

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

Where did the park land originally come from? In 1958, the developers of Miramonte Terrace, Busby and Carroll Construction Co., agreed to sell 32 acres of land to the City of Tucson for \$70,000.

Improvements came over time - in part because the neighborhood lobbied for the park to be the site of the east side regional library. Until the site was selected, which would ultimately be on Wilmot, park development efforts were put on hold.

The park was also used to help accommodate the crush of schoolchildren at Kellond. In 1961, the Council unanimously voted to approve TUSD's request to put temporary school buildings on the southwest corner of the park.

In February 1972, the City moved ahead with plans to build the pool at Palo Verde Park, along with two other parks, for a cost of \$120,000.

Upcoming Events
Holiday Decorating Contest!
Winners announced Dec. 18!

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Charming with Chalk Art

This holiday season is hard on many of us. With City of Tucson authorization, neighbors gathered to share words of hope and inspiration with park goers to try to brighten their season.

Hang in there. You've got this.



Deck the Halls! Third Annual Holiday Decorating Contest

**GET YOUR NOMINATIONS READY!!
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**

JUDGING DEC. 14-16

Awards announced Dec. 18!

See the website for more details

Perimeter Street Sign Drive? Calling it Done!



We delivered 28 signs to the City of Tucson this month, finishing off the remaining 14 streets that lacked a sign designating their entrance to the neighborhood. The City is balancing other priorities and hopes to install them soon, but the purchase wraps up the drive we began in 2018.

A huge thank you is in order again 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, Gail Young, Rhonda Bodfield and Marisa Campas-Hughes.*

Pandemic Forces Continued Change in Council Priorities; Suspends Board Elections Until April

In the inaugural year of the Neighborhood Association, we placed a heavy emphasis on fun events that would help us gather together, celebrate our park and connect with a sense of place. From Park Fest to a pet microchipping event, to a fitness fest, and a Zombie Walk and even a Mayoral debate, we joined one another for quarterly events while hosting regular neighborhood educational meetings.

The pandemic put those plans on hold last year for safety, so we focused our energies on securing additional park infrastructure, bringing in a beautiful metal bulletin board, a Locks of Love sculpture, a labyrinth and signage commemorating the history of the bridge east of the park. The pandemic is still raging. That will mean two big things for our Council priorities:

- 1) This year, we hope to focus on service. We are actively soliciting for neighbors who could use a little help with landscaping, weeding and other small beautification projects. Many hands make light work and keep our neighborhood strong.
- 2) We have city approval to push back our regular January elections until April, when we hope to gather in the park. In the interim, if you'd like to join, the effort please reach out!

Honk and Wave Flag Event a Success



Just before Veteran's Day, we celebrated the Navy veterans who built our bridge (and the neighborhood parents who advocated for it) by sharing flag lapel pins, flags and historical postcards of the event with passing drivers. Check out the commemorative plaque when you're around the parcel east of the park!



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:

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