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### **Join us for the ribbon cutting of Inclusive Space at Kracklauer Park**

*A celebration of inclusion, community, and play in the heart of Mundelein*

**Mundelein, IL**– Mundelein Park & Recreation District is proud to announce the grand opening of its newly completed **Inclusive Space at Kracklauer Park** with a celebratory **ribbon-cutting ceremony and donor wall reveal on Monday, August 4 at 5 pm**, rain or shine. The event will take place at **Kracklauer Park, 100 N. Seymour Ave., Mundelein**.

This exciting community celebration will include remarks from Park District leadership, Illinois State Senator Adriane Johnson, and State Representative Daniel Didech at 6 pm, followed by time for children and families to explore and enjoy the new amenities. Plus, the evening includes music from a live DJ and face painting from 5–7 pm, and a special appearance by the Park District's new mascot, Mundy Lion!

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The inclusive space—designed for individuals of all abilities, ages, and backgrounds, features:

- A fully inclusive playground with soft, poured-in-place surfacing
- Four lighted pickleball courts
- A vibrant pollinator garden
- A bocchia court
- A fishing station
- ADA-compliant restroom access from the Dance Studio (coming in the fall)
- Improved accessibility throughout the park

“This inclusive space reflects everything we strive for as a Park District—equity, access, and joy for all,” said Ron Salski, Executive Director of Mundelein Park & Recreation District. “We are incredibly grateful to our legislators for helping secure the critical grant funding and to our many generous donors for believing in this vision. We are thrilled to provide a vibrant, intergenerational space right in the heart of Mundelein where *everyone* can play, connect, and thrive together.”

Funding for this transformative project was made possible through a \$600,000 matching grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources’ Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) program, along with support from legislators, the Village of Mundelein, local businesses and organizations, generous donors, and non-profits including the Mundelein Parks Foundation.

The Mendez family McDonald’s next door to the park (151 N. Lake Street) is simultaneously hosting a

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fundraiser with 20% of sales benefiting the Mundelein Parks Foundation's *Every Child Should Play–Recreation Scholarships* from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. Customers should mention the Mundelein Parks Foundation when they place their order.

The Inclusive Space at Kracklauer Park is a significant step forward in creating a community where individuals of all ages and abilities can enjoy recreational opportunities without barriers. Just two blocks from the Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County (SRACLC), **Kracklauer Park** is now a model of inclusive design and community collaboration.

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