

Musical park slated to open in early June

Sounds will mix with play at new children's venue

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The grand opening of the Evergreen Rotary-funded musical-instrument play area in Stagecoach Park is set for June 10. Some of the landscaping work already has been done.

The park is northeast of the intersection of Highway 74 and Stagecoach Boulevard.

The June celebration will culminate six years of effort to find the money and secure an appropriate location in a park around Evergreen, said Rotary member Kay LaMontagne, owner of Mountain Home, who spearheaded the project.

The process spanned the tenures of three separate park district executive directors, LaMontagne said.

Ultimately Rotary came forward with \$30,000 to buy the unusual interactive durable outdoor instruments made by Freenotes Harmony Park Inc. of Durango. The landscaping is by Sundance by Design,



A SELECTION of large musical play objects will be installed near the playground at Stagecoach Park this spring.

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with signs by Zuni Signs. The idea seems to fit with Evergreen's passion for outdoor art.

The musical units have been tested and found to produce sound within the allowable limits for a residential neighborhood, said Ellen O'Connor, executive director of the Evergreen Park and Recreation District.

Rotary has donated the objects to the district, which has agreed to take over ownership and maintenance once they are installed.

Evergreen Rotary members chose the musical play area as their 2015 Legacy Project after studying 22 applications. The other finalists were Center for the Arts Evergreen and the Drive Smart teen-driving-safety program.

Five objects will be installed, including drums, chimes, xylophone and pagoda bells, with various rubber mallets for making sounds.

LaMontagne got the idea for the park six years ago when on vacation in Moab, Utah. After going on a hike, she spent an hour watching happy kids entertain themselves with an instrumental array and decided it was something she could get done back home.