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# PALO VERDE PARK POST

## TURF REDUCTION EFFORT, BOND IMPROVEMENTS COMING SOON

City of Tucson Parks and Recreation recently unveiled a turf reduction concept that will eliminate about 25 percent of the turf at the park in an effort to conserve water in our desert environment.

The concept, unveiled at a public meeting in late December, envisions more trees, improved lighting, new pickleball courts, a covered basketball court and a new irrigation system that will more appropriately water the turf and trees at the park.

The park-wide overhaul is likely to require closure of areas of the park for as much as a year while construction is ongoing.

As the project evolves and we more details take shape on the construction plan, we'll keep you posted.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sat., Jan. 13**, 10- 11 a.m.; Neighborhood Council Elections. Come say hello by the mural at the park.
- **Sat., Feb. 10**, 9-10 a.m.; annual park clean up
- **Sunday, March 24**, 2-6 p.m. ParkFest 2024!



# 2023 Year in Photos



**February:** We got some art on! Families joined us to paint rocks for the labyrinth, make rock ladybugs and paint Valentine's frames



# March: A rare snowfall, a pollinator garden in bloom and a rockin' ParkFest!



## April: A Little Sprucing Up at the Park



## May: Garage sale fundraiser and erasing tagging



**June:** TPD shares that while our neighborhood is quite safe, it's important to take precautions against property crime



**July:** Massive storm takes out half a dozen large trees at park; neighbors salvage what they can



**August:** Our Artsy Tartsy bake sale raised nearly \$700 for a public art mural at the park



**October:** Movie Night in the Park with The Loft



# November: A new street mural for safer crossing and 33 new plants at the park (Thanks Tucson Clean and Beautiful!)



# December: Santa and Mrs. Claus visit the park and a new interactive mural





**And here's to a great 2024!**

**HAPPY**  
*New Year's*

**Got ideas?**

We're planning 2024 events now. If you have ideas for guest speakers or topics you want to explore or improvements you'd like to consider at the park, drop us a line or send us a direct message on social media.

Have a great year, everyone!