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

EVANSVILLE, Wisc. (June 27, 2024) – Representatives from the City of Evansville, VFW Post 6905, MSA Professional Services, Inc. (MSA), Water Technologies, Inc. (WTI), and other project stakeholders gathered Saturday, June 22, for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the grand opening of a new community spraypad at Leonard-Leota Park.

The splashpad 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 spraypad overlooks 40-acre Lake Leota and was designed to accommodate individuals of all ages and abilities. Featuring a flow-through design, the splashpad integrates nicely with its surroundings and includes multiple interactive surface water features such as ground sprays and geysers, surrounded by new patio spaces and a refurbished parking area.

Jason Sergeant, City Administrator in Evansville expressed great enthusiasm over this addition to the beloved park. “The Veteran’s Memorial Spraypad is a new jewel in the history of Leonard Leota Park, it is great to continue to honor our veterans and provide entirely new ways for generations of kids to make memories.”

[MSA](#) served as the lead architect and engineer for the project, with [Water Technology Inc.](#) as the spray pad designer. Work on the new spraypad began in August 2022 and was completed in May, 2024, thanks to immense support from the community, local fundraising efforts, and private donations. A special thank you to Matt Pooch and the capital campaign committee to fundraise more than \$1.8 million for the park improvement projects.

More information about the project can be found at: www.evansvillewi.gov/parkimprovements





Cutting the Ribbon at the Veteran's Memorial Spraypad

From Left to Right: WTI's Adam Pfister, Council Alder Abbey Barnes, Park Board Member Lymon Fusan, Park Board Member Kris Evans, Capital Campaign Chair/ Park Board Member Matt Pooch, State Sen. Mark Spreitzer, Ribbon Cutter Penney Sergeant, Former Alder Joy Morrison, Former Park Board Member Gene Prudhon, City Administrator Jason Sergeant, and Architect from MSA Carter Arndt