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Celebrating 25 Years of Mylan Park: Welcoming New Courts, Campgrounds and Attractions

MORGANTOWN, W.VA. (Sept. 23, 2024) — As Mylan Park marks its 25th anniversary, it is proud to announce the continuation of significant upgrades and developments that will further solidify its reputation as a premier destination for recreation, sports and community engagement in North-Central West Virginia. These exciting enhancements come at a time when the Park reflects a quarter-century of growth, innovation and service to the community.

"Celebrating 25 years is a tremendous achievement for Mylan Park," said Susan Riddle, Mylan Park Foundation (MPF) board vice president and president and CEO of the Visit Mountaineer Country Convention and Visitors Bureau (VMCCVB). "As we look back on how far we've come, we are even more excited about the future. The community response to our recent developments has been overwhelmingly positive, and these new projects will ensure that Mylan Park continues to thrive for years to come."

Among the recently opened facilities are six new outdoor courts to accommodate the fastest-growing sport in America – pickleball. "We've seen an incredible turnout from the pickleball community over the past year," Riddle continued. "We anticipate these new additions to see their fair share of playing time." Mylan Park hosted the first-ever West Virginia State Pickleball Championships in 2023 and will host the 2024 West Virginia State Pickleball Championship Sept. 27-29.

The awaited KOA Campground addition is also progressing well, with an expected opening in Spring 2025. This unique addition will offer a variety of accommodations, including campsites, cabins, and RV and camper sites. "The campground will offer a convenient place for visitors to stay while enjoying the scenic beauty," said Ron Justice, president of the MPF board of directors. "It's part of our broader vision to make Mylan Park not just a place to visit, but a place to stay and immerse yourself in all the Park has to offer."

One of the most highly anticipated projects is the Mountaineer Bike Yard, a world-class BMX facility set to open in 2025. Designed to cater to riders of all skill levels, this state-of-the-art facility will feature a USA-BMX-sanctioned racetrack, jump flow lines, a pump track and more. "We're thrilled about the potential of the Bike Yard to draw BMX enthusiasts from around the country," Justice added. "It's another example of how Mylan Park is pushing the envelope to create diverse recreational opportunities for our community and visitors."

Mylan Park will also be home to Monongalia County's newest ice rink in 2025. The ice will be regulation size and suitable to host high school and club hockey events. The ice rink is expected to feature spectator seating for at least 600, locker rooms, a common space for skate rentals, office space and a concessions area. As funding is solidified, features will be adjusted and/or added.

To commemorate 25 years and recognize all the progress made over the years, Mylan Park will host a celebration event on Oct. 22 at its Hazel and J. W. Ruby Community Center. Notable guests Senator Joe Manchin III and Phil Weser will be honored for their leadership and dedication to the community. Legendary football coach and West Virginia native Nick Saban will join the Park in celebrating.

"As we approach this milestone, we are reminded of the incredible support we've received from our community, partners and visitors over the years," Riddle said. "We're more committed than ever to enhancing Mylan Park as a dynamic destination that offers something for everyone."

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