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## **Pine Nursery Community Park Grand Opening Celebration**

The grand opening of Pine Nursery Community Park at 3750 NE Purcell Blvd. will take place on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. There will be kite flying, biking, a fishing demonstration, baseball and an ice cream social. The official ribbon cutting and the opening pitch of the baseball game will take place at 6:00pm. The public is invited to attend and encouraged to bring a bike or a kite.

The 159-acre park site was purchased by the Bend Park and Recreation District from the federal government in 2004 for \$3.5 million after two acts of Congress. The site was the former home of the Deschutes National Forest pine seedling nursery. The park was master planned by JT Atkins & Co. in 2006 and Phase I development began in 2007. The \$5.6 million construction project was funded with systems development charges and general fund tax dollars. The local funding was matched with a \$650,000 lottery sourced Local Government Grant from the OPRD and a \$52,000 grant from ODFW to enhance the irrigation pond for fishing.

Phase I of the park includes: four softball fields that can be overlaid with five soccer fields for seasonal and tournament play; an irrigation pond stocked for fishing programs; a fenced dog off-leash area; a 1.3 mile loop trail; and access to several large natural areas.

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