

PALO VERDE PARK POST

The official newsletter of the Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association



Welcome to the
Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association

EVENTS

Don't miss out!

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

Ice Cream Social! Fountain of Life Church, 710 S. Kolb Road

...Coming Oct. 5, 10 a.m.:

Give us an hour and let's clean up the park!

...Coming Oct. 12, 4-6 p.m.:

Zombie Walk. Make sure you take your body parts with you.

...Coming Nov. 2, 9 - 11 a.m.

Wellness in the Park. Start with a fun run around the park and bite-sized classes follow!

A word from the president

It's a little astonishing how fast this year has gone by.

It seems we were just planning our concerts and our movie night, and here we are...with the days getting just incrementally shorter again. The change is subtle, and it's masked by the sheer furnace of the temperature, but it's happening. And before you know it, our fall season will be upon us. Our events will replace our regularly scheduled meetings. It's been a great educational series this year, but now it's time for building social connections.



Summer hasn't gone yet, so make sure to come by our ice cream social. Save me some sprinkles!!

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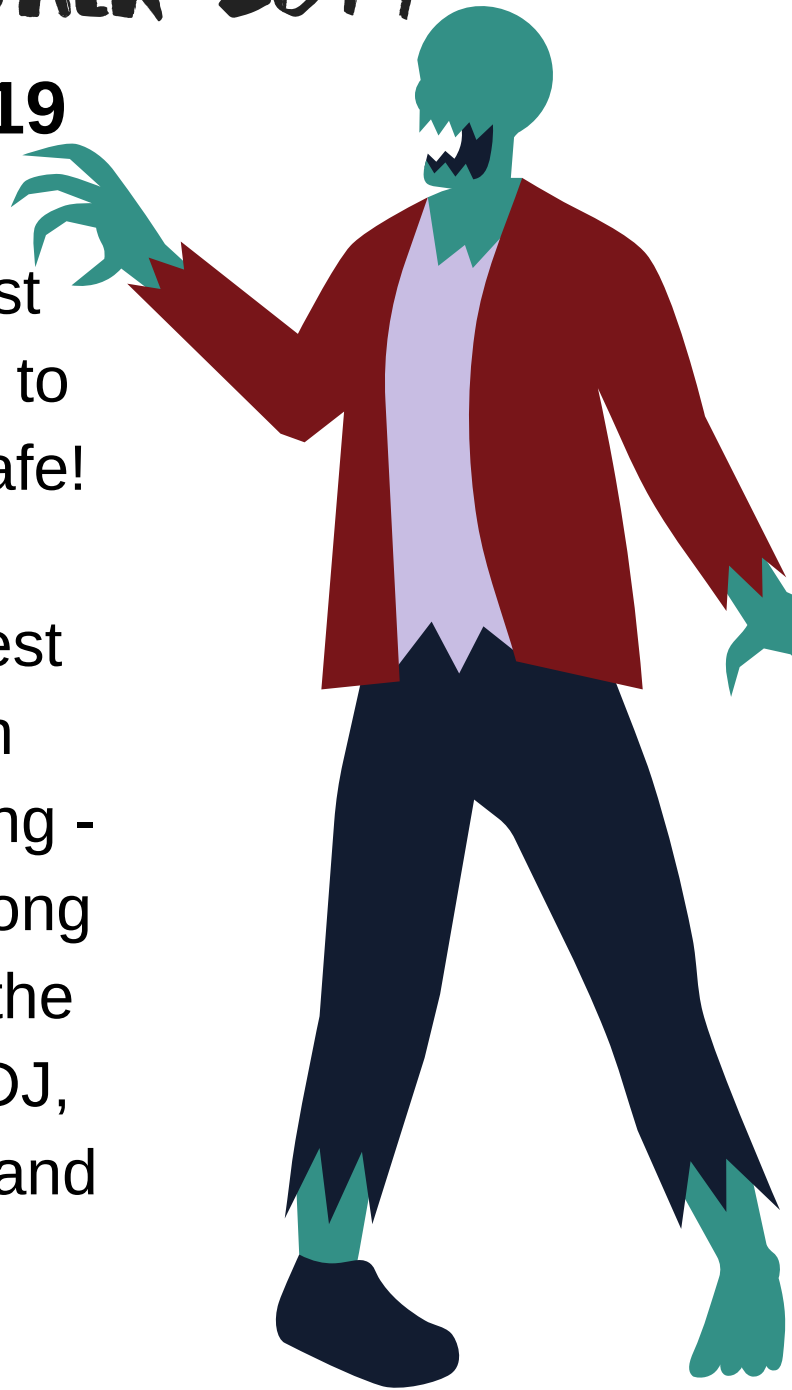
ZOMBIE WALK 2019

Join us Oct. 12, 2019

4-6 p.m.

