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**SUBJECT: Wheeler Athletic Complex ribbon cutting and guided recreation activities to be held June 30, 2022 at 4:00 pm**

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[Duluth, MN] The City of Duluth Parks and Recreation invites the public to a ribbon cutting on Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 4:00 pm to celebrate the significant improvements recently made to the Wheeler Athletic Complex. The ribbon cutting will take place at the Wheeler Athletic Complex located at 3501 Grand Avenue.

Immediately following the ribbon cutting, we invite you to enjoy all the new ways to play at Wheeler! Local pickleball, bocce, and horseshoes enthusiasts will offer an introduction to their sport and facilitate games. If you have been intrigued by these activities, but unsure how to get started, this is a great chance to ask questions, learn more, get outside, and have some fun! All abilities and age groups are welcome.

In 2015, the City of Duluth adopted the West Duluth Sports Corridor Mini-Master Plan, which provides direction for reinvestment at the Wheeler Athletic Complex, Wade Stadium, and the surrounding area to cultivate a distinctive sporting destination district. Completed Wheeler Athletic Complex work includes: a sport court replacement, baseball field and dugout improvements, restroom renovations, accessible walkway improvements, and the addition of new horseshoe pits and sand volleyball courts. Combined, this work has transformed Wheeler into a more functional and accessible recreation destination.

This project was made possible by funding from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Recreation Program, half and half tourism tax funds, the Park Fund, and donations from St. Louis County, the Duluth Softball Players Association, and the Duluth Area Pickleball Association.

Please join us for an afternoon celebrating the new ways to play in Duluth!

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