



City of McKinney Press Release

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Jim Ledbetter Park grand opening

McKinney opens newest neighborhood park this week

McKINNEY, Texas (Oct. 21, 2009) – A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled to celebrate the opening of Jim Ledbetter Park, McKinney's newest neighborhood school park. The public and surrounding community is invited to join the ceremony this Friday, Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. at the site of the 10-acre park, located at 3212 Bluewood Dr. near Baker Elementary School in the Heatherwood Subdivision.

"Our neighborhood school parks create a sense of identity within a neighborhood by offering a place for community recreation," said Steve Brainerd, Parks Development Superintendent. "Like all of McKinney's 22 neighborhood parks, Jim Ledbetter Park is a place where families and school children can enjoy exercise in the outdoors."

Jim Ledbetter Park features a playground, pavilion, creek, jogging trail, multi-purpose court and turf grass areas suitable for athletic team practice. It also includes tree-lined natural areas, climbing boulders, swings and picnic pad sites.

The park was named after the late Jim Ledbetter, a long-time McKinney resident who served on City Council from 1978 to 1983 and as Mayor from 1983 to 1987. While on City Council, Ledbetter was instrumental in entering into an agreement with the McKinney Independent School District to build neighborhood parks adjacent to schools.

Contact the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department at (972) 547-7480 for more information.

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About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S., McKinney has a current population of 122,000. Incorporated in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers rolling hills, lush trees, a historic downtown square and unique neighborhoods and developments, and it was recently ranked as one of the Top 10 Best Places to Move by Forbes Magazine. Visit the city's Web site at www.mckinneytexas.org.

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