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## NEW POOL OPENS TODAY AT BETHEL PARK

*Pool opens after four-month construction schedule*

INDIANAPOLIS – (July 28, 2010) Bethel Park Pool is open and ready for swimming. Indy Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the Indianapolis Parks Foundation (IPF), funded through a grant by Lilly Endowment, Inc., will open the new \$2 million aquatic center at Bethel Park today, Wednesday, July 28 at 1 p.m. Bethel Pool was closed summer 2009 due to decaying infrastructure and massive leaks. A “Community Celebration and Dedication” is scheduled for August 7 at 1 p.m.

“Our city pools provide an outlet of fun, fitness and sense of community to our youth and we are excited to be able to showcase the many improvements that have been made to Bethel Pool,” said Mayor Greg Ballard. “The investment we’ve made will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the city and this neighborhood for years to come.”

Bethel Pool is a 25 yard, six-lane lap pool that features a three story speed slide – the only slide of its kind in Indianapolis, two basketball goals and zero-depth beach entry interactive spray ground, plus new deck furniture, picnic tables and shade structures. Bethel Pool also installed new “green” technologies such as a filtration and pump system that will be more cost-effective to operate, use less water and save energy.

Built in 1971, Bethel Pool leaked nearly eight million gallons of water during the 2008 season or 105,000 gallons a day. Because of mounting maintenance issues, Indy Parks was forced to close the facility before the 2009 summer season. Construction partners, Sheil Sexton broke ground for the new pool in April with a four-month construction schedule.

“We are ecstatic about the quick turnaround. It was very important to open Bethel Pool this summer to give the neighborhood a place to recreate and beat the summer heat,” said Elaine Dillahunt, Indy Parks



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Senior Manager, Aquatics Division. “Our new Bethel Pool is a great addition to Indy Parks’ world-class park system that creates engaging and sustainable opportunities for individuals, neighborhoods and communities.”

The Indianapolis Parks Foundation secured funding for this project through the generosity of Lilly Endowment, Inc. as part of a \$7.3 million grant for two aquatic projects, tennis court renovations and restroom facility installation system-wide.

Bethel Pool will remain open until Labor Day, September 6. Hours are Monday to Saturday, 1-7 p.m. and Sunday 1-6 p.m. and cost is \$2 for children under 18 and \$3 for adults.

