

# PALO VERDE PARK POST

The official newsletter of the Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association



Welcome to the  
Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association

## President's Corner

With the weather warming up and spring season upon us, it's time to celebrate the return of natural cycles and look forward to new growth and new opportunities.

Over the next few months, we have some familiar events - Park Fest and Movie Night - and some new ones, including our Midcentury Modified Home Tour and the addition of two new movie nights! Mark your calendar and we hope to see you soon!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, March 29**

**ParkFest 2020!**

**3-6 p.m.**

**Free event!**

**12 bands, 4 food trucks!**

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**Sunday, April 5**

**Midcentury Modified Home  
Tour! Neighborhood  
fundraiser - \$15, with  
proceeds going to projects**

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**Saturday, May 23**

**Free Movie Night in the Park!  
The fun starts at 6 p.m. with a  
pirate fencing demonstration  
and a princess.  
Princess Bride at 7 p.m.**



# Neighbors gather for planting of native vegetation in vacant lot



As an extension of Palo Verde Park Neighborhood's grant-funded water harvesting projects, Tucson Clean & Beautiful brought 16 native trees and other desert vegetation for the vacant lot east of the park.

Over time, that barren parcel will serve wildlife, reduce the heat island effect and help beautify the neighborhood.

Many hands (and one particularly handy jackhammer) made the work lighter over the course of a Sunday afternoon.

If you could help us keep an eye out on the saplings, we would be grateful.

And many thanks to Tucson Clean & Beautiful, Tucson Water and the City of Tucson for supporting the project.

# 2020 Calendar of Events

## **Sunday, March 29, 3-6 p.m., Park Fest 2020**

Join us in the park for 12 bands, 4 food trucks

## **Sunday, April 5, 12 - 4 p.m., Palo Verde Park Home Tour**

Help us celebrate our midcentury architectural contributions in this fundraiser for neighborhood projects

## **Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m., Arbor Day Celebration**

Join us for a tree planting celebration at the park to show our gratitude for all things green

## **Saturday, May 23, 6 p.m., Movie Night in the Park**

Bring the family for *The Princess Bride* and 4 food trucks

## **Saturday, June 20, 7 p.m., Movie Night in the Park**

Bring the family for Star Wars: Episode VII The Force Awakens

## **Saturday, July 18, 7 p.m., Movie Night in the Park**

Bring the family for Guardians of the Galaxy

## **Wednesday, June 17, July 15, 630 p.m., Regular Meeting**

City Parks shares an update on bond projects, other improvements, July Tucson Water. Fountain of Life, 710 S. Kolb Road

## **Wednesday, Aug. 19, 630 p.m., Book Exchange**

Recycle your favorite gem, Fountain of Life, 710 S. Kolb Road

## **Saturday, Sept. 26, 8-9 a.m., Park Clean Up**

Bring some energy and we'll have the bags, gloves and equipment

## **Saturday, Oct. 17, 4-6 p.m., Zombie Walk 2020**

Get your zombie on with a DJ, trunk or treat and other activities

## **Saturday, Nov. 7, 8-11 a.m., Wellness in the Park**

Join us for a fun run, meditation, yoga, Zumba and more!

## **Saturday, Dec. 5, 10-11 a.m., Cookie Exchange and Holiday Toy Drive**



# PARK FEST

2020

SUNDAY MARCH 29TH 3-6PM

PALO VERDE PARK 425 S. MA

## STAGE 1

ALEGRATE!  
T-TOWN RAMBLERS  
CRAIG GREEN  
BAND

## STAGE 2

QUADRANT 44  
BREAKING GLASS  
THE GUNRUNNERS

## STAGE 3

DAKOTA WILLIAMS  
& THE MESSAGE  
ZNORA  
PAUL OPOCENSKY  
PROJECT

## STAGE 4

WITHIN THE FAITH  
KRISTIE CUNNINGHAM  
THE JANE HEIRS

## FOOD TRUCKS

GRANDMA TONY'S  
FOXY ROXY'S CHICKEN 'N CONE  
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CACTUS COUNTRY KETTLE CORN



4 STAGES OF LIVE MUSIC,  
FOOD TRUCKS, AND  
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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## **Neighborhood fundraiser to highlight 1950s era architecture**

The decade beginning in 1950 was a dynamic and transformative time for Tucson. Hughes Aircraft came to town. The Sonoran Desert Museum got its start. The first Gem & Mineral Show was held. In the housing boom of that era, this neighborhood was born. Each home will highlight the history of the neighborhood while showing how homes have been modified yet still retain their historic character.

Sunday, April 5, noon to 4 p.m. \$12 in advance or \$15 day-of

# TPD shares time prevention tips, trends at February meeting



Sgt. Jeremy Williams from TPD reported in the last six months, more than 2,100 incidents were reported - a third of them traffic stops along the arterials and many of them to check welfare or do proactive patrols. There were 15 burglaries reported, 4 stolen vehicles and 8 larceny calls in that time.

Sgt Williams encouraged neighbors to call 911 if they see suspicious activity. "Sometimes people are afraid to call 911 unless it's a big event, but we prioritize the calls so do not be afraid to call."

"The bad guys start to realize in which neighborhoods people are paying attention, and instead they go to the places where they know people are leaving car doors unlocked, or aren't closing their garage door, or where no one seems to care."

Crime prevention tips included:

- Put up exterior lights
- Lock your doors,
- Make sure your windows latch
- Do periodic safety checks around the home

"Bad guys like shadows. They don't like to be seen. And lock it or lose it. They're looking for crimes of opportunities so don't make it easy on them and don't get complacent because you don't want to be known as a neighborhood that allows these things to happen."



# A note of thanks to our sponsors

Applause to Tread Lightly Carpet Care! Owner Matt Russell, a Palo Verde Park Neighborhood resident, was our first sign sponsor! He and his wife, Cathy, support all of our events and have been critical to Park Fest.

- Arizona Beer House has been a stalwart friend.
- Little Anthony's donated ice cream for our ice cream social
- Stewart Title & Trust of Tucson, Inc. has also been a good friend, as has Community Medical Services, which donated a sign at Broadway and Jessica across from their center.
- Bookmans supported our Zombie Walk with a trunk or treat; Brian and Kelly's Pumpkins gave us lots of little pumpkins for our little punkins to decorate.
- All of the businesses who have supported our fundraising event raffles

Other event and sign sponsors include:

Andy and Diane Weiss

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Jeremy and Rachael Blackketter

Mike Southworth and Giuliano De Santis

Mike and Toni Krause

Mia Ford

Norma and Dave Coffman (for sponsoring the June and July movie nights)

Rhonda Bodfield and Fred Araiza

Christine Cerda

Brett Lange

Connie Sadler-Nelson

And everyone who contributed to our Go Fund Me page!