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## **Lincoln Park reopening celebration to be held October 17**

[DULUTH, MN] The City of Duluth invites the public to a reopening celebration for Lincoln Park on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 3:00 pm. The event will take place near the stone pavilion at Lincoln Park, located at 25th Avenue West and W Third Street. The event will include a dedication for the commemorative naming of the park's historic stone pavilion in honor and memory of the late Duluth City Councilor Renee Van Nett. It will also include a ribbon cutting for the recent park improvements, family-friendly activities with Duluth Parks and Recreation and Northern Expressions Arts Collective, and music by Jazz duo Ben Pichler and Grant Carl.

In 2016, the City of Duluth adopted the Lincoln Park Mini-Master Plan, which provided direction for reinvestment to improve safety and accessibility and address programming needs in the park. Recently completed improvements include the restoration of the historic stone pavilion to include new ADA-compliant restroom facilities, relocation and replacement of the playground, two new parking lots, a new nature playscape, new and refurbished picnic pavilions, a new multi-use sport court, and stabilization and repaving of Lincoln Park Drive. Throughout the project site, the City added new accessible trails, improved signage and wayfinding, and green infrastructure such as biofiltration basins, pollinator gardens, and drainage swales. Collectively, this work has transformed Lincoln Park into a more functional and accessible recreation space.

Lincoln Park will be open to the public beginning October 17. Users are encouraged to limit the use of lawn areas until the turf is established. Duluth Parks and Recreation staff will begin taking reservations for the park, including the stone pavilion, in January 2024.

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