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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

Kolb Road was named in 1957 after Richard Kolb, who was born in Indiana and moved to Arizona in 1913.

He was in charge of voter registration for the Pima County Recorder's Office, worked for the County Assessor's Office and in 1947, became clerk of the Pima County Board of Supervisors.

*Source: Arizona Daily Star



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Judges Needed for Holiday Decorating Contest

Why let Winterhaven have all the fun?

If you've always wanted to express your gratitude for a neighbor's festive home, do we have an opportunity for you!

Help us judge the fourth annual Palo Verde Park holiday decorating contest!

Judging takes place Dec. 14-16, with awards announced Dec. 18.

That gives neighbors a chance to enjoy the sparkle while they can!

Game? Or have a home you want to nominate?

[Click here](#) or visit our Facebook page!



Kiddo Artists Make their Mark

Kellond students and small parkgoers gave us a hand in early November to help us complete the wall in the children's playground. We recreated the palm print motif from the previous effort, helping ensure continuity (and preserving our Pokego "Hand Across the Park" site for Pokemon play!)

A special thanks to artist **Angela Pittenger** for bringing sunshine to the playground entrance and to all the neighbors who helped fund the improvement!





Bond Projects Update

The Parks and Recreation Department provided an update on the projects pledged to Palo Verde Park as part of the \$225 million package for capital improvements voters approved in November 2018.

Several projects are expected to take place in early 2022:

- Conversion of the tennis courts to pickleball courts
- Lighting upgrades for the softball and multipurpose fields
- Resurfacing the basketball courts, which is being moved up from a later phase because it makes sense to resurface the basketball and tennis courts at the same time.

Here's some additional good news:

- The Ward 2 Council Office has found additional resources to expand the basketball court and add shade. (Thanks, Ward 2!)
- Parks is exploring adding some downlighting to the field lights to add more light around the park in the dark hours.

Renovating the irrigation system and replacing the existing playground are still in Phase 3, which begins in 2026. We'll keep you posted as we learn more!



HALLOWEEN HOWLERS

A dramatic bwaahaha all around for the winners of our 2021 Halloween decorating contest!

449 S. Harvard Avenue received the special BOO! portrait award for their attention to detail, excellent use of colors and large animated decorations that were very scary!

6673 E. Cooper Street, pictured below, rocked the CandyLand theme, winning a gift certificate to the Human Bean. The home was noted for its original and wonderful theme, elaborate decorations and spooktacular costumes among those handing out candy.

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped kids make memories this. year!



Upcoming Events



January 22: Elections and pet food drive. The prospective slate for 2022 will be at the mural by the park from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.. Come by and say hello to Mike Southworth (President), Andy Weiss (Treasurer), Rhonda Bodfield (Secretary), Dianne Bustamante (delegate), Patricia Bowers (delegate), Torey Crandell (delegate), Matt Russell and Cathy Cromwell (delegates). If you want to bring some plain Milk Bones, canned pumpkin, or Friskie's pate cat food, we'll bring them to the shelter afterward. If you're interested in serving, please send us an email at paloverdepark@gmail.com

February 26: Pollinator garden planting. Join us for a planting party from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. out at the labyrinth. Bring the kids and watch for ways to help sponsor a plant or two, coming soon! We'll aim to get the plants in the ground so they can be established by the heat of summer.

