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GRAND OPENING OF GLENDALE'S NEW ARCHERY RANGE ON TARGET FOR OCTOBER 15

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The public is invited to attend the official grand opening of the city's newest sports and recreation amenity, the Archery Range Complex at Glendale Heroes Park, on Oct. 15, 9-10:30 a.m.

The ceremony will include comments from Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers, Yucca District Councilmember Sammy Chavira, as well as representatives from the funding partners for the project, the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority (AZSTA) and the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGF). It will conclude with a ribbon cutting, in which the Mayor will invite elected officials, AZSTA, AGF, as well as various partners to help cut the ceremonial ribbon.

The arrows will start shooting once the ribbon is cut! Local archery clubs will conduct demonstrations and local 2016 US Archer Paralympian Eric Bennett as well as 2016 US Archery Team Coach Mel Nichols will make an appearance and help christen the new complex.

The facility consists of a 16-lane practice and competition archery range able to accommodate all ability levels, a 47,000-square-foot area with gated perimeter fencing, up to 90-meter archery lanes, an earthen target backstop, shaded spectator seating areas, custom rules sign, information kiosk, and beautiful drought tolerate landscape.

Located just northeast of the nearby Ramada Complex, the project was funded primarily through grants and in-kind donations, began as a concept in 2014 and is now coming to fruition, thanks in great part to a \$7,000 grant from the State of Arizona Game and Fish Department's annual "Shooting Range Development Grant Program" and an additional \$49,000 in grant funding from the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority through its Youth and Amateur Sports Grants Program. On top of that, donations and volunteers were provided for a substantial amount of materials and labor to complete the project from the following companies: Arizona Rock Products Association; Arizona Materials; CEMEX; DBA Construction, Inc.; GCON, Inc.; Hansen Aggregates of Arizona; Heritage Trucking, Inc.;

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Madison Granite Supplies, Inc.; Salt River Materials Group; and Shade 'n Net.

The grand opening ceremony will be held at the Archery Range Complex at Glendale Heroes Park, in the eastern section of the park, located at 83rd Avenue and Bethany Home Road. Refreshments will be served following the ribbon cutting.

Beginning Oct. 15, the facility will be open daily between sunup and sundown. It will also be available for reservation by contacting the Parks and Recreation office at 623-930-2820.

For more information on the project, visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation/archeryrange.cfm or contact Mike Gregory, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director, at 623-930-2652.

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