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## **PALO VERDE PARK POST**

The official newsletter of the Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association



#### **EVENTS**

Don't miss our summer events!

**Coming July 17, 6:30 p.m.** 

City street officials will join us at our regular meeting, Fountain of Life, 710 S. Kolb Road

Coming Aug. 21, 6:30 p.m.

State historic preservation officials will join us, Fountain of Life Church, 710 S. Kolb Road

**Coming Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m.** 

Ice cream social!
Fountain of Life Church, 710 S.
Kolb Road

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#### A word from the president

Sometimes there is so much buzz and controversy at the federal level, it's easy to forget the impact of local elections.

We had a mayoral candidate forum last month and the reality is that who represents our ward and leads our city has a clear and direct impact on our quality of life.

Roads aren't a partisan issue. Well-maintained parks do not have an "R" or "D" assigned to them. Instead, let's focus on our common ground and ways to make our city stronger and our neighborhoods healthier.



July 29 is the last day to register for the primaries, coming up in August. Thank you for your engagement!

## Mark your calendars: Our fun fall season is around the corner! October Park Cleanup, November Wellness Event in the Park and a zombie walk for good measure



#### October 5 Park Cleanup

Give us an hour and we'll give you a prettier park and a chance to say hello to your neighbors!

Bring your favorite pair of work gloves. We'll have supplies and bottled water.

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

#### October 12 Zombie Walk

Sometimes you just have to do something whimsical.
Come in character to help usher in the season. We'll walk west along the Broadway frontage road from Jessica to Melville and back again. 4-5 p.m.

# November 2 Wellness in the Park

Come sample half hour classes, including yoga, tai chi, Zumba, qi gong and more!
9-11 a.m, west side of the

park; fun run/walk starts at 8:30 a.m.

### **Civic engagement on the Eastside**

About 130 Eastsiders turned out for the June mayoral forum.

Big thanks to the four candidates in the race for their attendance
- Ed Ackerley, Randi Dorman, Steve Farley and Regina Romero as well as to El Gheko and Terra del Sol for cohosting with Palo
Verde Park!

We are grateful to all of you who came for the thoughtful discussion,



### Pint for a pint blood drive a success!



Thanks to our neighboring business Arizona Beer House for its work to support the community. The beer house teamed up with the American Red Cross and Palo Verde Park Neighborhood in early July to do its part to help those in need. Thanks to all who turned out!

# Splash pad: It's a wrap! More improvements to come



Mayor Jonathan Rothschild joined City Council member Paul Cunningham, Parks and Recreation Director Brent Dennis and neighborhood leaders for a ceremonial ribbon cutting to commemorate the opening of the new splash pad at Palo Verde Park.

More pool-related improvements are on the way so stay posted for more updates.

## Subaru muscle power in the park



A big thanks to the local Subaru enthusiast car club, Flat4Tucson.

Members gathered bright and early at Palo Verde Park for a park cleanup in late

June.

Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association is very grateful that they thought of helping out our home park.

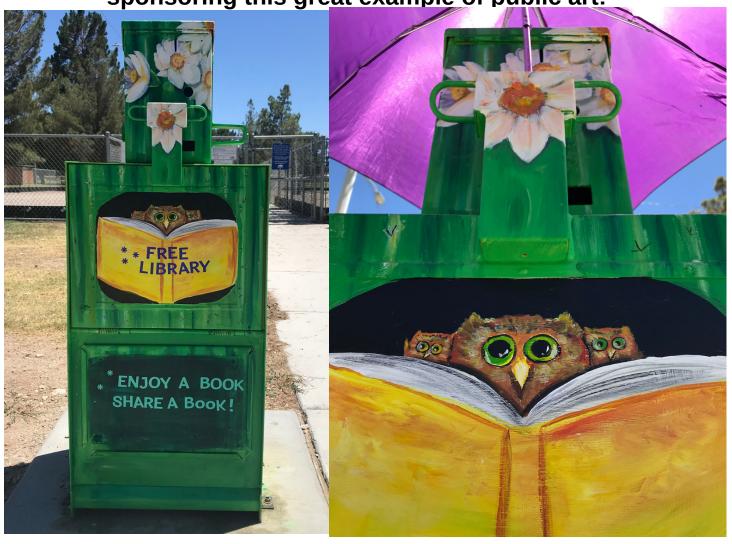
Thanks to all who came out!

