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City of Menifee Celebrates New Play Trail With Ribbon Cutting

Menifee, CA—The City of Menifee Community Services Department is proud to unveil another improved park space for Menifee residents to enjoy. The Calle Tomas Play Trail, located at the cross streets of Calle Tomas and Cabrillo Drive off of Newport Road, represents a transformation of what was once a basic right-of-way space into a walking trail loop with interactive trail activities and park benches.

The City's Community Services team developed an aging green space into a park and trail for the neighborhood. The area now features a 1/6-mile walking trail loop, play trail amenities including a large honeycomb and bee climber, log tunnel, balance beam, and park benches.

On Monday, May 17, members of Menifee City Council, Parks, Recreation and Trails Commission, and a representative for State Assemblymember Kelly Seyarto's office came together for a ribbon cutting celebrating the improvements to this neighborhood park space. Menifee City Councilmember Bob Karwin, who represents District 1 where the Calle Tomas Play Trail is located, highlighted the importance of upgrading parks in all areas of the Menifee community. "It's fantastic that we are taking an area that was not used to its full capacity and making it something that is visually exciting, as well as making it usable space for the neighborhood. I am proud to see the revitalization that is coming to the original neighborhoods to match the development of our newer areas," emphasized Councilmember Karwin.

Long-time resident Larry Sichter shared what a gem this trail space is for the nearby neighborhood. "This park is another example of the care that Menifee shows its citizens. All of the effort to make improvements such as this park create a great quality of life. We really enjoy living here and we are very appreciative for this community and all of the City's work to make it the best place it can be," expressed Mr. Sichter.

Make sure to stay tuned for more exciting Menifee park news as the Community Services Department continues construction on the Lazy Creek Recreation Center, prepares to break ground on Menifee's first pump track bike park, and unveils a new park in northeast Menifee. For more information about the City of Menifee's parks and their excellent variety of community class offerings, please visit www.CityOfMenifee.us/CommunityServices.

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ABOUT MENIFEE: *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 100,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing, and convenient proximity to some of Southern California's premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee's business, retail, and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community's character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city's strong financial position. Menifee's growing family-oriented population values the city's ongoing commitment to public safety, community events, and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city's strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state's most promising new cities.*