

# 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

As awful as the pandemic has been - and as much as we feel for the families who have been affected - there is one silver lining. We've been able to refocus on improving our park.

We have some installations coming soon that we're excited to unveil; our new bulletin board and a Locks of Love project, both from Iron Horse Fabrications. We'll have a labyrinth coming soon and we were able to add some fun tree art to the children's playground area.

The Goat Head Patrol sprung into action to help tackle weeds. It's a great time to get responsibly active. Join us!



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## THE HISTORY HUB

In 1956, when the new Kellond School opened, it was already overcrowded on its first day. Principal Ralph Rods was spent the morning trying to figure out how to squeeze more first graders into classrooms that already had 38 students each.

The school, built to help address the swelling school population on the east side, was named after Annie Kellond, who was a secretary to the Tucson School Board for many years before her retirement.

She was active 41 years in the district. Tom Repp, who was a sixth grader at the school, gave the welcome address at the dedication ceremony.



# New Tree Dwellers Take Up Residence Near the Children's Playground

Thanks to the City of Tucson for giving us permission to add some whimsy and enchantment to the children's play area.

Take a look up high as you're walking through the area. You never know what friends await!





# Labyrinth to Bring Mindfulness to Our Journey

Labyrinths are an ancient symbol that for many, represent a purposeful journey and may be useful to facilitate meditation or prayer.

The City of Tucson granted permission to install one on the parcel that's east of the park, where we held a group planting project earlier in the year, with a few dozen native plants and cactus. We have been on a tour of other labyrinths across Tucson to collect ideas, including at St. Francis in the Hills, nearby St. Michaels and All Angels, Tucson Medical Center's Hospice program, Miraval resorts and at some local parks, such as at Highland Vista, shown below. Because we don't know if physical distance will still be best practice when we get ready to build in the coming weeks, we have come up with a way for others to participate. We would love for you to paint a rock to place within the labyrinth, to connect with and inspire others.

Get out those paintbrushes and we'll keep you posted as we get closer.





# New Installations On Their Way



Coming soon: A new bulletin board to keep neighbors in the know and a Locks of Love sculpture, which invites participants to affix padlocks as a sign of love, remembrance and affection.

Huge thanks to Vice President Mike Southworth for his work on the project, to Iron Horse Fabricators for their craftsmanship and to all who donated.

The bulletin board will be along Mann Avenue and the Love sculpture will reside by the pool area.

The City of Tucson is pouring concrete slabs for the base, so stay posted for an actual installation date.

# Goat Head Patrol on a Roll



There was a catch when the neighborhood secured the extensive water harvesting project around the park: We agreed to keep the quadrants clear of weeds to protect the native trees that were planted around the perimeter.

The Palo Verde Park Goat Head Patrol has been formed to eradicate not only the namesake weed with painful stickers and prongs, but other weeds that might choke the plants we want to encourage. In August, we'll be starting a monthly one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Stay posted and come join us!



# 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:

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And everyone who contributed to our Go Fund Me page!