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NEW RIVER TRAIL EXPANSION GRAND OPENING & FUN RUN/WALK *Trail Expansion Increases Connectivity to Peoria Trails*

Glendale, Ariz. — Be one of the first to enjoy the newest addition to Glendale's impressive outdoor amenities! Join the cities of Glendale and Peoria on the morning of Monday, Oct. 12, at Northern and 99th Avenues, for a fun run/walk and opening ceremony to celebrate the newest trail segment in Glendale: the New River Trail from Northern Avenue to Bethany Home Road.

Begin the day at 7:30 a.m. with a 4.45 mile run/walk along the entire length of the newly constructed trail (from Northern Avenue to Bethany Home Road and back), or a less strenuous 2.2 mile run/walk between Northern and Glendale avenues at 8 a.m. All distances will be untimed, but race clocks will be available at the start/finish line.

The festivities will conclude with an official dedication ceremony of the trail segment at 9 a.m., featuring city officials and light refreshments. There is a \$5.00 event registration fee, which will benefit the Valley of the Sun United Way. Parking will be available just south of Northern Avenue, off 99th Avenue. To register, visit <https://raceroster.com/events/2015/6527/city-of-glendale-br-trail-expansion-grand-opening>.

Connecting into an existing trail in the City of Peoria, the expansion, which runs parallel to New River, west of the Loop 101, will accommodate hikers, runners, cyclists, birdwatchers, and equestrians. The newest segment to the New River Trail is marked by beautiful vegetation, including mesquite and Texas ebony trees, oleanders and bougainvillea, as well as local wildlife like jackrabbits and hummingbirds. In the future, the planned completion of the Grand Canal Linear Trail from Loop 101 to New River Pathway will join the two trails. Once completed, the trail system will connect into others in the West Valley, including the Skunk Creek and Thunderbird Paseo Pathway systems.

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“Imagine being able to hike or ride the entire Valley on a continuous looped trails system without competing with motor vehicles,” said Mike Gregory, Glendale’s Parks, Recreation, & Neighborhood Services Administrator. “This segment of the New River Trail is just one more section added to the Valley’s Pedestrian Freeway that will provide runners, walkers, bikers, and roller bladers access to the entire Valley: from Apache Junction to the White Tank Regional Park.”

For more information, contact Recreation Manager Paul King at 623-930-2654 or visit

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