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### PROJECT EVERGREEN AND SITEONE TO RENOVATE KENNEDY PARK

[Project EverGreen](#), the national nonprofit devoted to creating a greener, healthier, cooler Earth; [SiteOne Landscape Supply](#), [Tucson Parks and Recreation](#), community residents, and a talented group of dedicated landscape professionals are teaming up Saturday, Sept. 21, at 9 a.m., at Kennedy Park, 3700 S. Mission Road to give the community park a well-deserved sprucing up.

More than 100 volunteers, including lawn and landscape professionals, will participate in SiteOne's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Women in Green Industry (WIGI) Conference. Industry suppliers and local residents will collaborate to make repairs to the park's turf areas, playgrounds, and infrastructure.

"The goal of the WIGI Conference is to help women grow in the green industry, so we are thrilled to partner with Project EverGreen to extend their mission while allowing attendees to learn from one another and better the Tucson community," said Amber Baker, conference organizer and SiteOne Landscape Supply division marketing manager-west.

"Neighborhoods deserve a healthy community park and green space that they can call their own," said Cindy Code, executive director of Project EverGreen. "Thriving parks create a community hub for neighbors – young and old – to meet and connect in a healthy, cool environment. Healthy green spaces also help instill community pride and confidence and establish a safe environment for a vibrant neighborhood."

The Kennedy Park project will cover 4.7 acres of the spacious 20-acre park. The volunteer work includes:

- Replacement of more than 100 irrigation heads and installation of a new controller to more effectively and efficiently manage the park's irrigation system. Irrigation materials will be generously donated by Hunter Industries, Rain Master, Corona Tools, and SiteOne.
- Applying a low-impact fertilization treatment on turf to promote growth and prevent harmful weeds and disease.
- Painting benches and cleaning up desert debris.

Along with these efforts, the City will further enhance the park through the addition of a new playground and freshly painted bathrooms.

"On behalf of all of your new friends at Tucson Parks and Recreation, I want to welcome Project EverGreen's awesome volunteers to Kennedy Park," said Brent Dennis, director, Tucson Parks and Recreation. "The donation of valuable skills, energetic enthusiasm, and transformative improvements will truly help create a greener, healthier and more beautiful park for our community to enjoy."

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