

# 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

Some of the most significant residential subdivision development in design quality and innovation occurred within the 15 years after WWII - the same period many of our Palo Verde Park Neighborhood homes were constructed.

When our homes were built, Tucson was experiencing incredible demand for housing fueled by a combination between a boom in Tucson population and a shortage of housing since there had been little construction between the Great Depression and the end of the war. Consider: Tucson's population exploded to more than 250,000 in 1960 from 70,000 in 1940.

The use of automobiles helped to accommodate eastward growth.

These post-war homebuilders were local businessmen who began to offer more amenities to attract buyers, such as parks and schools. We are living their vision of a new life, and for that ,we're grateful!

**Upcoming Events**  
**Rock Painting at the Labyrinth**  
**Saturday, Jan. 23, 10 a.m.**

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# Don't Miss the Winning Displays in our Holiday Decorating Contest!

Much gratitude to everyone who decorated their homes this year to cheer neighbors during this holiday season. With so many amazing displays, judges had such a hard time that we gave up and added 5 more categories! A special shout-out to Hayne and Colgate streets for their holiday cheer.

We offer this year's winners: Merry-ho-ho!



<b>PRESIDENT'S AWARD.....</b>	449 S. Harvard
<b>BEST WINDOW DISPLAY....</b>	6907 E. Princeton
<b>STORYBOOK CHRISTMAS..</b>	6321 E Colgate
<b>BEST LIGHTING.....</b>	1149 S Carnegie
<b>MOST ELEGANT DISPLAY...</b>	904 S. Carnegie
<b>BEST USE OF INFLATABLES</b>	6310 E. Julia
<b>WINTER WONDERLAND....</b>	275 S. Langley Ave
<b>MOST CHEERFUL .....</b>	7041 E. Bonnie Brae
<b>MOST ELABORATE .....</b>	1155 S Georgetown
<b>CHRISTMAS GLEE .....</b>	6612 E Koralee
<b>FUNNIEST CHRISTMAS.....</b>	334 S. Kenyon
<b>MOST CREATIVE.....</b>	6644 E Koralee
<b>MOST COLORFUL .....</b>	6602 E 12th
<b>CHRISTMAS GLOW .....</b>	6314 Fordham
<b>SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.....</b>	6601 E 12th

# Council Leadership Changes



**Mike Southworth**, one of the founding members of the neighborhood council, has assumed the role of President for the first quarter of 2021. A UA grad who has been a neighbor since 2017, Mike has served as vice president since the association's inception in 2018.

Special thanks to outgoing president **Norma Coffman** for her service and energy.

We also welcomed two new members, pictured below at our bridge commemoration ceremony:

**Erinn Peters**, who moved into the Miramonte Terrace subdivision last year and got right to work building community, and **Dianne Bustamante**, a longtime resident of Old Pueblo Estates. They join **Andy Weiss, Rhonda Bodfield, Torey Crandell, Cathy Cromwell** and **Matt Russell** on the Council.

We will hold formal elections in April, with the hopes that we may be able to have a safe gathering at that time.

In the interim, thank you and congratulations, Mike, Erinn and Dianne!





# New Coloring Page Series Celebrates Our Neighborhood



Palo Verde Park Neighborhood has many points of interest. We'll feature an image each month that reflects who we are and how we live. **Submit a photo to [paloverdepark@gmail.com](mailto:paloverdepark@gmail.com)**





# A Look Back at 2020

It was a year without concerts or movies or microchip clinics or zombies in the park, but we accomplished so much together anyway!



## January: Water Harvesting and Tree Planting

Palo Verde Park received the largest grant in the city for a new water harvesting project and beautification of the parcel east of the park. Neighbors contributed some muscle.





# March and Ongoing: The Goat Head Patrol is Born & Other Clean Up Efforts Made Progress



By March, it was evident that we weren't going to be able to hold our usual events. We turned our attention to rooting out stickers, trash and weeds to make the park more pleasant for paws, bare feet and picnic blankets.





# Summer: New Installations (and Tree Guardians) Come to the Park



A new bulletin board, by Iron Horse Fabricators, shares information about neighborhood news, while some new friends took up residence in the trees at the children's playground, and the Locks of Love sculpture accepts locks to symbolize the everlasting power of love.





# September: Three Tons of Rocks Form Labyrinth to Foster Contemplation



Thirty neighbors built our Peace Labyrinth in 30 minutes at the east annex of the park. An ancient symbol of hope, healing and spirit, it invites you to reflect on your life's journey and contemplate your future path. A commemorative sign is in the works!





# October: Artists Raise Funds to Wrap Up Neighborhood Sign Drive



Neighborhood artists donated everything from quilts and jewelry to paintings, photography, furniture art and wood carvings. Our first online art auction was such a success that we delivered 28 signs to the City of Tucson, finishing off the remaining 14 streets that lacked a sign designating their entrance to the neighborhood.





# November: Honoring Bridges and Sharing Hope



Just before Veteran's Day, we celebrated the Navy veterans who built our bridge by sharing flag pins, flags and historical postcards. Two gallons of paint plus 12 cans of spray paint helped bring it back to life. Check out the commemorative plaque for more details about its origin.

And with the holidays hard for many during the pandemic, neighbors shared temporary messages in chalk around the park's walking path.





# **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 our events.

Other donors and stalwart friends include:

- Arizona Beer House
- Little Anthony's
- Stewart Title & Trust of Tucson, Inc.
- Community Medical Services
- Bookmans
- Brian and Kelly's Pumpkins

Palo Verde Park has numerous independent and small businesses. Please support them.

Other event and sign sponsors include:

Andy and Diane Weiss

Vonnie Baldwin

Jeremy and Rachael Blackketter

Mike Southworth and Giuliano De Santis

Mike and Toni Krause

Mia Ford

Norma and Dave Coffman

Rhonda Bodfield and Fred Araiza

Christine Cerda

Brett Lange

Connie Sadler-Nelson

And everyone who contributed to our Go Fund Me page!