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Midlothian Park District to host Memorial Park Grand Opening ceremony June 28

Who: Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) and the Midlothian Park District

What: Memorial Park Grand Opening Ceremony

When: 7 p.m. on Friday, June 28, 2013

Where: Memorial Park, 145th & Kedzie, Midlothian, IL

Area residents are invited to the Midlothian Park District Memorial Park Grand Opening ceremony at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 28. The park is located at 145th and Kedzie, Midlothian.

The Park District used Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) biosolids as they renovated several softball/baseball fields at the park. Last year, MWRD soil scientists surveyed the site and analyzed the soil to develop a restoration plan which included the application of 516 dry tons or 26 semi truckloads of MWRD class A biosolids.

MWRD biosolids are a safe byproduct of the water treatment process that can be used to improve soil fertility and soil moisture holding capacity. The biosolids provide tremendous benefits and are commonly used to fertilize agricultural land, provide organic matter and nutrients to sod farms and nurseries, and for the construction and maintenance of golf courses, parks, and athletic fields. For the past eight years, the Park District has been using between two to 26 truckloads at 22 dry ton biosolids per truckload annually.

Jerry Gillis, Midlothian Superintendent of Parks and Grounds, said "having used the biosolids over the past eight years, we knew how effective they were. Using them for our newly constructed ball fields made sense. We not only saved the cost of purchasing black dirt, but we have beautiful, lush, weed-free fields this spring thanks to the biosolids."

About the Midlothian Park District

The Midlothian Park District is a municipal agency created to provide recreational programs and facilities. The Midlothian Park District owns and operates seven parks, a recreation center and manages Raday Lodge. They offer a variety of programs, activities and special events for pre-schoolers through adults.

About the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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