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**SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT THE IRON SPRING BRIDGE IN WASHINGTON PARK
Thursday, August 27th – 6:00 p.m.**

The Springfield Park District will participate in a Ribbon Cutting this Thursday, August 27 at 6pm at the Iron Spring Bridge for the completion of Robert Gekas's Eagle Scout Project.

Robert Gekas approached the Springfield Park Board back in April of 2014 with the idea of a lighting project at the Iron Spring Bridge. Robert would be working towards achieving his Eagle Scout badge with First United Methodist Church Troop 13 and the Iron Spring Bridge lighting proposal would be his Eagle Scout Project.

The Park Board approved Robert's overall concepts and granted him permission to raise funds to move forward with his lighting project proposal.

Robert's vision was to add exterior rope lighting to the façade to enhance the beauty of the Iron Spring Bridge in the evening hours.

Robert worked very hard with local businesses to come up with a cost estimate for the project. He created a website to draw attention to his efforts, relay the history of the Iron Spring and to solicit donations towards the cost of the project. After a little over a year of fundraising and construction, the lighting project at the Iron Spring Bridge was complete in June of this year.

Robert received his Eagle Scout honor on August 20th for his work on the Iron Spring Bridge lighting project. The Gekas Family and Troop 13 are hosting a ceremony tomorrow evening in Washington Park for the completion of the project.

The Park District would like to encourage you to come out as we cut the ribbon and celebrate the efforts of this dedicated young man. Robert has shown great maturity as he worked through this process and was afforded the financial support of so many generous community members to help see his project to fruition!

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