

# Development & Engineering



## VARNEY PARK IMPROVEMENTS TO ALLEVIATE FLOODING ISSUES FOR AREA RESIDENTS

In August, the city will begin construction of a new regional drainage basin at Varney Park that will substantially reduce the flooding problems in this area. A companion project to be constructed at the same time will bring several needed improvements to the park itself.

Currently, storm water overwhelms the drainage capacity of 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue between Cactus Road and Kirby Street, overtopping the roadway and flowing through Varney Park and through private properties until reaching Cholla Street. Certain properties in the area are below the street grades and are particularly vulnerable to flooding.

The project will build a new curb depression on 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue that will redirect the runoff onto Varney Park. The multipurpose turf area of the park will be depressed, forming a new basin capable of holding 2.9 acre feet of storm water runoff.

The park improvements will include a new pressure irrigation system that will replace SRP flood irrigation, turf upgrades, new trees and shrubs near the playground and restroom facility, and two additional sports lights to improve lighting to the multipurpose field (new drainage basin).

Construction is scheduled to begin in August and is expected to wrap up by November. The park will remain open to the public during construction; however, construction fencing will be placed around the work zone for safety purposes, limiting access to some areas.

### STATISTICAL INDICATORS

#### Capital Improvement Program

Active Design Projects: 10  
 Active Design Costs: \$6,732,348  
 Active Construction Projects: 9  
 Active Construction Costs: \$19,760,740

#### Site Development

##### Civil Reviews Completed

June 16	June 17
186	166

##### Average Turnaround Time

June 16	June 17
13.43	16.48

##### Active Design Projects

June 16	June 17
159	99

##### Active Construction Projects

June 16	June 17
187	91

#### Building Development

##### New Commercial Permits

June 16	June 17
1	3

##### Tenant Improvement Permits

June 16	June 17
17	9

##### Total Commercial Permits

June 16	June 17
67	41

##### New Single Family Permits

June 16	June 17
225	156

##### Total Residential Permits

June 16	June 17
586	655

##### Commercial Plan Reviews

June 16	June 17
98	79

##### Residential Plan Reviews

June 16	June 17
466	756

##### Rollover Inspections

June 16	June 17
177	22