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Carl Gene Young Sr. Park Sprayground Grand Opening

DENTON, TX, May 3, 2018 – Come celebrate the grand opening of Denton’s new all-inclusive sprayground! The City of Denton Parks and Recreation Department and volunteers are excited to announce it’s ready for play and residents are invited to join this family-friendly celebration on Saturday, May 12 from noon to 1 p.m. at Carl Gene Young Sr. Park.

The grand opening will begin at noon with a welcome address and brief remarks from City officials, followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony. Families are welcome to pack a picnic and stay all day or enjoy complimentary Chick-fil-A sandwiches while they last.

The new sprayground, designed by Kraftsman, is an all-inclusive aquatic play area thoughtfully designed so children of all abilities can play together. The aquatic play area features a tall water-flower with multi-level spray effects and translucent shadow casting petals. In addition, the core play area offers flush mount ground sprays and essential sprayers that are designed to stimulate the senses and influence multigenerational activity of all abilities to promote inclusive play.

The idea for a free community sprayground was inspired by a group of local parents led by Amber Briggie and gained the support of City Council, the Denton Parks Foundation, and the City of Denton Parks and Recreation Department. The community’s grassroots campaign raised \$10,493 that ultimately encouraged voters to approve the sale of \$200,000 general obligation bonds followed by the City’s commitment of \$41,600 in Park Development Funds.

The new sprayground is the latest of this park’s upgrades that previously included a new swing set and new benches. Construction will begin this summer on a new permanent restroom facility so families can make a day of playground and sprayground fun.

“This truly has been a community effort from the start,” said resident and volunteer Amber Briggie. “Thank you all and see you at the park May 12!”

Carl Gene Young Sr. Park is located at 327 S. Wood St. For more information about Denton’s parks and playgrounds, visit www.dentonparks.com.

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