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Lake Wichita Boardwalk Ribbon Cutting

Wichita Falls, Texas – The City of Wichita Falls and Lake Wichita Revitalization Committee are excited to invite the public to the official Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Friday, July 10 at 10am. The boardwalk project was funded in part by the Local Park Grants which are administered through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The Kimbell Foundation and Bridwell Foundation both generously donated the remaining amount of funding in order to complete the project. Construction on the project began in November of 2019 and was completed in May of 2020.

When originally built in 1901, Lake Wichita was at that time, just the third man-made lake in Texas. In 1904, lands were granted for a public road to the lake. Shortly after Joseph Kemp, a local business man and promoter of Wichita Falls, developed amusements near the lake including a pavilion, hotel, race track, baseball park, rides, boating, picnicking and summer cottages. The location for the new boardwalk was chosen specifically, as it is near where the original boardwalk once was. To this day, there are still original boardwalk pylons that are intact and visible. The newly completed boardwalk is approximately 155 feet long, made of all-weather material and is officially open for public use.

Mayor Stephen Santellana said, “There are many people, both City staff, Lake Wichita Revitalization Committee members, and volunteers who have worked very hard to make this project a reality. This lake has a meaningful history for our community and I’m excited to see it become a recreational hub once again.”

Lake Wichita Revitalization Committee President David Coleman said, “This is the first step in making Lake Wichita a wonderful place for recreation, and we want to thank the private donors, Texas Parks and Wildlife, City staff, and Trinity Hughes for making this possible.”

The Ribbon Cutting will begin at 10am with brief remarks from the Mayor and Lake Wichita Committee members.

What: Lake Wichita Boardwalk Ribbon Cutting
When: Friday, July 10, 2020 at 10am
Where: Near the Spillway off Kemp Boulevard

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