

PALO VERDE PARK POST

The official newsletter of the Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association



Welcome to the
Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association

EVENTS

December 1, 10 a.m. Cookie swap!

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

January 16, 6:30 p.m.

Sgt. Jeremy Williams of the Tucson Police Department will be at our meeting to share the latest crime trends and prevention tips.

And we'll have Council elections.
Don't miss it!

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

*Be a good neighbor - build a better
community*

A word from the president

As we celebrate our six-month milestone of being a formally recognized neighborhood, I wanted to share with you a report card of sorts on our progress. The city has been a good partner in helping us protect this critical resource, from clearing tree lines, to replacing lights in the dog park, to installing dog waste stations to helping establish a free library. More inside about the bond election, but know the Council will remain engaged in that process as well.

We had a successful park cleanup and a fun wellness in the park event - both of which we hope to bring back again next year!

We expect to start work on a neighborhood plan and hope you all will be involved!



Neighborhood signage is on its way and one area established a neighborhood watch.

Looking forward to 2019! Thanks for your engagement!

THE CITY PARKS BOND PASSED. NOW WHAT?

Palo Verde Park will receive \$2.5 million in new investment as a result of Prop, 407, which passed comfortably among city voters.

The first phase of the bond projects, which are scheduled from 2020-2022, include new field lighting, renovation of the parking lots, the pool and the conversion of the tennis courts to pickleball courts.

The second phase, which runs through 2025, includes renovation of the court surfaces.

The final phase, from 2026 -2028, includes big projects, such as renovating the irrigation, replacing the existing playground and installing a new ramada.

Some of the projects will disrupt youth athletics and other programs in the park, but the schedule was designed so that those can be moved to other parks during that renovation period.

Projects are overseen by a bond committee, so they aren't likely to be moved up, but they're on their way!

AND THE HALLOWEEN GARGOYLE GOES TO....



Phillip and Tara Godoy for their Halloween decorations on Lehigh Drive, including witches and monsters.

Game on for next year....They're already planning on a scary clown theme!

Thanks to all of the 18 contestants who participated. Palo Verde Park Neighborhood really got into the spirit of the season!

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!

A hearty bwaahaha to all of you!

A LOOK BACK AT OUR WELLNESS FESTIVAL

We can't put these events on without support, so thanks to Stewart Title for providing water for our Nov. 3 event, Cortiva Institute for chair massage, the TMC Wellness team for tabling, Robin for healing dance, Susan for blood pressure checks, Leona for mental health insights, and all of our fabulous instructors. We'll be back next November!



Holiday decoration contest

Does Clark Griswold envy your mad holiday yard decorating skills?

Our holiday decorating contest is on the way!

Starting Dec. 8, we'll be on the lookout for homes that meet these categories:

- 1) Most elegant holiday
- 2) Funniest holiday
- 3) Spirit of Christmas award
- 4) Most creative holiday
- 5) Most elaborate display
- 6) Most cheerful holiday
- 7) Most colorful holiday
- 8) Best use of lighting award

Feel free to drop us a line about which ones you'd like to be considered for!

Awards will be determined by Dec. 15.



An update on Community Medical Services

The addiction treatment facility, which includes methadone treatment, recently opened at Broadway and Jessica.

Palo Verde Park Neighborhood wants to congratulate the facility and thank them for their efforts to mitigate impacts on the neighborhood. They do important work - and the company is also helping with our holiday drive for Kellond families. Keep up the good work!

INTERESTED IN SERVING?

Elections are coming right up!

Members of the existing council are running again as a slate to continue the momentum we've made in advocating for our neighborhood, including:

Norma Coffman, President

Mike Southworth, Vice President

Andy Weiss, Treasurer

Rhonda Bodfield, Secretary

Toni Lopez Krause, Manana Vista delegate

Ariel Gilbert-Knight/Thomas Bengford, Old Pueblo delegates

If you're interested in running, drop us a note and we'll share your intentions in our December newsletter!

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 Blacketter
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!