PHASE ONE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
Phase one of the Margaret T. Hance Park Revitalization Project is in its sixth month and continues on schedule. Construction is being managed by contractor Haydon Building Corp in coordination with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). During this stage of the project, the “Fiesta Bowl Play at Hance Park” play area and surrounding infrastructure, escarpment and landscape is being built on the west side of the park. It is scheduled for completion in December 2020.

In recent weeks, crews continued the process of installing geofoam and layering topsoil to develop the escarpment that curves through this side of the park. Cement work also continues to create the walking paths. Base work is also underway for the features and amenities that will make up the 20,000-square-foot play area.

Work to repair I-10 tunnel joints under the Japanese Friendship Garden was completed earlier this month. The City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department, Haydon Building Corp and ADOT worked closely with representatives from the Garden to coordinate that work and ensure that the affected area is returned to its pre-construction condition.

SPECIAL THANKS TO PORTLAND ON THE PARK
The Hance Park Partner Coalition would like to acknowledge the Portland on the Park Condominium Association for its assistance with installing the rooftop camera that is being used to capture the project’s progress. The bird’s-eye view photo of the construction site used in each month’s newsletter is provided by that camera.
PARDON OUR DUST
The Hance Park Partner Coalition thanks park visitors and neighbors for their continued understanding and patience as the construction project progresses. Dating to March 2020, the walking paths on the north and south edge of the west side of the park are temporarily closed. This closure is expected to last until December 2020. Due to that restriction, those wishing to connect through the park from west to east will need to use the sidewalk along Culver St. on the park’s north edge, and then access the stairs or ramp near the Central Ave. bridge. Additionally, area lighting within the footprint of the project is affected, but lighting outside the construction zone is active.

The community is reminded that this is a complex project and construction timelines and park user access is subject to change, but the Hance Park Partner Coalition is committed to maintaining consistent communication. The easiest way to follow project updates is by visiting the Hance Park Revitalization Project website.

EXTENDED WORK HOURS PERMIT APPROVED
An Extended Work Hours Permit has been approved by the City of Phoenix to allow construction crews to operate on weekdays between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. Due to the summer daytime heat, these extended hours are necessary so that crews can follow proper temperature specifications and pour concrete during the overnight hours.

This Extended Work Hours Permit gives variance to Phoenix City Code that permits construction activity from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. from May 1 to September 30. Read additional information about Phoenix City Code as it relates to after-hours construction noise.

ASK THE COALITION
The Hance Park Partner Coalition is committed to maintaining consistent communication with the community about the park renovation. Questions and comments should be directed to Hance.Park@Phoenix.gov. Select inquiries submitted through that e-mail address and other frequently asked questions will be answered in this new "Ask the Coalition" section of the newsletter.
HANCE PARK CONSERVANCY

The Hance Park Conservancy (HPC) was established in 2010. It is a community-based, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is the catalyst for a new chapter of public space renewal in Phoenix.

For information about the Hance Park Conservancy, visit our website.

PHOENIX COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

Every great city has a great urban park, and Phoenix Community Alliance (PCA) is leading the fundraising efforts to support Hance Park as a showcase to the world of what Phoenix continues to become: a thriving, must-see, world-class city. Margaret T. Hance Park’s revitalization is integral to the visible progress of our Downtown. Once completed, the Park will be a vibrant central gathering place for the Downtown community and a destination location for the entire region.

Hance Park is a 32.5 acre oasis in our Downtown, and a revitalized Park will be even more critical to the urban live, work, play, learn lifestyle as Downtown becomes denser. Here are a few statistics outlining the residential growth in the Downtown area surrounding Hance Park:

- The number of residents living Downtown is expected to grow from an estimated 12,000 in 2010 to more than 22,000 in 2022.
- More than 6,000 housing units are either under construction or in the pre-development stage, to house all those new neighbors.
- Crane counting is a new past-time Downtown, with 15 of them soaring over 10 projects.

Anticipated economic impact of the revitalization project to the city, county and state: The 2017 Hance Park Economic Impact Analysis recognized the Hance Park Revitalization Project would provide more than $6.6 billion in direct new spending over a 30-year period. Separately, a 2018 Economic Study of the Downtown Redevelopment Area (RDA) pegged Downtown’s total economic impact at $191 billion annually. A few years later, these numbers are likely an understatement.

The Hance Park Partner Coalition thanks the Fiesta Bowl for the first major donation toward the Hance Park Revitalization Project. The $2 million Fiesta Bowl legacy gift will be used specifically for the newly developed “Fiesta Bowl Play at Hance Park,” which will be constructed on the west side of the park and opened in conjunction with the Fiesta Bowl’s 50th Anniversary season. As part of the Fiesta Bowl’s 50th Anniversary celebration, its community efforts will live on through this multi-generational playground for millions of Arizona residents and guests to enjoy.

