



## CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI MEDIA ADVISORY

---

903 W. Main Street Blue Springs, MO 64015 • P: 816.228.0110 • F: 816.228.7592 • [www.bluespringsgov.com](http://www.bluespringsgov.com)

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: July 21, 2010  
CONTACT: Kim Nakahodo, Communications Manager  
Phone: (816) 655-0497, Cell: (816) 651-6449  
Email: [knakahodo@bluespringsgov.com](mailto:knakahodo@bluespringsgov.com)

### **Pink Hill Park Recycling Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

**Blue Springs, Mo.** – The City of Blue Springs will mark the grand opening of its Pink Hill Park Recycling Center with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Saturday, July 24 at 10 a.m.

The public is encouraged to bring their recyclables and join us for our grand opening from 10 a.m. to noon; the facility will remain open until 4 p.m. There will be refreshments, entertainment and door prizes. Pepper the Paper Retriever, the Abitibi recycling mascot will also be at the event. The recycling center is located in Pink Hill Park at 1201 NW Park Rd, Blue Springs, Mo.

The Pink Hill Park Recycling Center will accept common recyclables such as glass, plastic, aluminum, tin cans, paper and cardboard materials. The center will be open to the public Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We are pleased to enhance our city services by offering recycling," Mayor Ross said. "Recycling is important to the future of our city and shows that Blue Springs is a committed to being a 'green' community."

The Pink Hill Recycling Center is the first of its kind in Blue Springs. The center was made possible due to several resident-lead strategic planning initiatives, city support and grant funding.

The center has been in the planning process for several years when it was made a priority issue by the "Renew the Blue" community visioning implementation organization in 2006. Efforts intensified in 2007 when the City's Solid Waste Management Commission began working on the center as its primary goal. In July 2008, the City Council directed staff to proceed with planning of the recycling center. The City

applied for a grant for the center from the Mid-America Regional Council's Solid Waste Management District that was funded by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

The total cost of the facility was \$174,856 and funded primarily by the Mid-America Regional Council grant. The City provided \$42,294 of the project costs, including cash, employee time and equipment.

For more information or to volunteer at the recycling center, contact Lisa Atkinson, Associate Planner at (816) 220-4504. The Blue Springs Recycling Hotline is (816) 228-0228.

###