwich Co. Food Truck
  - 10:30 a.m. | Optional “Ride the Parks” bicycle ride through all seven city parks, finishing at the new Aquatic Center in Larson Acres Park
- **Location: 360 Burr Jones Circle, Evansville, WI 53536** *Please be aware, construction is continuing on the Lake Leota Dams through the summer, use caution on park roads when approaching the Spraypad parking area.*
- **Invitees: Open to the Public – All are Welcome!**

MSA Professional Services is the lead architect and engineer for the project, with Water Technology Inc. serving as the splashpad designer.



# Ribbon Cutting for Veteran's Memorial Splashpad at Leonard Leota Park

**Saturday, June 22 @ 10 a.m.**

**MUSIC · SPEAKERS · ICE CREAM · FUN!**

Ice cream will be served by the Rock'N Rollz Sandwich Co. Food Truck



*Prefer to get some cycling time in too? Once the water is officially flowing at the splash pad, you're invited to continue our City's annual bike ride by traveling with us from Leonard Leota Park to the Aquatic Center!*



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[www.evansvillewi.gov/parkimprovements](http://www.evansvillewi.gov/parkimprovements)

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## DETAILS:

Start with a 10am ribbon cutting at The Veterans Memorial Splahpad in Leonard Leota Park and enjoy ice cream and music. Then at 10:30 am hop on your bike and ride to Franklin, Countryside, Wind Prairie, Peace and Brzezinski Parks; and finish your ~7 mile ride at the new Aquatic Center in Larson Acres Park. Bring a swimsuit if you want to hop in the pool!

All are welcome.



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