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CUDDY FAMILY MIDTOWN PARK GRAND OPENING

Family Recreational Activities Planned to Celebrate New Park

Mayor Mark Begich will join city and state dignitaries to celebrate the grand opening of the Cuddy Family Midtown Park at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 23 at the park, which is located on the south side of Loussac Library. Family activities are planned from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

"Today we celebrate community," said Mayor Begich. "A public space can bring us together to celebrate culture, history, activities and achievements. We will use this space to gather as a community. We make our memories here, and recharge ourselves here all year long. We really have something to celebrate."

A full day of activities is planned, which will highlight the many assets offered by this new park such as the amphitheatre, the pond, the Plaza Circle and the Oval. Scheduled activities are listed below:

- 11:00 a.m. REI kayak paddle for kids in the pond
 - Curious George Sidewalk Chalk Art
 - Alaska Theatre of Youth performance in amphitheatre
- 12:00 p.m. The Snapping Turtle Swing Band perform in amphitheatre
- 1:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting Promenade at the Plaza Circle
- 1:45 p.m. Dogs' and Kids' Costume Award at the Plaza Circle
- 2:00 p.m. Alaska Theatre of Youth performance in amphitheatre
 - The Cuddy Classic Roller Ski Sprint Races
 - REI kayak paddle for kids in the pond
- 2:45 p.m. Roller Derby Exhibition by the Rage City Rollergirls at the Oval
- 3:00 p.m. Seek Bob at the amphitheatre
- 3:15 p.m. The Anchorage Cup Radio-Controlled Sailboat Regatta at the pond
- 3:30 p.m. Stroller Derby at the Oval
- 4:00 p.m. Tricycle Race at the Oval
 - Alaska Theatre of Youth performance in amphitheatre
- 5:00 p.m. The McLeod Bluegrass Band at the amphitheatre

Free parking will be available at the Loussac Library, DOWL Engineering, ACS, Debenham Properties, Postal Service, the National Archives site, TTT Corporation and Northwest Strategies.

Attached is a detailed schedule for the event.

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