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## **Ceremonial Groundbreaking for Ice Skating Facility at Hales Corners Park**

*Alyson Dudek International Ice Center: Reiman Rink, Holz Family Shelter*

Milwaukee, WI (Aug. 3, 2015) – Milwaukee County Parks and Friends of Hales Corners Park & Pool will celebrate a ceremonial groundbreaking for an outdoor ice skating center and open-air shelter, Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 1:30 p.m. at Hales Corners Park. The park is located at 5765 S. New Berlin Road.

Honoring the 2010 Olympic Bronze Medalist in the short-track speed skating relay, the sports facility will be named the Alyson Dudek International Ice Center. Dudek, a lifetime resident of Hales Corners, was also a member of the 2014 U.S. Winter Olympic team.

Plans for the ice center feature the 8,400-square-foot Reiman Rink and the Holz Family Shelter. A concessions area, restrooms, and open space are planned for the 48-by-20-foot shelter.

The driving force for the project was to provide area residents and visitors with a safe, free skating area for youths otherwise inactive in winter.

“Parents and public health officials are concerned about a lack of physical activity in today’s youth and are always seeking activities to get kids away from the computer and video games,” said Donald Schwartz, president of Friends of Hales Corners Park & Pool. “This ice rink will become a venue to encourage active healthier kids, provide affordable family fun, create community camaraderie, and be a great place for recreational skating for people of all ages and abilities.”

For more about the plans for the ice center, visit [halescornerspark.com/ice%20rink/index.htm](http://halescornerspark.com/ice%20rink/index.htm).

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