

**St. Stephens Park Grand Opening—St. Stephens Park
Saturday, October 10, 2009—10 am thru 12 pm**



Join Catawba County Parks in the first of three great weekends of celebration for the Grand Opening of St. Stephens Park! Catawba County Parks Division is 10 years old this year and is celebrating by hosting special events at all three of our facilities that are free and open to the public!

St. Stephens Park is located just behind Clyde Campbell Elementary School off Kool Park Road in the St. Stephens/Hickory area.

Amenities include a one-acre Dog Park, a large picnic shelter and meeting room that are available for reservations, horseshoe pits, a small kid's play area, and a one-third mile natural surface walking trail.

The festivities will begin at 10 am with Nick Sipes, whose Eagle Scout project was the completion of the Dog Park at St. Stephens, and Boy Scout Troop #1 presenting the colors for the Flag Ceremony. Several of the County Commissioners will be on hand for an official ribbon cutting event, and Catawba County Planning and Parks Director, Jacky Eubanks will say a few words commemorating the occasion. The Humane Society will be hosting an animal adoption program along with a rabies clinic offering both one and three-year vaccinations for \$8 each. The rabies certificate must accompany the pet for the three-year booster vaccinations—not just the rabies tag on the collar. They will also be offering micro chipping for \$20. Cash and checks will be accepted. Vicky Comer, a certified wildlife rehabilitator, will bring several of her animals out for a “touch and learn” session. Animals she will have on display are a Southern Flying Squirrel, a Prairie Dog, and ‘Surfer-dude” the blonde Gray Squirrel. There will also be a booth from NC Agriculture Extension along with free ice cream and bottled water while supplies last.