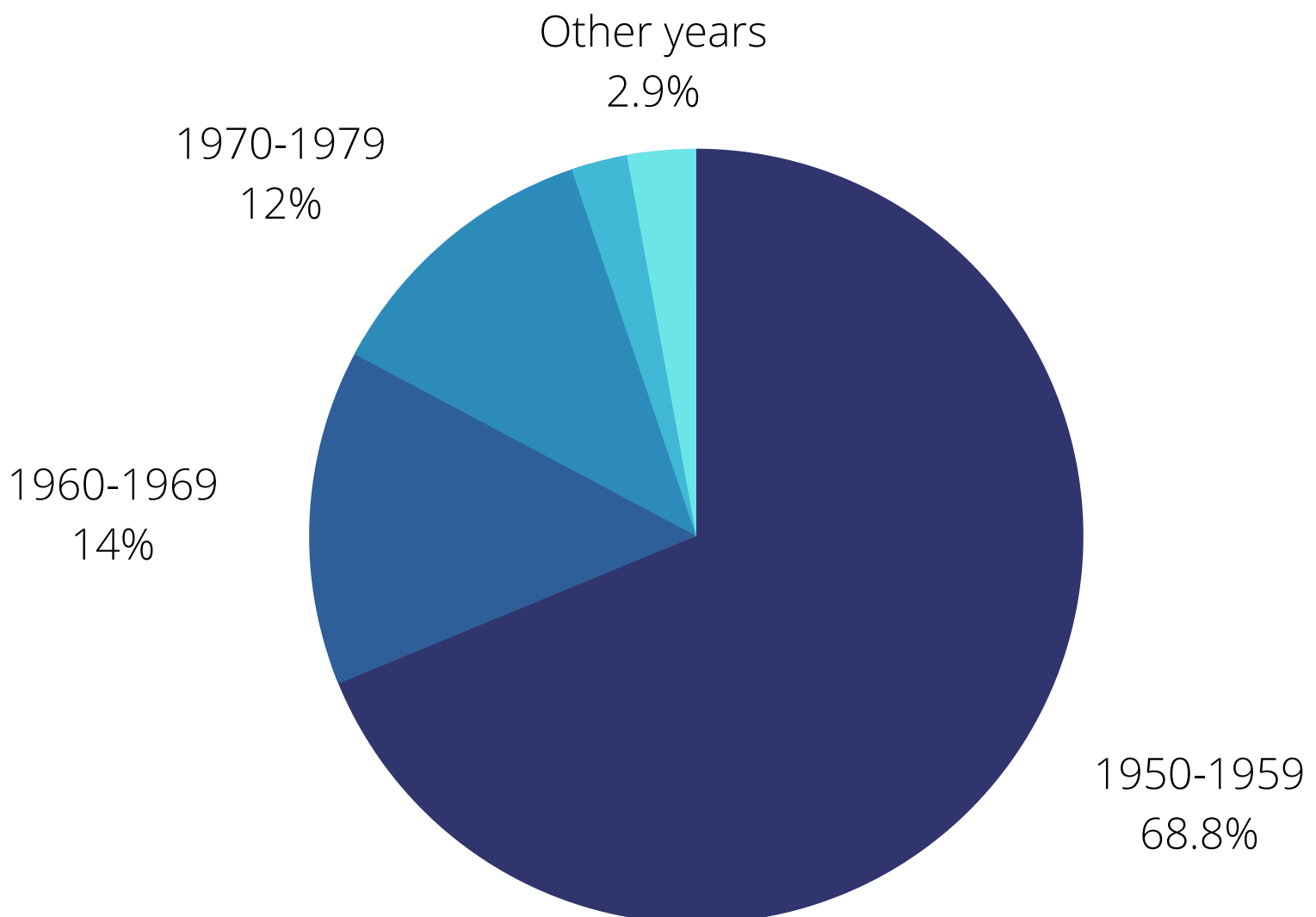
March 19: Annual park cleanup! 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. We'll provide the tools, gloves and bags. You just bring a little muscle and energy!

Census Shorts: Meet Your Neighborhood

Each month, we'll share a census snippet that helps paint a picture of the place we share.

Here, we share the age of the housing inventory in the neighborhood, out of a total of 1,742 housing units. There are 41 homes built in the 1940s, which don't show up on the chart.

Data from the American Community Survey, collected monthly from January 2015- December 2019.



Sponsor a Plant for the Pollinator Garden

In January 2022, we'll open up an online auction that will allow you to purchase a plant or two to help us bring our pollinator garden to life!

The Tucson Audubon Society, which has helped design other gardens in other parks, including the Reid Park Zoo, drew up some plans for our existing berms by the labyrinth.

We'll share the link in our January newsletter so stay posted for more information!



A note of thanks to our sponsors

Heartfelt thanks to our local neighbors and businesses who have supported our efforts to make strategic investments in our neighborhood.

We hope to return to holding more events in 2022, as well as continuing to invest in projects that make our area more welcoming.

That takes financial support. Watch for our regular GoFundMe drives for specific projects, but also consider becoming a sponsor.

Visit our website for [some ways to get involved](#).

Meanwhile, with the holidays in full swing, please remember that Palo Verde Park has numerous independent and small businesses. Please support them.

Thank you!