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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **New park and pool opens for St. Andrews area**

**Columbia, S.C. (May 23, 2012)** – The Richland County Recreation Commission is excited to celebrate the grand opening of another new facility; built as part of the \$50 million dollar bond improvements. St. Andrews Park, 920 Beatty Road, was built in the late 70's and was a simple gym and building with tennis courts and a few athletic fields. In 2008, when County Council approved the bond projects, St. Andrews Park was slated to be torn down and rebuilt with an addition of a swimming pool.

St. Andrews Park will officially open to the public, Friday, June 1 at 2:00 p.m. The pool will open to the public, the following day, June 2.

The Recreation Commission continues to put "Community First" by assessing, addressing and meeting the needs of the communities in Richland County. The Commission and its staff are committed to providing the best programs and recreational services to our patrons.

**Event details:**

**St. Andrews Park Grand Opening Ceremony**

**Friday, June 1, 10:00 a.m.**

**Ribbon Cutting and Reception**

Park hours for the public are Monday-Friday, 2:00-9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00-6:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Pool hours will be Monday-Thursday, 1:00-5:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 12:00-8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00-6:00 p.m. (admission cost).

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The Richland County Recreation Commission has served Richland County since 1960 and is dedicated to enriching lives and connecting communities through diverse recreational opportunities.