

PALO VERDE PARK POST

The official newsletter of the Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association



EVENTS

September 19

Gary Brauchla could be dead.

Instead, he regularly runs 5k races.

The 72-year-old would not have recovered from sudden cardiac arrest if his wife had not known how to perform CPR. He's on a mission now to teach others to save lives. Come for an hour.

You could protect a loved one.

6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Fellowship Bible Church
6700 E Broadway**

Next up:

Fun fall and winter events, from a park clean up to a wellness festival and a holiday cookie swap!

For more details and meeting locations, visit

<http://paloverdeparkneighborhood.com>

Be a good neighbor - build a better community

A word from the president

Fall is such a great time of year. It's the chance to exhale after the shimmering heat of summer and revel in crisper mornings and cooler nights.

It's a time to breathe a little before the hustle of the holiday season.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, fall just feels like a time to celebrate our connections and the people who strengthen our social networks and make our lives better.

That's one reason we decided to change things up a bit this fall. An association is to help inform neighbors and build collaboration, but it's also a chance to meet each other and work toward a common goal. To that end, we have a number of park events coming up each month.



From wellness events to clean ups and carbohydrates, we have opportunities to build more connections. Hope to see you at the park!

Neighborhood sign drive in the works!



Neighborhood signs show pride in our area and help provide differentiation from other areas of town.

An example, above, shows how Armory Park is sharing its designation with visitors and residents.

But if we find value in them, it's something our neighborhood will have to work toward, because there are no city-allocated resources for them. The process? We submit a design to the City of Tucson for approval and let them know the locations we'd like. We find a vendor - with an anticipated cost of \$50 to \$100 per sign, and the City installs them, charging \$50 per location (two signs, back to back.)

If you're doing the math along with us, that essentially means about \$150 per sign.

We would like to start along Broadway, which only requires four signs and then focus on our other arterial, 22nd Street, followed by Kolb Road. Wilmot is a bigger piece to bite off, because it has so many entry points into the neighborhood.

We'll be back soon with a design to share, but think about it!

If you'd like to sponsor a sign, we'd love to talk to you!

Wondering how the parks bond affects Palo Verde Park? Read on!

The City of Tucson is asking voters in November to approve \$225 million in general obligation bonds to improve 100 of the community's 128 parks. The additional investment would not increase taxes beyond what they already are by utilizing two strategies:

- 1) As the City pays off existing debt, it would be able to use those savings to put toward paying off the park bonds.
- 2) The improvements would be staggered across three phases, starting in 2020 and ending in 2028.

Palo Verde Park is scheduled for improvements, including:

- **Resurfacing tennis and basketball courts: \$45,900**
- **Upgrade existing baseball field lighting to LED: \$315,000**
- **Renovate irrigation system: \$577,800**
- **Soccer field lighting: \$405,000**
- **Mill and pave parking lots: \$370,092**
- **Playground improvements: \$207,045**
- **New large ramada near playground: \$105,930**
- **New sports field and lighting: \$210,600**
- **Convert tennis court to pickleball and resurface the courts: \$104,099**

Improvements at city parks have taken a back seat while the City has navigated reduced budgets, with police/fire and roads being top priorities.

But City officials say it's time to ask voters if they want to better maintain parks.

"Everyone uses the parks, whether it is kids doing youth sports, families using the pools or people just simply walking or jogging as part of a healthy lifestyle," said Ward 2 Council Aide Ted Prezelski. "Our parks enjoy a lot of use and voters will decide if they are due for a makeover."

DOG WASTE WARRIORS

Neighborhood recognition award

We usually honor individuals in this space, but we thought this month we'd celebrate an entire group for being responsible pet owners.

Here's a hat tip of appreciation to everyone who cleans up after their pets in the park or on walks around the neighborhood!

No one likes to dodge doggie land mines across the park - or worse, accidentally wander into them.

And cleaning up after your pet is an important step in disease control, since many common pet diseases are transmitted through their stool.

It also helps cut down on flies and odors.

Thanks to each of you out there who are being good neighbors and cleaning up after your four-legged friends!



Upcoming park events!

Oct. 6, Park cleanup! The city once a year for registered neighborhoods bring roll offs for a weekend and haul away the debris for free. Give us an hour on Oct. 6 at 10 a.m. and we'll have a prettier, safer park! And if you can't join us, feel free to use the roll-offs to dispose of debris that has accumulated around your property. Please no hazardous materials like paint or batteries, or tires or appliances that contain Freon.

Nov. 5 Wellness Festival in the Park!!

Mark your calendars to join us in the park from 9 - 11 a.m.

Try a sampler class, from yoga to tai chi to meditation, as well as other fun activities and healthy recipes.. See you there!

And in December, we'll have a cookie swap in the park, so think of your favorites to share.

And let us know if you have a great Halloween or holiday display! We'd love to celebrate your efforts!

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