

PALO VERDE PARK POST

The official newsletter of the Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association



Welcome to the
Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association

EVENTS

Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m.

Wish your thumb had more of a greenish tint?

Come to our February meeting to learn some tips from a master gardener. Spring is a great time to get earthy!

And mark your calendar!

March 24, 3 - 6 p.m

PARKFEST!!

Neighborhood meetings have a new home.

Come see us at Fountain of Life Lutheran Church, 710 S. Kolb Road.

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A word from the president

If there is one thing this neighborhood effort has taught me over the last year, it's the power of "Why not?"

We keep asking that question when we've thought about ways to bring this area together - whether it's a wellness event or a big concert-and-foodfest or a movie night in the park or a holiday contest.

Sometimes we ask, knowing there are huge impediments from costs to organization. We half expect a 'no,' but figure there's nothing to lose....And the next thing you know, it's "YES!"



So when people ask if Palo Verde Park Neighborhood can be among the best in the city, I say, "Heck yeah! **Why not?**"

Mark your calendars!



PALO VERDE PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

PARK FEST 2019

**4 STAGES OF LIVE MUSIC,
FOOD TRUCKS & FUN FOR ALL!**

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019 |
3-6PM | PALO VERDE PARK |
425 S MANN AVE

MORE INFO @
PALOVERDEPARKNEIGHBORHOOD.COM



\$\$\$ Musicians are working just for tips - please support them! \$\$\$

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT ON CITY APPOINTMENT

It didn't take long for Norma Coffman to make an impression on our civic leaders! This month, she officially became the Ward 2 appointee to the Tucson Parks and Recreation Commission.

"I'm honored to be able to serve as a neighborhood voice to the City Council about the investment in our parks and how to improve park operations for the benefit of the community," Coffman said.

The Commission meets monthly and we'll look forward to hearing more about the ongoing opportunities for park improvements and efficiencies.



ELECTION RESULTS: YOUR 2019 COUNCIL

Thank you to all who attended our annual meeting to help us with our first inaugural election! The 2019 Council includes:.

- **President** Norma Coffman
- **Vice President** Mike Southworth
- **Treasurer** Andy Weiss
- **Secretary** Rhonda Bodfield
- **Zone delegate**, Manana Vista, Toni Lopez Krause
- **Zone delegate**, Miramonte, Gina Gant
- **Zone delegate**, Old Pueblo, Ariel Gilbert-Knight, with alternate Thomas Bengford
- **Zone delegate**, Glen Heather, Cathy Cromwell with alternate Matt Russell



A thing of beauty, those street signs

Our neighbor, Matt Russell of Tread Lightly Carpet Care, was our first corporate donor! Here he is, admiring the sign he sponsored.

You can be as starstruck as Matt! Each sign is about \$250 - that's for design and production of two back to back signs and city installation!

Our fundraising effort is still directed to signs, since we're only a third of the way done! Grab a few neighbors let us know if you can pitch in for a good cause!



TPD presentation: neighborhood safe but awareness remains important



There were 9 burglaries in 6 months, according to January's speaker, Tucson Police Department Sgt. Mitchell. Typically, burglaries occur weekdays between 10 a.m.- 5 p.m, he said, adding burglars are often on a bike carrying backpacks, looking for small valuables. There also were 86 calls for suspicious activity. "That sounds like a lot, but what that means is you have an active neighborhood where people know their neighbors and know when things are out of the ordinary."

A few prevention tips:

- Trim vegetation to limit hiding places.
- Lock your doors; don't leave valuables visible from windows or doors.
- Know your neighbors.
- If someone rings the doorbell, acknowledge them because they're often looking for unoccupied homes.
- Cameras and dogs can be deterrents.
- Call 911 if something feels wrong.



Support the little free library!

Once upon a time, there was a little free library that had a huge appetite for great books!

If you want to see how the story ends, drop off a few of your written treasures at the little free library in front of the small dog park!

Reading opens up worlds to us - but when our world is divisive, it also provides a unifying and shared experience.

Thanks for enjoying and sharing!



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HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT EVENTS COMING UP IN 2019



Stay posted for more information on some fun events we have in the works this year, including a movie night in the park that we're keeping our fingers crossed for and a microchip event for pets to keep our furry friends safe!

Details to come, but we're working diligently to make those things happen.

In the interim, please consider coming to ParkFest on March 24 and drag as many of your friends and family with you as you want. We'll have 12 bands and food trucks and it promises to be a fun family-oriented neighborhood building event!

- **April 17: Pima Animal Care Center** will be our guest speaker, sharing pet safety tips and their role in keeping the community humane and safe
- **May 15: City Parks Director Brent Dennis** will share his vision for the Tucson parks system (and our favorite within it!)
- **July 17: City of Tucson transportation** will talk roads and safety
- **Aug. 21:** Come learn more about our neighborhood school, Kellond, and how we can support the students and teachers
- **Sept. 18: Ice cream social** (yes, we promise sprinkles!)
- Finally, watch October for a park cleanup, November for our wellness event and December for our cookie swap and holiday contest! Whew! We're tired already and it's only January!

A special thanks to our sponsors

Applause to **Tread Lightly Carpet Care!** Owner Matt Russell, a Palo Verde Park Neighborhood resident, who 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 last year and serving as a key sponsor for the Wellness in the Park event!

Thank you to **Ellen McBride** from Arizona Beer House for her assistance with ParkFest!

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

Brett Lange

Connie Sadler-Nelson

And a special thank you to Community Medical Services for helping Kellond kiddos with teddy bears and books!

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

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