# Palo Verde Park claims city's most adorable little free library!

Creative placemaking is alive and well in Palo Verde Park, with efforts under way to create a sense of place and capture the unique appreciation of nature and whimsy that helps define our neighborhood.

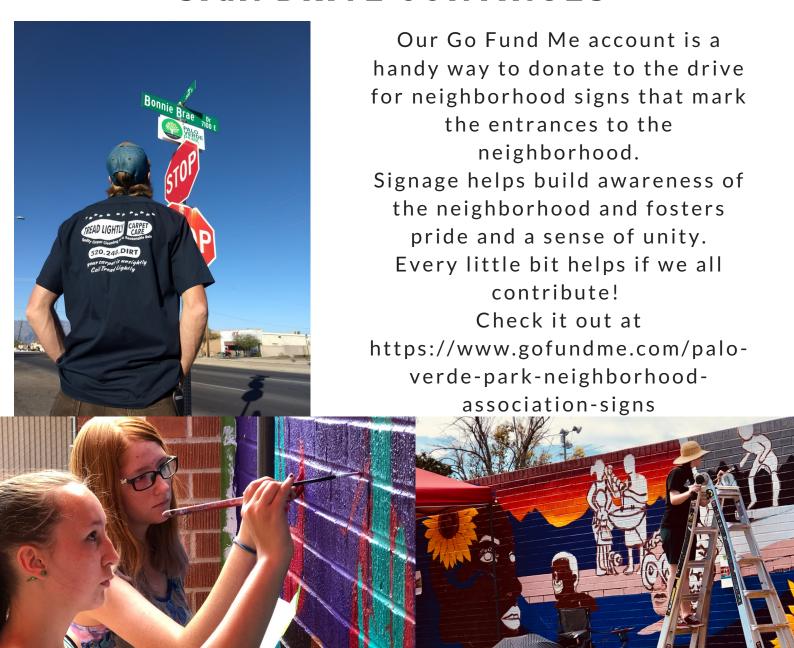
Take a book to share and appreciate the artistic stylings of artist Angela Pittenger, a Palo Verde Park neighbor who is also an accomplished artist. And thanks too to Fred Araiza for

sponsoring this great example of public art!



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#### SIGN DRIVE CONTINUES



# PUBLIC ART MURAL BEAUTIFIES POOL, ENHANCES SENSE OF PLACE

Four talented high school students from Palo Verde High School braved the July heat to share their gifts with our neighborhood.

After soliciting feedback from the neighborhood about themes that were important to residents here, the lead artist and the students incorporated history and nature into their final design.

We're honored that Ward 2 selected our park for the mural and thrilled that the artists are local.

#### 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! Tread Lightly has been a huge help at every event to date, including keeping everyone hydrated at Movie Night!

Arizona Beer House has been a great supporter of the neighborhood and a great partner for so many activities, including the recent pet microchip event,

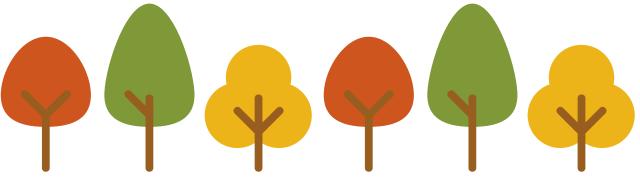
Stewart Title & Trust of Tucson, Inc. has also been a good friend to the neighborhood association, sponsoring a recycling event last year and serving as a key sponsor for the Wellness in the Park event!

Thanks to Community Medical Services for volunteering at ParkFest.

And a big shout out to Vonnie Baldwin for her financial support for Park Fest!

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

Looking for ideas for an Arbor Day celebration next year, April 24. Please share!



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