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Raytown Parks Announce Opening of Terry Copeland Park *Ribbon cutting celebrates the completion of Phase I, additional phases planned*

(RAYTOWN, Mo.) – On Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 11 am, Raytown Parks will cut the ribbon on its newest park: Terry Copeland Park, 5330 Raytown Road, formerly known as SuperSplash USA.

The redevelopment of Terry Copeland Park was funded a \$2 million federal grant through HUD (a portion of this funding includes Phase II), and an additional \$1 million matching grant through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Both grants were awarded in 2023. Raytown Parks was one of only 12 entities in the state of Missouri awarded the 2023 LWCF grant.

Phase I of the 10-acre park included the demolition of the water park and the addition of two dog parks: one for dogs 30 lbs and over and one for dogs under 30 lbs. Phase II will be a grant project of \$2 million and will include a splash pad, all-inclusive playground, pavilion/shelter house and more. RFPs are anticipated later this year.

Rising to nearly \$200,000 a year, the cost to operate SuperSplash became unsustainable, leading to its closure in September 2016. The following year, a Parks Master Plan was created to outline a vision to redevelop this park land. Eight years later, the first phase has become a reality.

“As the cost to maintain SuperSplash continued to rise, we knew we had to make a smart and sustainable choice for our community,” said Raytown Parks Director Dave Turner. “By transforming the space into a vibrant dog park and splash pad, we’re not only reducing long-term expenses but also creating a fun, flexible greenspace that serves more families, pets, and children. Our goal is to improve the quality of life and allow everyone to enjoy our parks.”

Terry Copeland Park is a tribute to Raytown resident and Park Board member David "Terry" Copeland who passed away in October 2020. Copeland was an avid supporter of Raytown Parks and Recreation and even served as president for two terms.

Terry Copeland Park, located at 5330 Raytown Road is open daily 7 am – 11 pm.

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