

April 29, 2008

Dear ADOG Members:

I want to thank ADOG for the opportunity to give you all an update on the improvements at Desert Vista Neighborhood Park.

The first phase of the project began in February and is scheduled to be completed in September 2008. A subsequent phase is scheduled to begin in July and end in November, pending Town Council approval of additional funding for the project. Improvements to the dog park are only part of the overall improvement project, which includes a restroom/concession/storage building; three shade ramadas in dog park; two picnic ramadas; athletic field lighting & area lighting; connecting sidewalks and entryways; irrigation and landscaping improvements; site amenities such as benches, trash cans & signage; and parking improvements.

The months of February and March saw a great deal of grading take place, as well as trenching for drainage, and the installation of underground conduit for electrical. Small things starting to take shape, as footers were poured for the restroom building and the seat wall/planter was erected in the small dog area. The month of April saw much more visible progress as sections of sidewalk were poured, the playground curbing was poured, and the restroom building began to rise out of the ground. Large sections of the irrigation mainline were relocated and the irrigation system was operational in most of the park. Utilities have been connected and will be ready when the various features of the park are complete.

The contractor, Valley Rain Construction Corp., has been working very hard at great effort to minimize the impact of the construction on the park users. Both small and large areas of the Dog Park, along with the Skate Park, will be available throughout much of the construction, although there will be periods that the facilities need to be closed to complete work. The Skate Park was closed on April 23 and will remain closed until May 23, while construction crews are re-grading the alley, relocating irrigation mainline and valves, and pouring curb and sidewalk directly in front of the Skate Park. The first closure of the Dog Park will be May 5 to May 18, while the construction crews upgrade the existing entryways and pour connecting sidewalks and ramada pads. The closures are necessary so the contractor can complete the work uninterrupted, as well as for the safety of the park patrons.

The Town appreciates everyone's patience and cooperation as the project progresses. We look forward to presenting a finished product that you can all be proud of later this fall.

Sincerely,

Bryan Hughes, Recreation Supervisor
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