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## **Bethesda tai chi court a memorial to Rockville teacher**

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In the park where he practiced his art weekly for more than 12 years before his death in 2005, David C. Chen's friends and family opened the county's first tai chi court at Cabin John Regional Park in Bethesda on Saturday.

The 48-foot-diameter circular flagstone court — shaped with the symbol of a yin and yang — was made in honor of Chen, 50, a Rockville resident and founder of the Wu Wei Tai Chi Club. The club paid for the construction of the court with donations given to them after Chen's death and a matching state grant, totaling more than \$80,000.

The court will remain open to the public at the park, at 7400 Tuckerman Lane in Bethesda.



***Brian Lewis/The Gazette A tai chi court was dedicated in Cabin John Regional Park to honor the late David C. Chen. The park officially recognized the court Saturday. At back left Joanne Chen of Rockville, wife of David Chen for whom the court is named, watches a demonstration by Avi Schneier of Brooklyn, New York do Sun Tai Chi.***

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