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### **MENLO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROJECT CELEBRATION MAY 11, 2013 AT 10 A.M.**

Join us on Saturday, May 11, at 10 a.m. at the Menlo Park Plaza as we celebrate the Menlo Park Neighborhood Revitalization Project located at 301 North Grande Avenue. This project improves pedestrian safety and mobility for residents and visitors alike, while enhancing the overall quality of life for the citizens of the neighborhood and Tucson and Pima County residents at large. This project addresses the safety of the end-user, as well as supports the environmental sustainability goals of Pima County. The improvements serve as an attractive entry way into Tucson's downtown business and cultural sectors.

Funding for this project came from the 2004 Pima County Bond and was administered by the Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment Program, providing \$498,975. Some of the administrative costs were covered by the City of Tucson Department of Transportation, City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department, and Ward 1 Back to Basics which provided \$30,000. Pima County invested 1997 Pima County Bond funds of \$850,000 to improve the soccer field facilities, City of Tucson provided 2000 City of Tucson Bond funding of \$318,000 to construct a new restroom building and the plaza in the center of the park, and a Community Development Block Grant of \$180,000 helped pay for the remaining sidewalks, lighting, chain link fencing, and another group picnic ramada.

This project includes traffic calming and park improvements, constructed by the City of Tucson's Transportation and Parks and Recreation Departments. The transportation project included: median/entry islands with neighborhood signage, traffic circles, speed tables, ADA curb access ramps, xeriscaping and water harvesting chicanes. The park improvements include: a group picnic ramada, fabric shade sails over the pool deck and playgrounds, concrete decks and plazas, concrete masonry unit and brick walls, poured-in-place concrete walls, wrought-iron signage, landscape planting, support irrigation and site furnishings.

The offices involved in the project include: Pima County Supervisor Richard Elías, District 5, City of Tucson Vice-Mayor and Ward 1 Council Member Regina Romero, Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Project Coordinator Cam Juárez, City of Tucson Department of Transportation Project Managers Jesse Soto and Zelin Canchola, City Of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department Project Manager Howard Dutt, and Menlo Park Neighborhood Association members, especially, Mac Hudson, Bob Rodriguez, Lorraine Bartlett, Gene Einfrank and Lillian Lopez-Grant.

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