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Lafayette Parks & Recreation to Host Dedication Ceremony to Celebrate New Columbian Park Zoo Commissary Building

LAFAYETTE, IN – March 4, 2025 – Lafayette Parks & Recreation will host a dedication ceremony to celebrate the completion of the brand new Columbian Park Zoo Commissary Building today Tuesday, March 4 at 11:00am. The ceremony will feature a formal ribbon cutting as well as remarks by Mayor Tony Roswarski, Parks Superintendent Claudine Laufman, and Eric Lin, Vice President of Lafayette Parks Foundation, Inc. Following the ceremony, guests will be invited to tour the Commissary Building.

The new Commissary Building serves as the primary diet preparation area and feed storage space for the zoo. The building features generous food prep space, state-of-the-art appliances, large walk-in fridge and freezer, extensive dry-food storage, and indoor animal holding areas. The building is approximately 6,500 square feet in size and is located next to the IU Health Family Farm exhibit.

Dedication for the new Zoo Commissary Building

Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 11:00am

Location: Columbian Park Zoo Commissary Building

Guests are asked to enter the zoo and park in the back parking lot off of Wallace Ave. across from Arni's Restaurant.

About Lafayette Parks and Recreation

The Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains over 700 acres of land within the City of Lafayette. This includes the maintenance of more than 27 miles of paved trails. The city's trails are open to the public and can be used for a variety of activities including walking, running, biking, rollerblading, and more. Providing and preserving parks and open green space enhances the desirability of the community and contributes to the safety and health of all Lafayette residents.

Lafayette Parks Foundation

Since its formation in 1994, the Lafayette Parks Foundation serves to support the Lafayette Park Department through fund development, assistance with capital projects, special events and programs. The mission of the Foundation is to solicit and encourage donations to assist Lafayette Park capital improvements and programs. Most recent projects include the new Penguin Exhibit at the Columbian Park Zoo, and Crosser Sports Complex.

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