



## NEWS ADVISORY

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### **Silver Park Trail Ribbon-Cutting to be Held Wednesday, Oct. 12**

The Missoula Redevelopment Agency and its partners will celebrate the opening of the Silver Park Trail Connection to the California Street Bridge on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 3:30 p.m. The ribbon-cutting will be held at the east end of the trail on the riverfront.

Completion of the trail is the third phase in a four-phase project to develop Silver Park. The park is named for the late Morris and Helen Silver, long-time owners of the property. Development of the park is included in the redevelopment master plan for the former lumber mill site. The City of Missoula has helped the developer, Millsite Redevelopment Project, Inc., with remediation of the effects of 100 years of lumber production on the site.

As part of the project, the National Timber Framers Guild built one-of-a-kind timber- and log-frame pedestrian shelters along the trail. The shelters have been fenced off during the completion of the trail to protect them from vandalism. The new trail features landscaping and lighting and will connect the parking lot and boat ramp built during the second phase of development with the California Street Pedestrian Bridge.

Much of this phase of construction was financed by the federal CTEP program (Community Transportation Enhancement Program) with help from the Missoula Redevelopment Agency.

To attend or cover the ribbon-cutting, park in the lot west of the civic stadium. The ceremony will be held on the riverfront at the east end of the trail and will feature talks on the history of the project, coordinated by emcee Chris Behan of the MRA, and refreshments courtesy of Old Sawmill District. Behan is available for questions at 552-6155.

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