



City of Ketchum

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City of Ketchum Poised to Break Ground on New Addition, Features at Guy Coles Skate Park

KETCHUM, IDAHO – The City of Ketchum’s public skateboard park is poised to get bigger and better.

Ketchum Mayor Nina Jonas is inviting the public to a groundbreaking ceremony Monday marking the next phase of growth at the 22-year-old park.

“The Guy Coles Skate Park has always been a community initiated and supported park.,” said Jonas. “It is great to see the use the park gets and thrilling to see the tricks executed by the local kids; I love it!”

This summer, the City Council approved spending \$127,650 to hire a contractor to design, engineer, expand and build new features at the popular urban park. The project calls for building a series of new features on to the northeast corner. The new terrain will include various rails, elevated ramps and extending the existing bowls.

The council awarded the project to Dreamland Skateparks LLC, an Oregon company that has built skate and bike terrain parks in cities across Idaho and the Northwest.

City Council authorized spending \$80,000 toward the project, which includes \$40,000 requested by Mayor Jonas from the Ketchum Urban Renewal Agency. The Guy Coles Skate Park Trust Fund, the city’s Parks and Recreation Miscellaneous Donations Trust Fund and a crowd funding campaign kicked in additional resources to the project.

In addition, City Councilmember Jim Slanetz held a summer fundraiser featuring skate decks designed by artists, which raised about \$14,000 to help pay for the project.

“The skate park has been a work in progress since the early 1990’s. In fact, it was one of the first public skate parks in the country, and with this new addition it will once again be one of the best in the Northwest,” said Slanetz, who has been a driving force in the expansion and fundraising efforts.

The skate park was built in 1995, then expanded to include two concrete bowls in 2005.

The groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled at noon on Monday, Sept. 18, at the skate park on the corner of Warm Springs and Saddle Roads. The city will provide food and drink by local vendors. Please let us know if you can attend by emailing participate@ketchumidaho.org or calling 727-5077.

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About the City of Ketchum

The City of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, restaurants, art galleries, and shopping. The city of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the city of Ketchum, visit www.ketchumidaho.org.