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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

THE HISTORY HUB

Palo Verde Park Neighborhood was smack in the middle of a so-called "Boom Center" that had about 14,500 residents as of the end of 1957. The four-mile area, bounded by Craycroft to Kolb and Broadway to 36th had only 250 residents just eight years prior. It was considered the fastest-growing community in a region already experiencing a steady population increase.

The growth not only fueled the need for additional school space, but also for health care needs. St Josephs Hospital opened on July 12, 1961, with the first patient a 72-year-old East Sider admitted for surgery.

The hospital opened with 130 beds, but planned for an eventual capacity of 450 to accommodate new growth.

Upcoming Events
Elections and Sock Drive
April 24, 9-10 am @ the mural

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Neighbors Help an Elder



A dozen volunteers helped clean up a residence of an elderly neighbor in Palo Verde Park neighborhood over the weekend on Saturday, March 6.

The service project helped clean up areas in the yard that may have been a trip hazard and removed debris from around the house.

Know of an elder who needs help with small clean-up projects in the Palo Verde Park neighborhood?
Drop us a line at paloverdepark@gmail.com





Faces of Palo Verde Park



Tie a Bow; Make a Wish by the Kindness Tree



Our neighbors are a creative lot. Fabric strips of all hues and patterns are fancying up the chain link fence by the Kindness Tree (and simultaneously hiding the city's storage area.) If you have some extra fabric, come on by for a more positive spin on tying one on!

A Place to Share



Erinn Peters doesn't see rocks. She sees opportunities for kindness. While rocks at the labyrinth are intended to stay on the site for others to enjoy, Erinn wanted to be sure there was a place to kindness rockers to be able to leave them for others.

Participants in #HideTucsonRocks have been invited to come visit the Kindness Tree. Charmed by a rock? Take one! Have some kindness to give away? Leave one for others seeking inspiration and support. Thanks, Erinn, for making a difference.



April Elections and Sock Drive



**April 24
9-10 a.m.
@the mural!**

Cast a vote, come meet the Council representatives and drop off some socks for those in need!

Michael Southworth, President;

Erinn Peters, Vice President;

Andy Weiss, Treasurer;

Rhonda Bodfield, Secretary;

Torey Crandell, delegate;

Matt Russell/Cathy Cromwell, delegates;

Dianne Bustamante, delegate;

Patty Bowers, delegate

Socks can make a huge difference for people experiencing homelessness.

They make a huge difference in reducing the risk of infection and blisters.

And while people often donate food, clothing and blankets, socks aren't always top of mind, even though they're one of the most requested items.

If you have the capacity to give, we're asking for new, unused socks. We'll deliver them to the shelters.



Welcoming the New Parks Director

Council members will be meeting our new Parks Director at the end of the month.

Lara Hamwey , who replaced former director Brent Dennis, came to Tucson in January from the City of Miami. We'll be interested in hearing more about her plans, learn from her expertise of 16 years, and share our priorities.

More to come!

Curb Address Refresh in April

Increasingly, we're getting groceries, meals and household products delivered to our homes.

Make it a little easier on the delivery driver by making sure your curbside address is visible. Neighborhood volunteers are available throughout the month of April to repaint them for free.

Just drop us a line (paloverdepark@gmail.com) and let us know where we can get to work!

Shout Out to Parks!!

City Parks workers are our partners in keeping our park tidy and safe.

Give them a wave when you see them to share our appreciation!



Please Be a Considerate Neighbor: Pick Up After Your Pet



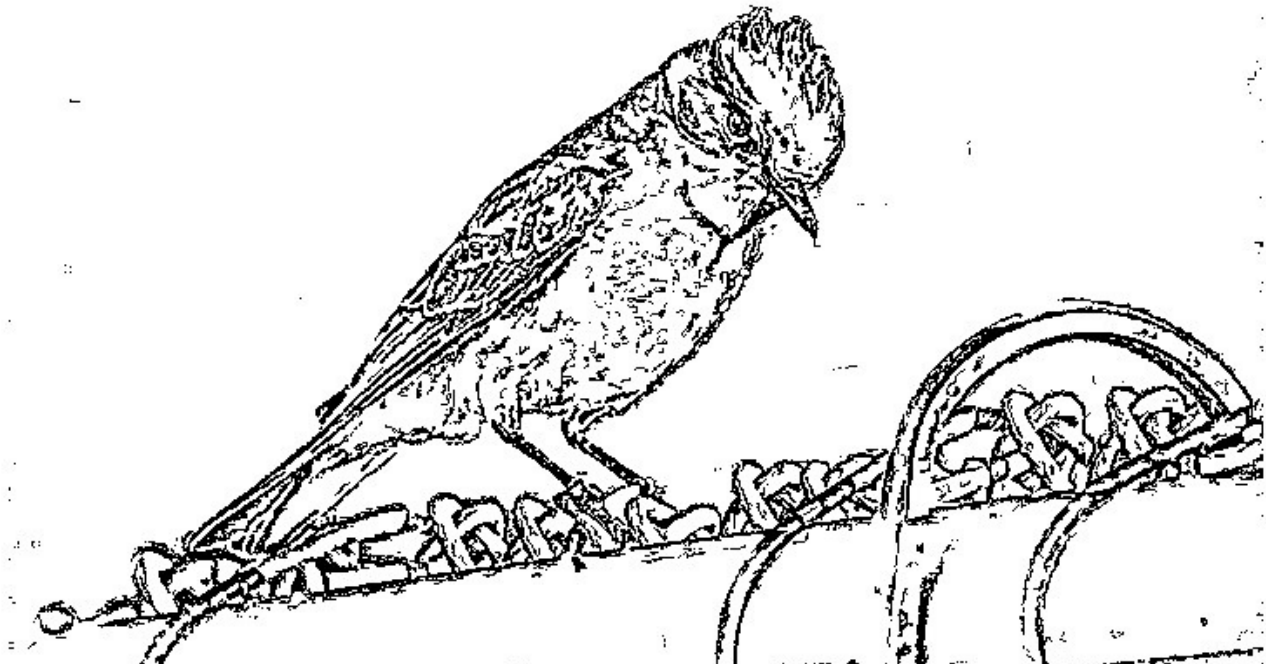
We love our pets at Palo Verde Park! But we're not fans of having to play poop hop scotch while we're out walking and enjoying the park.

But did you know that animal waste can actually be hazardous to the health of children and other pets using the park? Fecal matter is one of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs and a source of harmful organisms such as E. coli, Cryptosporidium, Giardia, and Salmonella. Rain and sprinkler runoff may carry the waste to other areas.

Please pick up after your pet.

According to Tucson Code Chapter 4-102 , fines of up to \$750 may be assessed against an owner who doesn't immediately dispose of their pets' solid waste. The City anticipates putting up new, more visible signage around the park to help raise awareness.

New Coloring Page Series Celebrates Our Neighborhood



Palo Verde Park is a great place to tap into the tranquility of natural space. Our local birder Lisa sent this photo of a scarlet vermilion our way. If you have an image that reflects who we are and how we live, please **submit your photo to paloverdepark@gmail.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 our events.

Other donors and stalwart friends include:

- Arizona Beer House
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- Stewart Title & Trust of Tucson, Inc.
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- 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

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Rhonda Bodfield and Fred Araiza

Christine Cerda

Brett Lange

Connie Sadler-Nelson

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!