



## **Big Improvements at 2 Mesa Parks**

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Big improvements at two Mesa parksVolunteers will refurbish one Mesa park and create another starting on Thursday, thanks to grants from The Home Depot Foundation.

Volunteers from Home Depot and from Mesa will install new playground equipment and brick paving at Park of the Canals, on Horne Road between Brown and McKellips roads. A botanical garden also will be refurbished and a bridge and buildings will be painted.

Meanwhile, Beverly Park, an empty lot on Beverly north of Main Street and east of Alma School Road, will be turned into a park on June 3.

### **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST:**

The price tag on the Park of the Canals project will be \$107,230, which comes mostly in the form of grants from the Home Depot Foundation, with volunteers chipping in \$10,000. Contributors included the Foundation for Mesa Parks and Recreation, the Salt River Project and Mesa Rotary clubs. The Beverly Park grant is \$123,450. The West Mesa Community Development Corp. is still raising the \$10,000 matching grant. It plans to sell tiles that will be installed on a wall.

### **WHY WAS BEVERLY PARK DELAYED:**

Mesa spent \$274,000 in federal grants to buy 2.8 acres for Beverly Park in 2003, but the project was sidetracked by budget cuts. Some people were arguing the city should sell the property until the West Mesa CDC was contacted by KaBOOM!, a non-profit associated with Home Depot.