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## **ANTHEM'S ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND TO REOPEN AT AUTUMNFEST, OCTOBER 25 MEDIA AND PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND RIBBON CUTTING**

**Anthem, Ariz.** – Anthem's oldest original amenity, Adventure Playground, will re-open October 25 after being rebuilt from the ground up over the summer. A ribbon cutting to dedicate the playground and splash pad will kick off Autumnfest in ACC Community Park at 10 a.m.

The playground and splash pad renovation is a planned Reserve Fund project for 2014 and will come in on time and under budget. The original Adventure Playground structure that was built in 2000 consisted largely of wood and was nearing the end of its expected safe lifetime. The new Adventure Playground meets playground safety and accessibility standards and exemplifies the ACC's commitment to reinvest in community assets to maintain Anthem's high quality of life. Features include:

- Three "mega towers," which at the top, play levels are slightly higher than the previous towers, and over 50 play features for a variety of physical challenges and sensory and motor development opportunities.
- A fully accessible playground surface and multiple interactive play panels and freestanding play features.
- Rocks and ropes climbing features.
- Six large slides and a separate 2 to 5 year old play structure with two slides and play components.
- Separate sand pits with "dinosaur bones" replenished with new, softer "beach" sand for easy digging.
- New splash pad with several high/low water features.
- Over 1,800 square feet of shade canopies, multiple seating options and a ramada with picnic table.

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The media and public are invited to attend the Oct. 25, 10 a.m. ribbon cutting at Adventure Playground. At this time, the gates will be reopened for children and their families for the first time since closing for construction on July 5. The water features of the splash pad will be on throughout Autumnfest weekend.

A special memorial has been added to the playground, to honor the memory of Anthem youth whose adventures on Earth ended too soon. A bronze dedication plaque is being laid into a hand-carved cut out within an original playground boulder near the entrance of the playground.

To view the project's history and photos of the progress, visit <http://www.onlineatthem.com/adventure-playground>.

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