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NEW NAMES SELECTED FOR TWO GLENDALE PARKS THROUGH PUBLIC INPUT

Glendale, Ariz. — A regional park that went by the unofficial name of “Western Area Regional Park” for several years has now received the name of Glendale Heroes Regional Park. Another neighborhood park also received a name, Orangewood Vista Park.

Both parks have been open to the public while the process of naming them was coordinated. A six-month public review and participation process was held. Once the final names were selected, they were presented to the Glendale Parks and Recreation Commission, where the members voted unanimously for them. With the commission’s recommendation the names were brought to the Glendale City Council in August and the names were made official.

Recently, the signage with the official name was installed at Glendale Heroes Regional Park. The sign depicts silhouette busts of a firefighter and police officer representing the city’s working heroes.

On Saturday, a memorial walk will begin at Glendale Heroes Regional Park to honor Brad Jones’ life. Two years ago, Glendale Police Officer Jones responded to what should have been a routine call for service, but developed into a violent encounter with an armed felon where Brad lost his life. The walk, a 1-½-mile walk or 3-mile run, will begin at 8 a.m. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m. and is \$28, which includes a commemorative t-shirt, or \$20 without the shirt. Children ages 16 and under are free. Only cash will be accepted during on-site registration. The proceeds benefit the 100 Club of Arizona Scholarship Program and Law Enforcement United.

Glendale Heroes Regional Park is located at 6121 N. 83rd Ave. and the 88-acre facility has been constructed in phases. Currently the park features six basketball courts, two playground areas, a splash pad, the “X-Court” BMX/skateboarding facility, 16 covered ramadas, an outdoor volleyball court, restrooms and open green space for a variety of activities.

Adjacent to Sunset Vista Elementary School, the 10-acre Orangewood Vista Park at 7801 W. Orangewood Ave., consists of four lighted basketball courts; a three-acre green space area for soccer, flag football and active recreation; a trail system; and a playground area with a shade structure.

For more information on Glendale’s park system, visit www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation.

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