

Palo Verde Park Post

January 2022

Support Our Paradise for Pollinators

Pollinators such as bees and butterflies are not just important to the ecosystem and critical in supporting the food we eat, but their populations are at risk of continued decline.

We have two ways to help!

Sponsor a plant. Our neighborhood got approval to start work on a pollinator garden by the labyrinth on the east side of the park. The plan, created by the Tucson Audubon Society, will help provide habitat and food sources for pollinators. Our convenient online platform lets you sponsor a plant (or a few!) Details inside.

Come to the planting party! We'll gather from 9-11 a.m. on Feb. 26 to plant the first four berms. We'll bring the plants we've collected. You bring a green thumb!

Upcoming Events

January 22: Elections

Come say hello to the slate of candidates running for the Council and share your ideas for making our neighborhood more beautiful, safe and welcoming. We'll be set up by the park mural from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. and collecting pet food and other supplies for Pima Animal Care Center. See you then!

March 19: Park Cleanup

A clean, well-maintained park shows that our neighborhood values our outdoor spaces. Together, we can make a cleaner, safer and more welcoming environment for our neighbors and others who use our park. We'll bring gloves, tools and garbage bags for this event, which runs from 9 - 10 a.m. We'll also have roll-offs at the park for those who want to tidy up their properties.

Pollinator Plant-a-palooza!

Sponsor Now; Feb. 26 Planting

About 16 different plant species will add some color and life to the water harvesting berms by the Peace Labyrinth.

The design by the Audubon Society envisions 58 plants in the northern berms, including: Desert lavender, Spider grass, Arizona milkweed, Desert milkweed, Sweetbush, Sideoats grama, Fairy duster, Trailing dalea, Santa Catalina Prairie Clover, Wrights buckwheat, Goodding verbena, Chuparosa, Firecracker penstemon, Parry's penstemon, Globemallow and Desert zinnia.

If you would like to financially support the project, you can sponsor some of the plant purchases. Desert Survivors will be supplying our plants, so your donation also supports a local business. You can "purchase" plants here: <https://www.32auctions.com/testauction739>

And come join us for the actual planting! The designer, Kari Hackney, will be on hand to give us some brief instruction as we begin bringing the vision to life.



Remembering 2021



Our Direction in 2022

The pandemic has lasted longer than perhaps many of us expected.

As much as we still hope to help one another build more connections across our neighborhood and enjoy active gatherings in the park and regular informational meetings, safety is still our most important consideration.

COVID-19 is still very much a threat.

We'll continue watching public health metrics and local hospital reports to see if we might be able to consider events later in the year, but for now, our focus will be largely on what we worked toward last year: Improving our park and our neighborhood infrastructure.

Safe parks are well-tended parks and well-used parks. Investment in our park equals investment in our neighborhood. The City of Tucson is continuing to advance some of the bond-approved projects designated for this park, which will increase the use and safety of the park, with new lighting and expanded or updated facilities.

We'll keep you posted on the progress and we appreciate your support and patience as we get through this challenging time together.

- The Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Council

The Great Crate Pet Supply Drive

Come meet the 2022 Council standing for election and, if you can, bring by some food or supplies for Pima Animal Care Center, the largest open-admission shelter in Pima County, taking in about 17,000 pets a year.

Here are some of the items PACC has identified as most in need to help them meet their mission.

Dogs need everything from leashes to treats and warm vests. Cats could use anything from canned food to backscratchers. Check it out here:

https://smile.amazon.com/gp/ch/list/47-4160770/ref=smi_cl_ls_llol_lo

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