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ANTHEM'S 15TH ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IS A COMMUNITY MILESTONE

Anthem, Ariz. – As part of its year-long 15th anniversary celebration, Anthem will celebrate Independence Day in the Anthem Community Park July 3 from 6 to 10 p.m. The event is as old as the community itself, an original staple, which draws thousands from across the valley to celebrate.

The 15th annual event includes a fireworks extravaganza at 9:30 p.m. pending weather conditions. Food vendors, music, inflatables and water slides are also part of the festivities. Each individual to ride the slides or use the inflatables is required to have a wristband, regardless of age. Wristbands are available for \$12 through July 2 at 5 p.m. at the Anthem Community Center, 41130 N. Freedom Way. Wristbands will also be available for purchase at the event.

Upwards of 20,000 people descend on Anthem for the Independence Day Celebration, which requires additional planning, specifically in the traffic department. "We work with Maricopa County Department of Transportation and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office to create a plan that ensures safety of our residents and guests, and allows for efficiency in and out of the community and the park," said Michele DeMichele, special events director for the Anthem Community Council.

The traffic control plan will take effect at 4 p.m. the day of the event. Review the plan at www.OnlineAtAnthem.com/independence-day-overview.

Residents and guests at the event are allowed to bring food and beverages. However, no glass containers or alcohol is permitted. Beer and margaritas will be available for purchase in the food court area by the Rotary

Club. As a reminder, attendees at the event are not allowed to bring or launch fireworks at the ACC Community Park; however, lawn chairs or blankets to watch the fireworks show are recommended.

DeMichele said, “This is a celebration of our nation, but for us, it carries even more meaning at this milestone anniversary. Anthem has grown into a very special place to live, work and play over the last 15 years, and we enjoy sharing it with others at this popular event.”

ValleyCrest Landscape Companies is the official sponsor of the event.

For more information: mdemichele@anthemcouncil.com, 623-742-6050 or visit www.OnlineAtAnthem.com/independence-day.

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