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**BREC to Dedicate New Amenities at Spanish Town Park**

*Public Invited to Attend Ribbon Cutting Ceremony*

**EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH** –Through a partnership with Gulf Coast Housing Partnership, Spanish Town Park has been renovated and new amenities added. The park is located at 1300 Spanish Town Road. BREC will host a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, May 18 at 9:30 a.m. to dedicate the completion of the park.

Improvements include new playground equipment with wood mulch surfacing and a pavilion with picnic tables and a barbeque grill. New sidewalks throughout the park create a walking loop with benches, trash receptacles and bike racks. The existing basketball court was refurbished and a covered bench was added for players and spectators. Also added are three new accessible entryways with decorative fencing.

The cost of the project was $225,000 with $100,000 being funded from Gulf Coast Housing and the remaining from BREC funds. The design of the park is such that future improvements can easily connect to the existing amenities.

Scheduled speakers include BREC Superintendent Carolyn McKnight, BREC Commissioner Lloyd Benson, Downtown Development Director and BREC Commissioner Davis Rhorer and Kathy Laborde, President and CEO of Gulf Coast Housing. For more information on the Spanish Town Park ribbon cutting, contact BREC Volunteers and Special Events Manager Monica Dugas at mdugas@brec.org.

***It is BREC’s mission to contribute to a healthier, more vibrant community by providing exceptional parks, open spaces and recreational experiences for all of East Baton Rouge Parish.***

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