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Mayor Heather Fargo, Vice Mayor Kevin McCarty, and South East Sacramento Residents to Rebuild Community Playground Destroyed by Fire: Saturday, February 24, 2007

Sacramento, California, February 21, 2007—In July 2006, an arsonist destroyed the playground at Max Baer Park. Prior to its destruction, the playground was the main focus of activity for children in the South East Sacramento community. This Saturday, community members will gather to rebuild the playground, restoring a cherished playground for the area's children to enjoy.

"The children in this neighborhood helped design the new playground, and are so excited about getting to help build it as well. Their excitement has kept this project moving," said Vice Mayor Kevin McCarty.

During Saturday's rebuild, hundreds of volunteers will transform the park. They will build a new adventure play structure with swings, slides, climbing nets, and a rock wall. Adult volunteers will plant new shade trees and repair or repaint the park's many picnic tables. Younger volunteers will design a colorful tile mural; and paint maps of the United States and the world throughout the park.

"The rebuild will take only six hours to complete but its impact on the community will be felt for years to come," said Vice Mayor McCarty.

The Max Baer Park rebuild and related improvements are being organized and funded by *KaBOOM!*, AMC Mortgage Services, Inc., and Avondale/Glen Elder Neighborhood Association, in collaboration with the City of Sacramento and Vice Mayor Kevin McCarty's Office.

The public and media are invited to witness the transformation of Max Baer Park.

Details

Event: Max Baer Park Playground Rebuild
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2007
Location: Max Baer Park, 7851 35th Avenue
Schedule: **8:30a.m.** — Opening Remarks; **8:50a.m.** — Playground Construction; and Children's Projects; **2:30p.m.** — Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Participants: **Community Members, Mayor Heather Fargo, Vice Mayor Kevin McCarty, Senator Darrell Steinberg, Assemblymember Dave Jones, and Steve Goodwin (Grandson of Max Baer)**

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