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**MANITO PARK BENCH CAFÉ TO AGAIN
FEATURE FREE SUMMER
FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC SERIES**

Editors Note: Please see attached poster.

A brand new FREE series of LIVE MUSIC will once again be featured at the Park Bench Café in Manito Park every Friday evening this summer.

The series kicks off with a special Summer Preview on June 3 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm with three diverse musical artists including Michael & Kellereen Millham, the Trailer Park Girls and Just Plain Darin. The attached poster details the performers.

Along with the FREE music the Park Bench Café will be serving wonderful food offerings including a diversity of summer beverages along with wine and beer.

The Park Bench Café is located between Mirror Pond and the Duncan Garden in Manito Park.

About Manito Park

The Spokane Parks and Recreation Department maintains Manito Park's 78 acres of native and cultivated landscape and 20 acres of world class botanical gardens. Comprised of five major garden areas, the Nishinomiya Tsutakawa Japanese Garden, Duncan Garden, Rose Hill, Lilac Garden and Ferris Perennial Garden, Manito Park is nationally recognized for its diverse horticultural displays. In 2007, Rose Hill was named number one in the nation by All-America Rose Selections (AARS), a nonprofit association dedicated to the introduction and promotion of exceptional roses. Manito Park was officially established in April 1904, and has evolved from an undeveloped recreational area with a few flower

beds, picnic spots and a zoo to one of Spokane's primary showplaces. Other Manito Park features include: Mirror Pond, a favorite of those who enjoy watching ducks and other water fowl; the Park Bench Café, opening May 13, 2011, for light meals and beverages; the Loop Drive and Bridge offering majestic views of the Rose Garden; Upper and Lower Playgrounds with splash pad – a favorite gathering spot of children; and the large basalt rock office building constructed in 1912. Central to the Park is the Gaiser Conservatory where beautiful flowing displays change seasonally.

About Spokane Parks and Recreation

City of Spokane Parks and Recreation is responsible for the professional management and prudent caretaking of more than 4,100 acres of developed parks and conservation land. The Golf Division maintains and operates four championship municipal golf courses, including Indian Canyon, Downriver, Esmeralda and the Creek at Qualchan. Park Operations has responsibility for the maintenance of all park land and park facilities in the City of Spokane including Riverfront Park, Manito Park, Gaiser Conservatory and the many city-wide gardens, Finch Arboretum and the Urban Forestry Program. The Recreation/Entertainment Division offers classes, special events, athletic leagues and activities for youth, teens, adults, seniors and persons with physical and mental disabilities. It also operates Riverfront Park attractions, activities and events, and provides support for community centers, senior centers, the Northeast Youth Center, Corbin Art Center and outdoor swimming pools. For more information please visit www.spokaneparks.org

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