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**PICTURE ROCKS POOL UPDATE**

Tucson, AZ --- The Picture Rocks community will soon be able to swim in its own backyard. A new 4,250 sq. ft. pool is being built by Ardavin Builders Inc. at Picture Rocks District Park. A "zero-depth" edge allows for gradual entry into the pool, and its four-foot depth will create a safe area for children to play and adults to swim.

Included in the project are a splash pad with water toys, shade cabanas, and large colorful shade umbrellas. A turf picnic area with trees will be home to three interactive sculptures whose petroglyph forms house touch-sensitive activators which will play prerecorded sounds ranging from a giggle to a perhaps a story of long ago. Caryl Clement was selected as the artist for this project by a panel that included representatives from the Picture Rocks area.

Burns Wald-Hopkins Architects designed the pool to appeal to the widest range of people living in the area, and to maximize \$2 million dollars in funding for this project, available through the 2004 Pima County Bond. Construction has already begun, and the expected timeframe for completion is the end of 2006.

For those who want to swim laps, the Wade McLean Pool was completed at Marana High School several years ago, and morning lap swim hours will be added if there is sufficient demand. Contact Andy Reidy with Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation (PC NRPR) at 877-6155 to express your interest.

If you have questions about the Picture Rocks Pool, please contract Lauren Harvey with PCNRPR at (520) 877-6201, or Lilian von Rago with Supervisor Sharon Bronson's office at (520) 740-8051.

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