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HERITAGE PARK, CITY OF SURPRISE'S NEWEST RECREATION FACILITY OPENS AT MARLEY PARK

SURPRISE, Ariz. (May 10, 2006) – Surprise Mayor Joan Shafer and city council members were among the more than 1,500 area residents who turned recently to celebrate the grand opening of Heritage Park, a new 25-acre city of Surprise community park located in Marley Park.

The Marley Park Community Association and Marley Park Elementary PTA hosted the picnic-themed event, which included performing arts and musical entertainment at the park's amphitheater, dog agility demonstrations and carnival games on the lawns, and sporting events played on the ball fields.

"Heritage Park is such a beautiful park. It's a wonderful addition to Marley Park and all of Surprise," said Surprise Mayor Joan Shafer.

Heritage Park, located adjacent to Marley Park Elementary School at 15042 West Sweetwater Road, was developed by Marley Park LLC, an affiliate of Scottsdale-based DMB Associates Inc. (DMB). The land for the park was donated to the city of Surprise by the Kemper and Ethel Marley Foundation. The city of Surprise Community and Recreation Services Department will assume responsibility for operations and event programming.

"Heritage Park is the jewel of our community's parks and Arbor Walk system. Open spaces that invite community involvement are central to the design of Marley Park, and we're pleased to share Heritage Park with the greater Surprise community," said Paula Randolph, director of community operations for Marley Park. "It's wonderful to see Heritage Park come alive as a vibrant center for community recreation, where people of all ages and interests can interact with family and friends, participate in community events and have a good time."

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The northern section of Heritage Park, a hub of activity and play, includes two baseball fields, an adventure playground for young children and a plaza for community events. The southern section, centered on the arts, includes an open-air amphitheater with a gazebo stage and seating for 1,600 spectators, a community rose garden honoring the roots of Marley Park and an open field for playful activity.

“Heritage Park complements our existing recreational offerings and provides a venue to expand community programming,” said Surprise Director of Community and Recreation Services Mark Coronado. “The entire community of Surprise will benefit from increased opportunities for sports, musical and cultural programming.”

Marley Park is designed to be a classically styled community celebrating the most valued characteristics of historic neighborhoods. Taking its cues from the area’s rich agrarian history, the community of Marley Park emphasizes open spaces, shade trees and diverse and traditional architecture. For more information, visit MarleyParkNews.com.

Marley Park is being developed in phases by Marley Park LLC, an affiliate of Scottsdale-based DMB Associates, Inc. (DMB). DMB is a diversified real estate investment and development firm with real estate holdings through affiliated companies that include current and planned resort/recreational and primary residential communities, signature commercial developments, country clubs, hotels, health clubs and spa properties. Founded in 1984 and headquartered in Scottsdale, Ariz., DMB is one of the most active community developers in the West, with properties in Arizona, California, Utah and Hawaii. The firm’s name is synonymous with high-quality real estate developments.

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