

PALO VERDE PARK POST

The official newsletter of the Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association



Welcome to the
Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association

EVENTS

November 3

Wellness in the Park!

Come try some sampler fitness classes
and learn more about how to take
charge of your own wellness! 9-11 a.m.
at Palo Verde Park!

Qi gong

Yoga

Tai Chi

Zumba

Meditation circles

December 1, 10 a.m.

Got an hour to make someone's holidays
a little brighter? We'll help with
landscaping for a neighbor in need and
then celebrate with a cookie swap! Let's
meet at the park, across from Kellond!

For more details and meeting locations,
<http://paloverdeparkneighborhood.com>

*Be a good neighbor - build a better
community*

A word from the president

I have to thank each of you for making this neighborhood more than a set of houses and residents.

We didn't know what to expect - or if anyone would even show up - when we set up our first annual neighborhood clean-up event the first weekend in October.

I left the park with an answer - and a full heart.

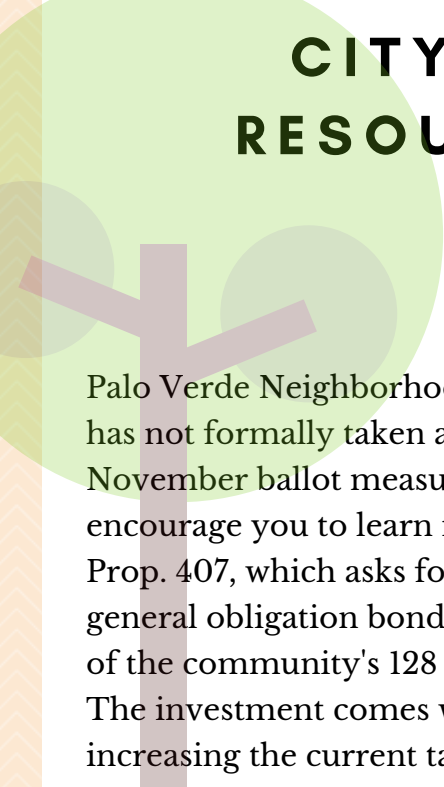
There were probably 40 of us out there, from older residents to children with their parents. In that hour, you could scan the park and see people in all of the quadrants in the distinctive uniform of our cleanup crew: trash grabbers in one hand and a black plastic bag slung over their back or lugged alongside.

Neighbors helped neighbors. We met one another. We took ownership of this place we call home.



Yes, it is a city park. Sometimes, though, it just takes a little extra TLC to make a neighborhood sparkle. Thanks for helping us protect this resource!

CITY PARKS BOND PLEDGES NEW RESOURCES FOR PALO VERDE PARK, SAME TAX RATE



Palo Verde Neighborhood Association has not formally taken a position on the November ballot measures, but we do encourage you to learn more about Prop. 407, which asks for \$225 million in general obligation bonds to improve 100 of the community's 128 parks.

The investment comes without increasing the current tax rate because as the City pays off existing debt, it would put those savings toward the new park bonds.

It's like if you paid off a car and then wanted to invest in a new car. The previous payment would be used for the new vehicle, but wouldn't be a new hit on your household budget.

Improvements would include:

- 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

The City has struggled to find resources to update the parks - and new investments can help stave off some of the problems we have seen in parks in other neighborhoods.

Whatever you decide, the important thing is to vote and make your voice heard!

For more information about the parks bond, please visit <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/parksbond>

HALLOWEEN HAUNT CONTEST

Some of us definitely get into the "spirit" of things this time of year.

If you start planning Halloween in March, this little challenge is for you!


We're having a spook-tacular little contest this year to see who can take home the coveted Gargoyle trophy and provide a fun, memorable evening for little goblins.

So far, we have a dozen households participating, and more sure to come!

You can find all the details on the website!

It's not too late to join the festivities! And if decorating's not your thing, come by and cheer on the participants!

And a special thanks to our judges this year, Ariel and Thomas on Cooper Street and Jack Kulawik, who just wrapped up a term as Treasurer! Thank you, judges!



A WELCOME AND A BRAND

*check out palo verde
park's new logo!*



**PALO
VERDE
PARK**
NEIGHBORHOOD

Ta-da!

At a glance, visitors to our area will know what we value: life, nature, vibrancy, growth and tranquility, with a nod to our history.

The logo will adorn signage around the perimeter of the neighborhood, creating a gateway along the major arterials.

And if you are interested in sponsoring a sign, or know of a neighbor or adjoining business who might support us, let us know!

We've got a Palo Verde Park Neighborhood sign drive in the works!

There are 33 entry points to the neighborhood.

We'd love to have a sign on each one, to share our pride with residents and visitors alike.

It is \$220 to sponsor an intersection - that includes two back-to-back signs so drivers can see them coming and going, as well as installation from the City of Tucson.

We have our first batch in the works, so keep an eye open in the coming weeks for our new look!

Speaking of history....Did you know....?

The primary character-defining feature of the neighborhood is the low-profile, Modern Ranch house style of architecture that exemplified popular World War II planned communities in Tucson.

The houses in this neighborhood were influenced in part by the fact that lumber was expensive and difficult to obtain in the early postwar years. Brick, concrete, burnt adobe and slump block, on the other hand, were readily available and comparatively inexpensive.

