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PONTIAC ANNOUNCES NEW FISHING PIER AT “PONTIAC OAKS PARK”

The City of Pontiac and Oakland County Parks complete major rejuvenation project since their new partnership in October.

PONTIAC, MI (December 7, 2023) The City of Pontiac and Oakland County Parks announced the opening of the **new fishing pier** at Pontiac Oaks Park (formally Hawthorne Park). It is yet another enhancement since Pontiac and Oakland County Parks entered a partnership agreement for the County to manage and maintain the park land starting October 1. The fishing dock adds great appeal to the park and a fun resource for licensed fishing enthusiasts to enjoy.

*“We are very excited about our partnership with the Oakland County Parks Commission,” said **Pontiac Mayor Tim Greimel**. “The new pier is a great amenity for our community and is already being used by residents to fish despite the cool temperatures. We encourage people to come out and enjoy the new and improved Pontiac Oaks park!”*

Oakland County Park’s \$1.5 million investment to improve the park began with renovations of facilities and grounds, but reconstruction of the fishing pier is the largest to date. The new dock is approximately **1,500 square feet**—more than double the size of the former pier which measured about 700 square feet when it was installed in 2011. It also features a floating boardwalk that extends 100 feet out into **Creger Lake**.

The new pier also has lower railings, giving visitors better opportunities to catch a variety of species like sunfish, bass, blue gill and more. And, there are other exciting enhancements planned including restoring new shore and site lines and also making an accessible kayak launch available in the future.

*“I’m delighted to see the continued progress that’s being made to Pontiac Oaks Park, and I think it’s a testament to the partnership between Oakland County Parks and the City of Pontiac,” said **Councilwoman Kathalee James**. “I want to thank everyone who worked on this pier and did the*

planning. It brings me joy to see this park become a thriving space for Pontiac residents and continue to improve their quality of life.”

Pontiac Oaks Park is open every day to the public from 7 a.m. until 30 minutes after sunset. Visitors are asked to adhere to all signage, including an alert that **no swimming** is allowed from the dock.