

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

The coronavirus pandemic has been impossibly hard on all of us, presenting health fears, economic challenges and isolation from those we care about.

It has also demonstrated the essential role that parks and recreation spaces have in keeping our communities healthy.

Go to our park any given morning or evening. It's full of people walking its perimeter, romping with their dogs, jogging, cycling and even hoverboarding. It's been our way to resist the stir crazies, say hello to neighbors and enjoy nature. See you at the park and stay safe



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THE HISTORY HUB

Did you know that Palo Verde Park was originally the preferred site for the regional east side library, now located on Wilmot Road?

On Oct. 21, 1963, 200 people jammed into the City Council chambers - almost all of them a well-organized group living around Kellond School - to advocate for the library to be sited at the park. Ralph Rhoda, the Kellond principal, served as spokesman, noting neighbors had been working since 1957 for an East Side library.

Opponents argued park sites were risky for women and children at night, and that there was limited access compared to a major arterial. The site was located at its current Wilmot location in January 1964.

Want to Build a Labyrinth?

Mark your calendar for Sept. 14

A subcommittee working on plans for the labyrinth on the parcel east of the park has set a build date.

Neighbors who would like to participate have two options:

- 1) Helping us place about three bathtubs full of rocks into the design.
 - 2) Painting rocks to motivate and inspire those enjoying the site.
- Labyrinths are an ancient symbol that for many, represent a purposeful journey and may be useful to facilitate meditation or prayer.

For those coming to the build, we will respect physical distance and ask that participants wear face coverings.

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

Thanks to Fred for leading the subcommittee, to Helen for her expertise as a certified and trained labyrinth facilitator, and to Diane and Evan for their ideas and engagement!



Help Identify Neighbors in Need of Yard Assistance



Sometimes, particularly for the elderly or the ill, it can be hard to keep on top of yardwork.

Our neighborhood is partnering with nearly three dozen missionary students from our neighboring Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

With the pandemic making domestic and international travel challenging, the missionaries will be focused on meeting local community needs and will work with our neighborhood volunteers to help mitigate overgrown landscaping.

If you know of someone who could use a little additional help, drop us a note so we can see if they are amenable to a little neighborly assistance.



**A SENSE OF HISTORY
A SENSE OF PLACE
A SENSE OF CONNECTION**

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NEIGHBORHOOD WITH ONE OF THESE SIGNS.
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to our GoFundMe campaign:
paloverdeparkneighborhood.com**

Yoga in the Park

Monday p.m.



Palo Verde Park neighbor and longtime yoga instructor Ariel is taking a break from her classes at the gym because of the pandemic. She'll host a yoga class Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m. next to the basketball court.

A \$5 donation is recommended but no one will be turned away.

Neighborhood instructors: If you're interested in hosting some physically distanced classes, drop us a line.

Lock your Love



Have you seen the new sculpture by the pool?
It's a Locks of Love installation. Dedicate a
padlock as a symbol of your love and lock the
key away.

Shout Out to the Goat Head Patrol



Sometimes you'll see us in our trademark green and white shirts. Sometimes, well, maybe not. But you'll recognize us as we work to eradicate goat heads, foxtails and other invasive weeds from the park.

If you have an hour a month, join us! Drop us a line at rhondabb@hotmail.com



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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