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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### Heritage Park Sees Significant Improvements

The big news this summer is that Heritage Park has received a real facelift. The basketball and tennis courts were resurfaced and lights were added to make the use of the facilities last far into the evening. This is especially useful for people who like to exercise or play sports at night, when the temperatures are cooler. The basketball courts, with new backboards, nets and striping are a pleasure to play on; and the tennis courts have never looked or played better. "Now," according to Joe Simonson, Parks & Recreation Superintendent, "with the addition of extensive lighting systems, play time has been extended until 10 pm." "We're confident," Simonson added, "that the new lit facilities will see a lot of use."

Heritage Park has become more and more popular since the Heritage Park Bikepath was constructed about four years ago; and we are proud to announce that the recreational additions just keep coming. For the last four years, Heritage Park Bikepath has been a walker's haven. The ¾ mile cement walking/bikepath that winds its way around the park has given many people the opportunity to exercise and feel good in a well-maintained, safe environment. Then a year ago, the Pavilion was added to provide tables and benches under cover complete with barbeque facilities and electrical hookups. The Pavilion will accommodate up to 100 people and can be reserved by calling the Recreation Department at 924-6767.

The City of Lemoore would like to remind all of our citizens that Heritage Park – located on Hanford-Armona Road at the newly-developed Opal Drive across from Park Place Apartments is open to families and friends as a place to recreate, gather, barbeque, and enjoy the amenities provided through your tax dollars at work. The City invites everyone to come and participate in family and community gatherings at Heritage Park, under the palm trees, here in sun-drenched Lemoore.

The City of Lemoore wants to thank those that made the upgrade possible, including our citizens and their tax contributions. We want to thank Joe Simonson and his crew at the Lemoore Parks & Recreation Department. His vision for the community's need for courts with adequate lighting for nighttime play has now been realized.

The City wants to personally thank all the citizens that come out to use the facilities and take the time and care to clean up after events and not to purposely damage any public property. These parks belong to all of us, and as such, we should treat them as "community property" and look out for the well-being of what belongs to all of us.

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