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PRESS RELEASE

New water slide components arrive at Tropicanoe Cove

LAFAYETTE, IN – April 8, 2019 – The summer is fast approaching and construction is well underway for the highly anticipated addition of two new water slides at Tropicanoe Cove. The colorful fiberglass components to the “Mat Racer” and “Aqua Loop” slides arrived last week from Whitewater West Industries after being manufactured in Thailand. A team from Aqua Tech Solutions is on site and installation has begun with the several bright green steel supports of the Aqua Loop slide being erected.

The Mat Racer slide will be 44’ tall, which is six feet taller than the park’s existing Banana Peel tube slide. This new addition is reminiscent of the Big Dipper burlap-sack slide which was located in same area of Columbian Park. The new slide features parallel lanes that allow Cove patrons to “race” one another down the slide on body-sized water mats, reaching expected maximum speeds of 25 – 27 miles per hour.

The Aqua Loop slide will be 54’ feet tall and features a single translucent tube that is approximately 320’ in length. This slide allows the rider to drop through a “trap door” and attain a speed of up to 35 mph as they travel through a single loop flume.

Tropicanoe Cove opened in 1999 and will celebrate its 20th anniversary as “Lafayette’s Hottest Place to Cool Off.” This family aquatic center features several slides, including the 299’ long Banana Peel tube slide, a 168,000 gallon zero-depth entry leisure pool, an interactive water playground for younger children, a lazy river, and a concessions area. On average, over 66,000 guests attend Tropicanoe Cove on an annual basis with over 1.3 million visitors having passed through its gates since opening day.

The anticipated completion of both slides is late May/early June, which is just in time for the busy aquatics seasons and officials can’t contain their excitement for these new additions.

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Lafayette Mayor Tony Roswarski stated, "For the past 20 years, Tropicanoe Cove has served our community as a fun, exciting destination for building family memories. The addition of these two new water slides will enrich each visitors' experience, for residents and visitors alike. We are delighted with these enhancements and remain committed to offering quality entertainment options."

Tropicanoe Cove will open for the season on May 25, 2019. Tropicanoe Cove will be open daily from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. except on Wednesdays when hours are extended to 8:00 p.m. for Family Night, and Sundays when the Cove opens at 12:00 p.m. Admission rates are \$7.00 per person over 48" tall and \$6.00 per person under 48" tall. Children under 2 years of age are free. Discounted admissions are offered during Family Nights and after 4:00 p.m. daily. The Cove offers a variety of additional activities and includes Water Walking, Aqua Zumba, private rentals, etc. For additional information about rates and programs, please visit the Tropicanoe Cove website at <http://www.lafayette.in.gov/tropicanoe-cove>.

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