Thanks also to other organizations supporting PCA’s fundraising efforts: True North Studio, Arizona Community Foundation, DeFalco Family Foundation, Okland Construction, Digi Studio, CCBC Architects, Valley Metro, Cleary Energy and Alliance Bank of Arizona.

For more information about PCA, visit our website or contact us by e-mail via info@phoenixcommunityalliance.com.

STAY ACTIVE WITH VIRTUAL RECREATION PROGRAMS

FitPHX, the city’s healthy community initiative, is presenting its 2020 programming virtually. That includes the popular Fitness Bootcamp and Fall Into Fitness series, as well as a monthly Morning Yoga series. These activities were previously held in Hance Park, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic are being offered online. All three programs are presented thanks to the sponsorship of AARP Phoenix and other supporting partners.

The activities are free, but registration is required. Registered participants will receive a unique code to virtually join the live video stream via Zoom. Participants will also need to download the free Zoom app through the iTunes or Android store, or search for and download it through their internet service provider.

- Fitness Bootcamp, presented in partnership with Valley of the Sun YMCA, and Fall Into Fitness, presented in partnership with Energized by Exercise, conclude their eight-week summer sessions this week, but will continue in a virtual format this fall. The schedule will be announced soon and details will be available on the FitPHX webpage.
- Morning Yoga, presented in partnership with Sutra Studios, is designed for all ages and experience levels. The series started in July and is held every third Saturday of the month through December 19 from 9 to 10 a.m. Jump start your day, wake up your body and get your energy flowing. Learn more and register.

The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department is offering a variety of additional free virtual programs this fall. Learn more and register at Phoenix.gov/Parks.

FALL OVERSEEDING AND DOG PARK CLOSURE

As fall approaches, the annual turf overseeding process in Hance Park will begin soon. Overseeding the grass with winter rye creates a pleasant, green turf year-round in the park.

During this process, park users will see additional maintenance activity, including mowing/scalping, seeding, fertilizing and changes to watering frequency. Those activities will impact park accessibility intermittently.

Overseeding Schedule

- **West side of park:**
  - Water shut off - September 7
  - Mowing/scalping - September 14
  - Seeding - September 21 (or sooner)

- **East side of park:**
  - Water shut off - September 14
  - Mowing/scalping and seeding - September 21

Due to the overseeding, the dog park in Hance Park will be closed for seven weeks beginning October 5 and reopening November 20.

During the closure, dog park users are encouraged to visit the dog park in Steele Indian School Park, 300 E. Indian School Rd., or the Thelma Williams Paw-Pup Park in downtown, 200 W. Jefferson St. Paw-Pup Park is managed through a partnership between the City of Phoenix and the Downtown Phoenix Partnership.

Find a dog park near you.
ABOUT THE HANCE PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT

The Margaret T. Hance Park Revitalization Project is a public-private partnership led by the Hance Park Partner Coalition, consisting of the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department, Phoenix Community Alliance and Hance Park Conservancy. Funding for the project, estimated at $100 million, will come from public and private sources. City of Phoenix has dedicated $15 million of voter-approved Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative (PPPI) funds toward the project. A fundraising campaign is being led by the Phoenix Community Alliance and Hance Park Conservancy to generate private funding. That campaign is focused on raising $45 million to continue phase one.

This newsletter, first published in December 2019, is produced by the Hance Park Partner Coalition. The Coalition encourages everyone to share this newsletter with family, friends and the organizations in which they are involved to help spread information and awareness about the project. Those who wish to receive it by e-mail can subscribe by visiting the Hance Park Revitalization Project website, which is also the best place to follow the latest updates about the project and park. The newsletter can also be viewed and download via that website. Questions and comments about the project can be directed to Hance.Park@Phoenix.gov.

MANAGING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Being outdoors is important for health and wellness, and the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department encourages residents to get outside, get exercise and practice responsible physical distancing while exploring all that the city’s parks and trails have to offer. City parks and trails are open, but as the department continues to work with the community to manage the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, the following park amenities are temporarily closed: restrooms, playgrounds, basketball and volleyball courts, fitness equipment, ramadas, picnic tables and sports complexes. All large gatherings and events on city park property have been postponed as well. Guidelines about physical distancing when enjoying outdoor recreation can be found at Phoenix.gov/Parks.

Additionally, contractors/subcontractors working on the Hance Park Revitalization Project, and any construction project on city park property, are following Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and working in coordination with the Office of the City Engineer to maintain a worksite-specific safety plan related to COVID-19.