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County Executive Chris Abele Opens Hoyt Park Pool

(Milwaukee, WI) – Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele will officially open the popular Hoyt Park Pool, which has been closed since 2003 this Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 11am. Private funding totaling \$11 million were used to pay for the newly renovated state-of-the-art heated pool which consists of open swim, lap swimming, water slides, zero-depth entrance, a sand play area and 420,000 gallons of water.

“Thanks to the partnership between generous donors and the county, residents will once again enjoy a water park that’s easily accessible and offers great summer fun and recreation for water lovers of all ages,” Abele said. “The hard work and major contributions by the Friends of Hoyt Park and the Tosa Foundation demonstrate the community support for the pools and its widespread popularity.”

Membership to Hoyt Park Pool, 1800 Swan Boulevard, Wauwatosa, are available and more than 900 have been sold already. Members receive the benefit of entering the pool one hour early at 10am and are offered affordable and convenient regular use of the pool. Pool operating hours for opening weekend are Saturday, May 28 from 11am to 5pm (10am –5pm for members), Sunday, May 29 from 11am to 5pm (10am-5pm for members) and Monday, May 30 from 11am to 5pm (10am –5pm for members).

In 2007, the Tosa Foundation announced a \$4 million dollar challenge grant towards reviving Hoyt Park with a top-quality water park. The Friends of Hoyt Park stepped up and completed a \$4 million dollar capital drive to match the generous donation from the Tosa Foundation despite raising funds in one of the worst recessions in years. The pool was closed in 2003 due to an uncontrollable water leak and at that time was one of the highest attended pools in the county.

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The Milwaukee County Parks Department was involved closely with the Friends of Hoyt Pool in the planning and design of the Hoyt Park Pool and will provide lifeguards and maintain the pool through their Skilled Trades Division. The Milwaukee County Parks has over 50 such partnerships with friends groups who are true advocates of the parks in their local neighborhoods.

For more information please visit friendsofhoytpark.org or call the Milwaukee County Parks Administrative Offices at (414) 257-6100.

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