

PALO VERDE PARK POST

The official newsletter of the Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association



Welcome to the
Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association

Eastside Division crime update

Capt. Justin Lane, the new head of the Eastside division for Tucson Police Department, said at a quarterly update for neighbors that the low number of officers available to respond to needs means TPD must find a smarter and more efficient way to do its work.

One way is to identify chronic offenders and their networks. It is not uncommon for a suspect to have as many as 40-50 associates with similar criminal backgrounds.

In addition to an emphasis on eliminating property crime in the area, Lane said the department is also engaging criminal prosecutors early in the phases of criminal investigations so they can work closely with detectives and officers.

Postal theft is a common problem throughout the city as an opportunity for identity theft, he noted. Protect yourself by paying attention to your bank statements and calling credit card companies to ask them to remove you from their mailing list. You can also download a free U.S. Postal Service mobile app. It allows you to track packages, hold your mail and schedule a pickup but importantly, it snaps a picture of everything that's being delivered in the mail to you so you know what's going to be in your mailbox and when.

Do your part! Don't hesitate to report suspicious activities as they occur by calling 9-1-1 or 88-CRIME.

For those interested in volunteering with TPD, Margo Susco is the new volunteer coordinator and can be reached at 837-7727.

EVENTS

May 16

Please join us at our first
official neighborhood
meeting!

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Fellowship Bible Church

6700 E Broadway

Guests include the Ward 2
Council Office and the City
of Tucson

Upcoming meetings

June 20: Crime prevention

July 18: Energy tips

Aug. 15: Fire prevention

**Oct. 6: Palo Verde Park cleanup - roll-offs
available all weekend!**

**For more details and meeting locations,
visit**

<http://paloverdeparkneighborhood.com>

*Be a good neighbor - build a better
community*

Palo Verde Park, other updates from Ward 2

City Councilman Paul Cunningham recently met with PVPNA reps to talk about infrastructure priorities.

Here's a quick roundup on where things stand:

- **Splash pad:** The design to convert the children's pool into a splash pad is about 80 percent complete. Since it does not require lifeguards, the splash pad will have a longer season.
- **Picnic area:** Plans are in the works to extend the west side of the pool to incorporate a grassy knoll where families can picnic poolside. Stay posted for more information.
- **Turf treatment:** What isn't likely to happen this year is significant turf treatment. Although the turf is heavily used and there is clearly room for improvement, it is better off than other parks in the ward, so that won't happen immediately. Competition for limited funding is always the issue, and while Jesse Owens went through a major revamp by tapping federal funding through the Community Development Block Grant fund, this neighborhood does not qualify because it has lower levels of poverty and stress.
- **Road repairs:** Neighborhood roads were chip sealed in 2012 so there are dozens of neighborhoods in line ahead of us awaiting improvements. In the interim, if you have a request for general maintenance and pothole repairs, make your request to the City of Tucson at

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/tdot/street-maintenance-improvement-request>

First annual ShredATHon successful

A big thank you to Realtors Dave and Norma Coffman, Mike Bock from Stewart Title and William Dodds from VIP Mortgage who came out to support the ShredATHon and electronic recycling event at Palo Verde Park. A shout out to the Beacon Group for their hard work. About 100 neighbors feel a little lighter and have a little more elbow room after the cleanup!



Keep an eye on our website for more news and events!

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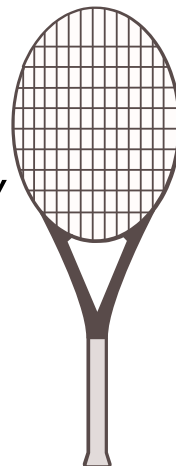
Riviera Estates delegate: Andy Weiss

Tennis courts...or something else?

Council member Cunningham is soliciting guidance on what to do about the tennis courts, which are in need of resurfacing but also get limited use.

Would the neighborhood be better served by using that investment instead to turn that area into a ramada to provide additional shade for park-goers to enjoy?

Let us know!



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