We had so much interest we're moving to the park to make sure everyone is safe!

We'll start at the northwest section of the park with mariachis and face painting - do a little trunk or treat along the way - and end up at the middle of the park for a DJ, mini-pumpkin decorating and food trucks.



ZOMBIE RULES:

- **Come in character** - lurching, groaning encouraged
- **Do not leave body parts behind** a
- **Try not to ooze on your neighbor**
- **Keep your hands off other people's brains**
- **Do not walk in traffic.** You don't want to die a second time, do you?

**BRING A CAN OF FOOD TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY
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"Keep It Verde" effort underway



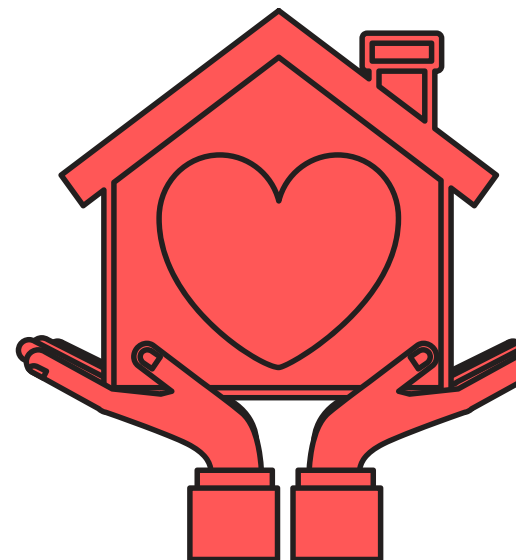
A new subcommittee is leading up an effort around sustainability and green projects, including neighborhood beautification projects and water harvesting.

If that's your thing, we'd love to have your help, either in serving on specific projects or on the larger subcommittee. Drop us a line and let us know how to contact you!

Looking for great examples of mid-century design

Palo Verde Park is considering a home tour in early 2020 to help us purchase more perimeter street signs.

If you get lots of compliments about your unique style and design elements, let's talk! We're looking for 10 great homes to highlight!



A few tips to best enjoy the dog park



Dog parks can be great to help socialize canine companions and give them healthy stimulation and exercise.

The dog parks at Palo Verde Park are quite popular, so here's a few tips on how best to incorporate them into your routine:

- **Separate by size:** To reduce the possibility of injury, it's best to keep small dogs on their side of the dog park, with large dogs on the other side.
- **Watch the kiddos:** Some dogs are uncomfortable around children, who can be active and unpredictable. Running can activate a dog's chase instincts, so it's best to ask children to be calm and quiet in the park.
- **Make sure your pet is healthy and vaccinated:** Contagious illness can spread at dog parks, so please make sure your nuggets are vaccinated and if they are ill, please keep them home until they feel better!

Keep an eye on your pets to make sure they're having positive interactions. Take your pet off leash when they get into the park, since leash aggression can happen when a dog feels restrained and trapped. And then keep an eye on them for appropriate play with other dogs.

Clean up. Cleaning up pet waste reduces flies, odors and the spread of illness. Your fellow dog park attendees appreciate responsible pet owners.

City keeps tree line in check



Parks Area Supervisor Ann Marie Jefferson sprays a general and broad leaf herbicide along the tree line at Palo Verde Park.

The spraying is an attempt to eradicate the African sumac, considered an invasive plant with sucker roots that are hard to kill. Thanks, City of Tucson, for helping keep our park clean and safe.

August meeting included a discussion of historic neighborhood designation

Eric Vondy from the state Historic Preservation Office came down to give neighbors the skinny on designation and break down a few myths.

Here were some big takeaways:



- **The designation does not dictate what you can and cannot do with a property.** It is a voluntary designation.
- **If owners opt in to the tax reduction program that serves as an incentive to protect historic properties,** there are requirements that a home's front facing facade retain some historic features.
- **It's a time intensive effort.** It can take years to get approval for an area to achieve designation, especially since Palo Verde Park is not likely to succeed strictly on the merits of architectural features. A successful option will require one of two pathways: Hiring an expensive consultant or rallying energetic volunteers to do the required research and legwork to be able to share why our story sets us apart and deserves recognition.
- **In addition to the tax incentive, which can reduce property taxes by 50 percent, there are other benefits.** According to Vondy, property values in historic neighborhoods experience a less steep decline in values during a recession and are faster to recover.

The bottom line? It's worth continuing to explore the potential, particularly since two subdivisions, Glen Heather and Miramonte, already are included in a city report detailing some areas that have the potential for historic preservation. We'll keep you posted! (And if you are a history buff with extra time on your hands, and you love working with microfiche, drop us a line! We'd love to have help with this big puzzle!)

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