

# PALO VERDE PARK POST

The official newsletter of the Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association



Welcome to the  
Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association

## THE HISTORY HUB

How did our park get its name?

It's a reasonable question, since we're hardly overrun with palo verde trees!

In 1959, the park was unofficially called "Kellond Park" or "Miramonte Park." When the City of Tucson annexed the park from the county, they decided to give the park a name. A citizen's committee from members of the neighborhood was formed to make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council. There were three park names in the running:

- Palo Verde Park
- Coronado Park
- Van Horn Park (James Randolph Van Horn was a young soldier who went down with the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor.)

The Mayor and Council approved Palo Verde Park on Sept. 21, 1959.

**Upcoming Events**  
**Nov. 7, 10 a.m. Honk and Wave**  
**Bridge Commemoration**

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# Honor a Veteran, Pick up a Flag



## Event Begins

**at 10 a.m., Nov. 7 at the bridge east of  
the park**

Navy veterans returned from WWII and used their construction skills to build the bridge east of the park, with the support of the Kellond PTO. The bridge had fallen into disrepair over the years, but neighbors worked with the City of Tucson to address erosion and give it new life with a fresh coat of paint. A commemorative plaque has been installed at the site. Rather than gather at the site in these uncertain times, volunteers will be out from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., handing out small flags and lapel pins, while they last. Come by, give us a wave and a honk, pick up a flag and let's honor building bridges and the service of our heroes from all branches.



# Online Auction Raises New Funds for Perimeter Street Signs

The creativity of our neighborhood artists - and the neighbors who honored their work - helped us raise more than \$2,000 in our online art marketplace!

With each perimeter street sign costing about \$250 for production and installation, the funds will get us a long way toward finishing our sign drive.



A huge thank you is in order to all of you who participated, and to the 14 artists who donated their work to the cause: *Angela Pittenger, Gay Scheibl, Tony Peralta, Charles Palmer, Leah Crain, Fred Araiza, Susan Wells, Sandy Gold, Taralyn Smith, Jenny Kendall, Scot Osborne, Gloria Young, Rhonda Bodfield and Marisa Campas-Hughes.*

# **Deck the Halls! Third Annual Holiday Decorating Contest Coming**

**10 CATEGORIES, INCLUDING:**

- **BEST USE OF INFLATABLES**
- **WINTER WONDERLAND**
- **MOST ELEGANT HOLIDAY**
- **FUNNIEST HOLIDAY**
- **SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS AWARD**
- **MOST ELABORATE DISPLAY**
- **MOST CHEERFUL HOLIDAY**
- **MOST COLORFUL HOLIDAY**
- **BEST USE OF LIGHTING**
- **MOST CREATIVE HOLIDAY**

**NOMINATIONS DEC. 1-13; JUDGING DEC. 14-16**

**Awards announced Dec. 18!**

And a big thanks to those who decorated for  
Halloween!



# 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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And everyone who contributed to our Go Fund Me page!