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### **Ribbon Cutting for Hal & Berni Hanson Regional Park Set for Sept. 23**

Loudoun County invites members of the community to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the grand opening of the new Hal and Berni Hanson Regional Park on Friday, September 23, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. The ceremony take place at the park's Championship Plaza Field #1, located at 23345 Hanson Park Drive in Aldie.

Members of the Board of Supervisors, representatives of the departments of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, and Transportation and Capital Infrastructure as well as other county officials are scheduled to attend the event.

The 257-acre regional park is located off Evergreen Mills Road in Aldie, between the Brambleton and Willowsford communities.

### **Hal & Berni Hanson Regional Park Features**

Recreational features of the new park will include:

- Cricket pitch
- Disc golf course
- Four baseball/softball fields with batting cages
- Four tennis courts/pickleball courts
- Outdoor basketball court
- Skate plaza
- Splash pad
- Ten multi-purpose grass fields
- Two artificial turf fields with grandstands and press boxes
- Two playgrounds with rubberized surface

Other features of the new park will include:

- Amphitheater
- Concession/restroom buildings and pavilions
- Fishing piers
- Five ponds
- Hanson House renovation
- Lodge / Event Center
- Nature Center

- Paved and natural surface trails
- Picnic pavilions
- Two off-leash areas for dogs

The park will be operated by the [Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services](#).

## **Background**

The original owner of the land was Haldore ‘Hal’ Hanson, a writer, U.S. State Department official and nonprofit leader, who died in 1992. In keeping with the wishes of Hanson and his wife Berni, the Hanson Family Partnership agreed to sell the land to Loudoun County only for use as a park. The county acquired the property in 2009 through negotiations with the Hanson family, Dominion Power and the National Park Service as a part of a United States Department of Interior program.

The public helped shape the park’s features, and skate park designer Wally Holladay served as a design consultant. The project also includes road improvements to Evergreen Mills Road, which bisects the park, including a turn lane and a stop light at the entrance of the park. In addition to 17 athletic fields with lighting, the park includes more than 75 acres of passive recreational space and infrastructure.

## **For More Information**

- For information about the development of this project, visit [loudoun.gov/hansonparkproject](http://loudoun.gov/hansonparkproject).
- For more information about the grand opening and the park’s operations, [email the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services](#).

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