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PALO VERDE PARK POST

The official newsletter of the Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association



Welcome to the
Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association

Join us for our year of service!

We have lots of opportunities to strengthen our area, from lending some muscle to a neighbor in need to helping to paint curbside addresses or rooting out goat heads in the park. Details inside!

THE HISTORY HUB

Tucson Unified's fifth high school, Palo Verde, opened with a flag raising ceremony on Aug. 30, 1962. And while the building lacked the large windows that were hallmarks of its more elaborate contemporaries, Rincon and Catalina, the school represented one of the most massive brick jobs in the West at the time. An estimate 5 million bricks went into the building!

It was funded after a successful bond election to keep pace with the east side population boom at the time.

Upcoming Events
Annual Park Cleanup: Feb. 20,
10 - 11 a.m.

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Our Neighborhood Rocked it - Again!

Residents stepped up to color a piece of our storybook here at Palo Verde Park. Check out the messages of hope and inspiration they left behind for others at our January painting party at the Peace Labyrinth.



Free Portraits in the Park



Fred Araiza spent 33 years as a staff photographer at the Arizona Daily Star, documenting newsworthy events and the moments that shape a community and taking viewers to places they would otherwise never see. You might have seen him at Cyclovia, for instance, snapping portraits of families and friends in attendance.

A Palo Verde Park resident for the past 11 years, he'll be setting up in the park on March 20, so bring your family and friends by for a fun digital portrait, featuring your favorite park as a backdrop.

Reservations are encouraged, especially while we're respecting physical distance. Please email aearaiza1@hotmail.com for your preferred time slot.

Got an Hour on March 6?

Help a Neighbor in Need

We asked for help identifying a neighbor who, because of age or physical challenges, could use a little help tidying up their yard. We have a recipient! If you have an hour and can do basic yardwork, we'd love your help on March 6, from 9-10 a.m. Let's do some good together!

Help First Responders, the Pizza Guy (and our Holiday Contest Judges)



Could your curb address use a little refresh? Neighborhood volunteers are available throughout the month of April to repaint them for free!

They won't have fancy details, but they'll be crisp and efficient and they'll get the job done.

Drop us a line. Door Dash will thank you.

Coming Soon in May: Our First Ever Puzzle Competition!!

People who love jigsaw puzzles are called dissectologists. (You know who you are.) And we invite you to Puzzle in the Park with us!



We're looking for up to 10 adult teams of up to two players and up to 10 family teams, with a cap of four players and at least one adult.

Details to come, but the short of it? Fastest puzzlers win a prize (and everyone keeps the puzzle). Interested? Let's get your game on!

New Coloring Page Series Celebrates Our Neighborhood



Palo Verde Park Neighborhood has many points of interest. Our eagle-eyed birder, Lisa, spotted this kingbird at the park. If you have an image that reflects who we are and how we live, please **submit your photo to paloverdepark@gmail.com**



Props to the City

Poe and Mark helped install our new labyrinth sign (pre-rain, so extra props for digging!) Thanks, Parks Department!



A Note from the Council

Last year, when we had to cancel our large events in the park to keep everyone safe in scary times, it was disappointing but necessary.

It's not clear yet how 2021 will unfold.

We are committed to bringing back events as soon as we can, as safe as we can, as soon as public health guidance is in alignment.

Until then, we're hopeful that the smaller, physically distant events we have in the works will help us stay connected and celebrate what makes this place so special.

We'll be painting recycled aluminum flowers in the fall and have some other plans in the works, but if you have some ideas you'd like to try, let us know.

We're holding off on any fundraising drives until we identify an attainable, viable project, so stay posted and thanks for taking care of the neighborhood and each other.

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:

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And everyone who contributed to our Go Fund Me page!
Thanks to Fred Araiza, too, for hand-etching and building the labyrinth sign. Go check it out!