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SCP+R to introduce community's first outdoor fitness equipment plus host of other improvements to Hillcrest Community Park

TOPEKA, KAN. – Shawnee County Parks + Recreation will introduce the community's first outdoor fitness equipment and multiple other improvements to Hillcrest Community Park at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24. On hand will be representatives of the Central Highland Park Neighborhood Improvement Association which secured the grant to purchase the fitness equipment. Speakers include:

- Yvonne May, Central Highland Park Neighborhood Association
- John Knight, SCP+R director
- Kevin Cook, Shawnee County commissioner

Improvements to the park include the outdoor fitness equipment, new playground equipment, the planned conversion of a tennis court to futsal (soccer-like game) court, improvements to the pool including the addition of a sound system, shade structures that will provide an additional 40 feet of shade, new benches, a canoe slide to replace the old frog slide and a new Aqua Zip'n feature that replaces the old tube slide. The building has a new pump house and chemical room, new concrete entryway and new doors all around. New security lighting has been added to the parking lot and new LED lights have replaced the old gymnasium lights.

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Shawnee County Parks + Recreation includes more than 50 miles of trails, 2,625 acres of parks and 320 annual days of sporting activities. In addition, the department offers recreation programs, educational programs and golf. A combination of tax dollars, user fees and private donations enables Shawnee County Parks and Recreation to offer parks, sporting and aquatic facilities with state-of-the-art features, and beautiful, nationally recognized gardens.

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