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## BRANDY MYERS MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND GRAND OPENING/RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY APRIL 10TH

Carolina Beach, NC – The Town of Carolina Beach is happy to announce the eagerly awaited grand opening of the Brandy Myers Memorial Playground, to be held on Wednesday, April 10th, at 1:00 PM, at Carolina Beach Lake Park (400 Lake Park Blvd. S). The community is invited to celebrate the occasion with Town Council and staff. NASCAR famed Danny "Chocolate" Myers and his wife Caron will also be present at the grand opening ceremony to dedicate the playground as a memorial to Caron's daughter Brandy, who died from Leukemia in 1987.

Also joining in the celebration are two individuals who helped make the project a reality, North Carolina House Representative Charlie Miller, and New Hanover County Commissioner LeAnn Pierce. Mayor Lynn Barbee said, "We are thankful to everyone involved in making this possible, and we look forward to celebrating our newest amenity Brandy Myers Playground, a playground that will serve families for many years to come."

The project was funded with \$1 million from the NC General Assembly State Capital Infrastructure Fund (SCIF) and \$175,000 from the NC Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

The playground was designed to be an inclusive park for children of different ages and abilities, where families can engage in activities that promote social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development through play. We hope you will join us for the grand opening and be among the first to experience this awesome park space!