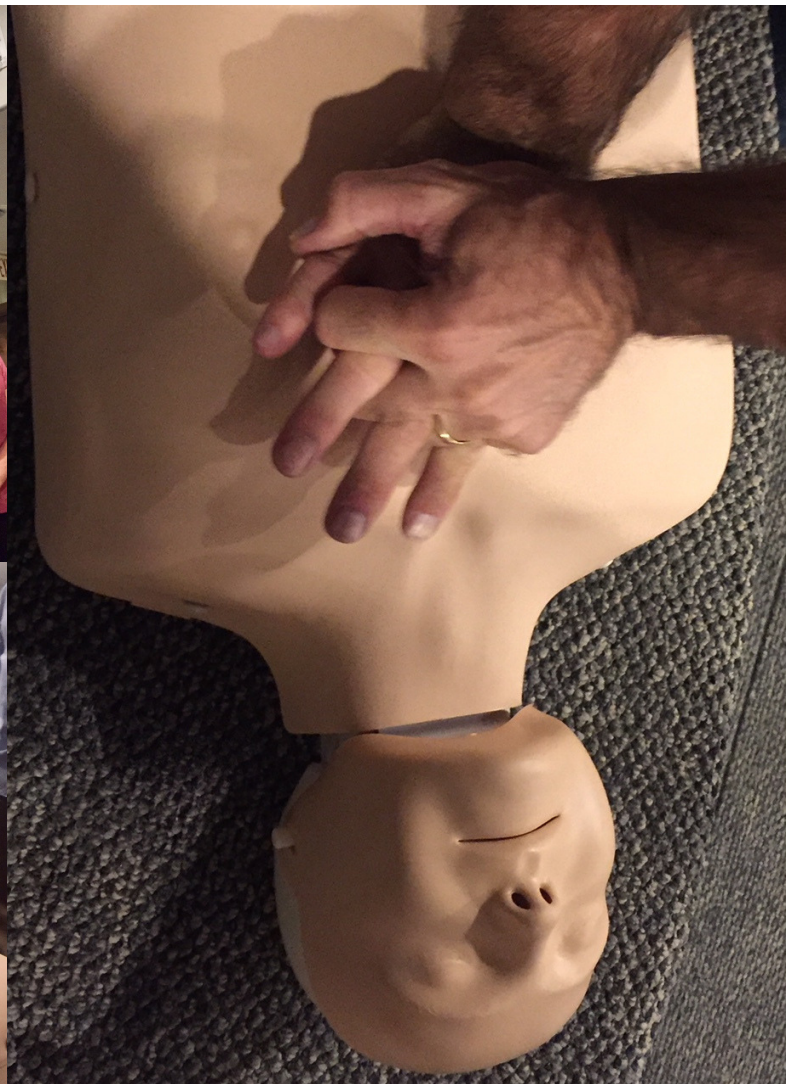
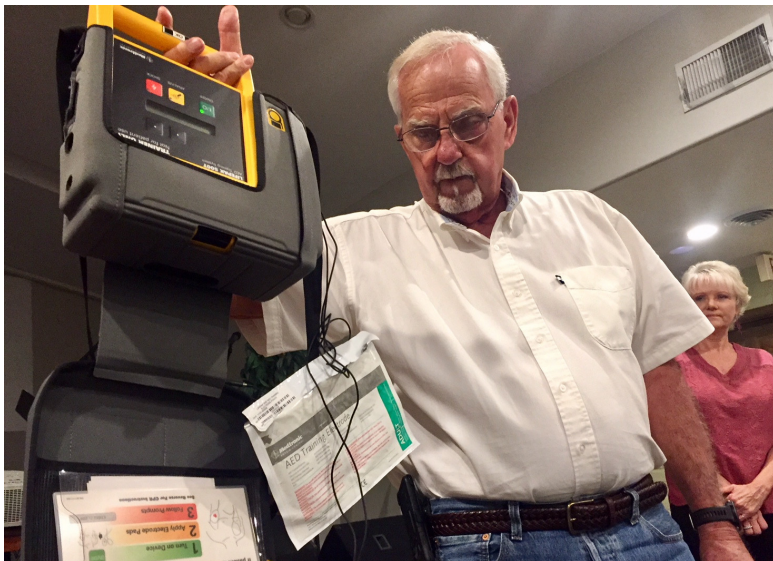
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Compression only CPR

HAT TIP TO CARDIAC ARREST SURVIVOR GARY BRAUCHLA FOR SHARING HIS KNOWLEDGE SO OTHERS CAN SAVE LIVES

Since Gary Brauchla came back from certain death thanks to chest compression CPR, he's been on a mission ever since to show others how to save a life if they ever find themselves in a life-and-death situation.

His presentation at the September meeting had a key takeaway: Don't worry about mouth-to-mouth or checking for a pulse. Call 911 and then just push hard and fast in the center of the chest to the tune of "Stayin' Alive" by the BeeGees. Demonstrated below: Lock your elbows and position yourself above the person you are helping so you can use your body weight to help with your momentum. Thanks for braving the sloppy weather and a long drive, Gary, to help others learn how to help in an emergency!



A special thanks to our sponsors!

Big shout out to **Tread Lightly Carpet Care!** Owner Matt Russell, a Palo Verde Park Neighborhood resident, was our first sign sponsor! **Stewart Title & Trust of Tucson, Inc.** has also been a good friend to the neighborhood association, sponsoring a recycling event earlier this year and serving as a key sponsor for the Wellness in the Park event!

A deep note of thanks to our other sign sponsors:

Jeremy and Rachael Blackketter
Mike Southworth and Giuliano De Santis
Mike and Toni Krause
Mia Ford
Norma and Dave Coffman
Rhonda Bodfield and Fred Araiza
Christine Cerda

There are lots of opportunities to help, from financial support to in-kind donations. If you want to help, we have something for you!

And of course, thanks to all who participated in our park clean-up – check out a few of the fun pics here!

