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PALO VERDE PARK POST

The official newsletter of the Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association



THE HISTORY HUB

Glen Heather Estates is one of two subdivisions in our neighborhood that made a prioritization list for historic preservation. A report by the City of Tucson's Historic Preservation Office examined 240 subdivisions built between 1945-75 for three elements: planning, architecture and landscape design. Glen Heather was among 37 prioritized subdivisions. It was determined to be a third tier priority for what the report called "an outstanding example of mid-20th century subdivision design and development." It was built by the Lusk Corporation, one of Tucson's most important builders of the post-World War II period. Primarily of burnt adobe, the houses are described as a distinctive Tucson version of the Ranch style design.

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Recycled Pop Art Blooms Sept. 18



So everything isn't exactly coming up daisies these days - but we can sure get a little closer with a new spin on aluminum can recycling.

When: Sept. 18, 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Where: By the mural

Why: To learn how to make recycled pop art flowers - a reminder that we can find art in our everyday lives and when we least expect it.

How: We'll have flowers available for the first 50 participants. We'll bring the paint supplies.

Pandemic precautions: This will be very similar to the rock painting party we held earlier this year at the labyrinth. We will set up small, physically distant tables outside with single use paintbrushes and paint supplies. Masks are encouraged but not required for those respecting physical distance since we're outside.

Playground Mural Update

The wall at the playground is getting uglier and uglier every weekend - and that's a good thing! Thanks to nearly two dozen donors, we have the funding available for the wall, but it was in such disrepair that we're having to scrape the old flaking and pitted paint off by hand.

Our lovely and talented muralist doesn't want to paint when the thermometer says "sweltering" anyway, so by the time we're ready for her, the weather should be cooperating.

More to come on our progress!



Weeds, Weeds Everywhere



The person who coined the phrase about death and taxes being the only things certain in life, forgot to mention goatheads.

Here's a photo of neighborhood weed slayer and board member Matt Russell in 2020.

In case you don't recognize him with his shirt on, here he is again just last week with yet another monster goat head.

Here's why we're serious about them: They're non-native and outcompete native plants. Their seeds can remain dormant in the soil for many years and their pernicious thorns not only can cause injury, but are easily spread. If you see them, this is one time not to practice kindness.



BOO!

We're Looking for Judges!

Halloween is right around the corner and we need help judging our annual decorating contest! If you have a few hours to help us show appreciation for frightfully good design, drop us a line at paloverdepark@gmail.com (And the same goes for decorators! Let us know if you're in the game this year!)



A note of thanks to our sponsors

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