



Fountain Hills Parks & Recreation Department

July 25, 2008

Dear ADOG Members:

I hope everyone has been able to keep cool during the summer months or were possibly even able to get away for a vacation. I know activity at the Dog Park is down during the day, with most dogs and owners taking advantage of the cooler temps in the morning and evening.

Since my update in May, construction has slowed a bit as we get closer to completion. The overall project is now nearly 75% complete and on schedule to be completed in September. The following is an update on various improvements:

Shade & Picnic Ramadas

The ramadas are scheduled to arrive approximately the second week of August. These are pre-fabricated structures that take quite a while from the time the initial order is placed. Funding was approved by the Town Council on June 7th for ramadas in the second phase of construction and the order placed shortly after that. Installation, including the masonry block and electrical, will be completed by September.

Turf Areas

The re-seeding of the turf areas in the Dog Park is waiting on the placement of the ramadas structures. The reasoning is that large trucks and forklifts will be coming into the areas of the ramadas, as well as other areas in the athletic fields, and would cause damage to the turf. The contractor and the Town prefer to only seed once versus seeding then repairing damaged turf and ruts. We are currently analyzing several options for re-seeding in an effort to minimize closure of the Dog Park and other turf areas of the park.

Restroom Building

Progress is continuing on the restroom building with light fixtures, sinks and toilets being installed. The entire building was painted in recent weeks and is beginning to look like the finished product. The contractor is planning to pour the remainder of the concrete plaza surrounding the building in the next few weeks.

Accessibility Concerns

In the past few days, our office has received calls concerning accessibility to the Dog Park and the new accessible parking stalls located on Tioga Drive. We are researching those issues and if it is found that there is anything that is non-compliant, we will do whatever is necessary to bring those items into compliance. The ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) laws are complicated and often not as clear as most of us would like to think; therefore we will take our time and make sure everything is in compliance prior to closing out the project.

The summer is almost over and cooler temperatures will be arriving about the same time we are able to begin enjoying the new amenities at the park. Thank you all for your support of the project and Parks and Recreation!

Sincerely,

Bryan Hughes, Recreation Supervisor
Town of Fountain Hills Parks and Recreation