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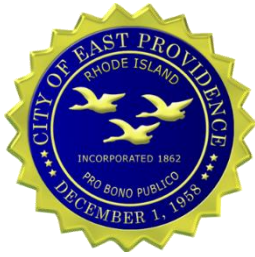
## Community celebrates opening of first East Providence splash park

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – East Providence city officials and community members, together with officials from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and the AARP Rhode Island, celebrated the city's first ever splash pad park during a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Onna Moniz-John Park.

“The city of East Providence works hard to foster community engagement and this splash pad and board game area is yet another example of how the city, state and community comes together to bring joy and smiles to our youth,” Mayor Roberto L. DaSilva said. “East Providence resident Onna Moniz-John was instrumental in working with the city’s planning department in making this happen.”

The \$106,000 splash pad park, which features a 30’ X 30’ splash pad, was made possible due to the generous support from the Rhode Island DEM, AARP RI and the city of East Providence.

“It takes more than vision to make projects like this terrific splash pad park possible; it takes money,” said RI Department of Environmental Management Director Janet Coit. “Here, the state’s \$96,000 investment comes from a Green Economy Bond that Rhode Island voters approved by a wide margin. Money invested in our communities unites neighborhoods, creates safe places for kids to cool off and play, and is always a smart investment.”



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In addition to the splash pad, the city now has an adjacent \$14,000 intergenerational communal area featuring ADA accessible benches, game tables and picnic tables, which was possible through support from the city and AARP.

"The AARP Livable Communities initiative is all about supporting work by those who believe in old-fashioned civic engagement -- people who come together to make where they live a better place for all people of all ages and abilities," said AARP Rhode Island's Associate State Director John Martin. "We're doing this through our volunteer-driven outreach activity and often in cooperation with cities and towns. Across the country, AARP Community Challenge grants are making this happen and we are pleased that East Providence has seized the opportunity so successfully."



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