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### SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT PARTNERS WITH FAITH COALITION TO HOST FIRST ANNUAL HORSESHOE FESTIVAL

[Springfield, IL] – The Springfield Park District is thrilled to announce our partnership with the Faith Coalition for the **First Annual Springfield Horseshoe “Shoes and Shoes” Festival** on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-5:00pm at Lincoln Park.

We invite the public to come out and support the Faith Coalition for the Common Good. *Faith Coalition for the Common Good is a coalition of faith congregations, community and labor organizations working collaboratively for racial equity, civic engagement, a fair economy and participatory decision making. The Faith Coalition is an affiliate of Gamaliel of Illinois and National Gamaliel.*

While you are with us, plan to eat some of Springfield’s favorite food – the horseshoe! Pitch horseshoes with the Illinois Horseshoe Pitching Association during the **“Shoes and Shoes”** celebration! Get there early, by 10:30 if you want to enter the Horseshoe Pitch Tournament. There will be Celebrity Pitching starting at noon with *local celebrities* such as Mayor Langfelder, our City Alderman and a few more – so much fun to watch!

There will be vendors and a health fair under the BIG yellow tent and the Springfield Park District will host their free **FunZone** with tons of games and activities for the children. There will be bounce houses, face painting, balloon art, live musical performances on the little Lincoln Park stage. T-shirts for sale, coloring books handed out and so much more...

And we want to host the BIGGEST pool party of the summer at the Park District’s Nelson Center Pool! When you visit the Horseshoe Festival, then we will issue you a wristband that will provide discounted public swim rates at the Nelson Center pool. Only \$4 for Adults and \$3.50 for children to swim between 12pm and 5pm at the Nelson Center Pool. Capitol Radio Group will be on-site hosting a live remote, playing great music and a fun day of food, swimming, games and horseshoe pitching for all!

Come join in on the **FUN** with us this Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at the First Annual Springfield Horseshoe Festival at Lincoln Park | 11am – 5pm. We hope to see you there!

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For more information on this event call Shelly Heideman, Faith Coalition Executive Director at 217-544-2297 or Email: [fccg2208@gmail.com](mailto:fccg2208@gmail.com)

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