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### ***Media Advisory/Photo Opportunity***

## **Join Parks Commissioner Nick Fish for the grand opening celebration of Elizabeth Caruthers Park, the first neighborhood park in Portland's South Waterfront District, on Thursday, August 19**

- What:** Grand opening celebration of Elizabeth Caruthers Park, featuring music, kids' activities, rock climbing walls, bocce demos & lessons, and more
- When:** Thursday, August 19
- Time:** 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
6 p.m., Ribbon-cutting ceremony
- Location:** Elizabeth Caruthers Park, 3508 SW Moody Avenue

Parks Commissioner Nick Fish, along with representatives from Portland Parks & Recreation, the Portland Development Commission, the South Portland Neighborhood Association, the South Waterfront Business District, and South Waterfront Community Relations, invites the community to join in the grand opening celebration of Elizabeth Caruthers Park, the first neighborhood park in the South Waterfront District, this Thursday, August 19 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Activities will include a special ribbon-cutting ceremony at 6 p.m., featuring brief remarks from Parks Commissioner Nick Fish, Portland Parks & Recreation Director Zari Santner, Portland Development Commissioner Steve Straus, and others from the community.

Elizabeth Caruthers Park offers visitors an urban garden area, featuring a community gathering area with movable tables and chairs and a built-in bocce court, a garden retreat area with granite seat walls and a historic marker honoring the site of Portland's first cabin, and an environmental play area with a spray/play stepping stone feature and seating logs.

There is also a naturalized landscaped area, with boardwalks, naturalized plantings, undulating topography with stormwater infiltration, and "Song Cycles", public art created by Doug Hollis. In addition, an open lawn area provides space for a variety of use, including an 8' tall sloped landform for seating, sunning, and play.

Elizabeth Caruthers Park is a partnership between Portland Parks & Recreation and the Portland Development Commission, with funding through the North Macadam Urban Renewal Area.

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