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Ceremonial Groundbreaking at Milliken Nature Center at Arch Rock September 1

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICH. — The ceremonial groundbreaking for the Milliken Nature

Center will take place at Arch Rock on Friday, September 1, at 11:00 a.m., featuring comments from

Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Mackinac State Historic Parks Director Steve Brisson.

"The Milliken Nature Center will be a fitting and welcome addition to the Arch Rock area,"

Brisson said. "We're honored it will feature the name of Governor Milliken, who loved this island, and are appreciative of the support of Governor Whitmer, the state legislature, and Mackinac Associates to get this project moving."

Along with Governor Whitmer and Director Brisson, Mackinac Island State Park Commission Vice-Chairman Richard Manoogian will be in attendance, along with other elected officials.

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Mackinac State Historic Parks, a family of living history museums and parks in northern Michigan's Straits of Mackinac, is an agency within the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Its sites—which are accredited by the American Alliance of Museums—include Fort Mackinac, the Biddle House, The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, Historic Downtown Mackinac, and Mackinac Island State Park on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park and Michilimackinac State Park in Mackinaw City. Mackinac State Historic Parks is governed by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, established in 1895 to protect, preserve and present the parks' rich historic and natural resources for the education and recreation of future generations. Visitor information is available at (231) 436-4100 or on the web at www.mackinacparks.com.