Market Square Park Grand Opening Celebration  
Saturday, April 10th  
10:00 am  
Corner of Roanoke & Draper, Downtown Blacksburg

The Town of Blacksburg, Friends of the Farmers Market, Inc and Downtown Blacksburg, Inc will host a Grand Opening Celebration to mark the opening of the new Market Square Park and the 2010 season of the Blacksburg Farmers Market.

The event will include:

* Comments by the Mayor and community members involved in the project
* Music by Crossties, a modern bluegrass band grounded in tradition
* Activities for children including hula hooping, face painting and bubbles
* Tasty treats and early spring produce for sale by vendors of the Blacksburg Farmers Market.

The new park and timber frame structure located in the heart of downtown Blacksburg will provide a venue for music, picnics, festivals and the farmers market throughout the year.

Blue Ridge Timberwrights, a Christiansburg company, constructed the timber frame structure. The company, in business since 1983, is one of America’s foremost crafters of timber frame structures. DCI Shires, a Bluefield, West Virginia company, did the site work construction including parking, pavers, seating areas, and landscaping. Anderson & Associates, a Blacksburg employee-owned business, was the civil engineer for the project.

The project includes a number of sustainable development features including a solar photovoltaic system, the use of locally harvested white oak and pine, LED and compact fluorescent light fixtures, “under drains” that collect water which seeps through the pavers and directs it to tree wells, and
replacement of paving with landscaping. In addition, the project supports the continued expansion of locally grown and organic food which helps preserve family farms and farm land.

*Market Square Park was funded through both public and private sources including:*

- Federal Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant
- The Town of Blacksburg
- Friends of the Farmers Market
- Solar Connexion
- Blue Ridge Timberwrights
- Downtown Blacksburg, Inc
- National Bank of Blacksburg
- The Blacksburg Partnership
- Kathryn and John Albright
- Anderson & Associates
- Susan Anderson & Kim Kipling
- Matt Lattanzi
- Suntrust Bank
- Mandy & Greg Tew
- Nancyne & Craig Willoughby
- Beth Obenshein
- Laurie and Richard Shepherd
- Chris and Bert Newmark
- Lisa and John Olver
- Jenny Schwanke and Trev Smith
- Linda and Jack Davis
- Ann Goette
- Louise and Minnis Ridenour
- Lindsay and David West
- Lisa Belden and Ignacio Moore
- Cecile and Billy Newcomb
- Paul Plassmann
- The Weight Club
- Robert and Brigitte Rotche
- Carl and Linda Pfeiffer
- James Demarco
- Megan Foster
- Carol Brandt
- Sue and Mike Drzal
- Carol Davis
- Eric P. Smith and L. Hager-Smith

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