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## **CITY OF IRVING UNVEILING NEW VICTORIA PARK PLAYGROUND Parks and Recreation Department Holding Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for new “Victoria Castle”**

**(IRVING, TEXAS)** — One of Irving’s best known playgrounds received a makeover fit for a king – and it’s ready for its community reveal.

Staff members from the City of Irving’s Parks and Recreation Department will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new “Victoria Castle” at 10 a.m. Nov. 6, at Victoria Park, 3051 W. Northgate Drive. The playground, formerly referred to as “Castle Kingdom,” spans 9,000 square feet and has 51 play features, 35 of which are accessible for children with disabilities.

The new “Victoria Castle” carries forward the popular theme from the original “Castle Kingdom.” It includes stone ruins for climbing, panels where children can take photos as kings and queens, and a large, colorful decorative dragon.

“This playground was originally built by the community and one of our goals was to keep the spirit and tradition of “Castle Kingdom” alive and well as we made improvements to it,” said Parks and Recreation Director Ray Cerda. “We hope this remains a kingdom of happiness for the future generations of children to enjoy.”

Traditional playground features have been updated, like the swing area, and new elements have been installed, including a “wee-saw” and an “omni-spin.” Other upgrades include a rubber surfacing that provides wheelchair access to many of the play features and the installation of a new energy-efficient LED lighting system to ensure the playground is well-lit.

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residents and is home to the largest office park in North Texas, where more than 10 percent of Fortune 500 companies are headquartered or have a significant presence.