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ANTHEM'S NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION MODIFIED DUE TO FORECASTED WINTER WEATHER

Anthem, Ariz. – Despite grand plans to close out the community's 15th anniversary year with pomp and circumstance this Wednesday, Mother Nature is planning to rain (and possibly snow) on Anthem's parade.

Wednesday's New Year's Eve Signature Event in ACC Community Park has been modified due to a winter storm system calling for heavy rain and possibly snow all day Wednesday and into the night. However, fireworks will still be launched if at all possible, at the discretion of the Daisy Mountain Fire Department at the time of launch, scheduled for 10 p.m.

Modifications to the event include:

- Full refunds to anyone who purchased early-bird bracelets prior to Dec. 19 at the ACC Community Center. Residents **do not** need to show bracelets for refunds at the Community Center, only their ID.
- The synthetic ice rink will still be set up in the Roller Hockey Rink in ACC Community Park for skaters to visit for FREE Wednesday from 6-10 p.m. and Thursday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Fireworks are still planned for 10 p.m. The Daisy Mountain Fire Department will make a final determination based on safety protocol at the time of launch.
- Other activities will tentatively move to Anthem Days (s'mores, trail mix, casino tent, DJ, photo booth).

According to ACC Special Events Director Michele DeMichele, forging ahead on the hopes that the forecast will change only present additional challenges. "With so many moving parts and logistical challenges, we feel it's better to modify the festivities now, which gives residents the opportunity to still enjoy highlights of the event despite the oncoming weather."

The ACC thanks residents for an eventful and memorable 15th anniversary year, which included the opening of the Anthem Civic Building, the establishing of the Anthem Youth Advisory Council, renovation of Adventure Playground, and the modified New Year's Eve celebration among other highlights.

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Anthem, Arizona is a master planned community located in Maricopa County, Arizona. The Anthem Community Council serves as a unifying entity for the Anthem community. The mission of the Anthem Community Council is to establish and maintain a governing structure which will preserve, protect and enhance the plans, policies, infrastructure and resources needed to support a sense of community, ensure sound economic development and promote a quality of life for all Anthem residents.