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The City of Yakima is inviting the community to celebrate completion of a project five years in the making with a grand re-opening ceremony for Randall Park at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, May 7^{th.}

The ceremony will be held on the wildlife observation deck at Randall Park and will commemorate more than \$1 million in improvements to the park funded through a \$500,000 grant from the state's Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) and \$600,000 in local donations and matching funds.

"With the community's support, Randall Park is once again a jewel and major asset for the City of Yakima," said Parks and Recreation Manager Ken Wilkinson. "Randall Park is much loved, and it is gratifying to see the outpouring of so many in supporting these improvements."

Improvements at Randall Park include:

- New picnic shelters
- New wildlife observation deck
- Basketball courts
- New restrooms
- Rebuilding walkways
- Repairing parking lots
- New playground equipment
- Installation of a bridge
- New signage and fencing
- Removing sediment and deepening the duck pond

Featured guests during the May 7th grand re-opening ceremony at Randall Park include Councilmember Holly Cousens, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Rod Bryant, and state RCO representatives.

Randall Park covers more than 40 acres and is located south of Nob Hill Boulevard between 44th Avenue and 48th Avenue.

Visit <u>https://yakimaparks.com/</u> or call 575-6020 for more information about City of Yakima Parks and Recreation facilities and programs.