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**MEDIA ALERT/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**

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## **Paul Lopez joins Denver Parks and Recreation for ice cream social and celebration of Barnum Pool & Splash Pad**

**DENVER, CO** — Denver Parks and Recreation and Councilman Paul Lopez will celebrate the new Barnum Splash Pad with ice cream, music and fun.

**WHO** – Councilman Paul Lopez  
Denver Parks and Recreation Manager Kevin Patterson  
Bond Implementation Manager Don Hunt

**WHAT** – Grand opening celebration of the Barnum pool and splash pad.

**WHEN** – **Thursday, August 12**  
**2 p.m.**

**WHERE** – Barnum Park pool  
370 Hooker Street

**WHY** – After a summer of anticipation, the renovated Barnum pool and new splash pad opened to rave reviews on July 29. Councilman Lopez and Denver Parks and Recreation have invited the community to come celebrate this new amenity with free ice cream, compliments of Palteria Chihuahua, and music by the Denver Municipal Band.

The Barnum Park pool has undergone a \$1.2 million makeover through the Better Denver Bond program. Two of the existing pools were improved and a third, non-functioning pool was removed to make room for a new picnic area with shade. The 6' steel fence was pushed back from the pool to enclose some crab apple trees (for shade) and some turf for a soft place to lie out. A new toddler splash pad area has been added with age appropriate play elements; a shade structure, and a rooster tail spray feature. There also is another play area for the older kids (5-12) with a splash pad, a spray feature, interactive play feature such as canons, buckets to fill with water and a new slide. New tables and shade structures have been added to the existing picnic area and there are now benches and seat walls.

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