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PALO VERDE PARK POST

Park Upgrades On Schedule

The parks renovation project is going well and is on track to complete on time, according to the project manager for the park upgrades.

Currently, the team is working on trenching and placing pipe and conduit for electric and irrigation, setting forms for concrete at pickleball, and completing the stub-out for the GSI basin across Langley.

Meanwhile, the city's Storm to Shade program has contracted with Tucson Audubon Society to do invasive weed mitigation on the Langley parcel. Watch for them this week, with construction planned in the Spring on new green stormwater infrastructure projects. Stay posted!



The Palo Verde Park Neighborhood Association was founded in 2018 by east-central neighbors seeking to build a stronger community through civic engagement, collaboration and connection.





Ready for the Sparkle?

Congratulations to the homes recognized in our annual decorating contest!

The judges drove every single street in the neighborhood, considered nominations from neighbors and generally agonized over how to winnow down three full notebook pages into 17 awards.

“I appreciate the effort that all of the participants put into their homes,” said President **Fred Araiza**. “The decorations are a gift to our neighbors, keeping spirits up and brightening the holiday season. Thank you to everyone who decorated and demonstrated pride in the neighborhood.”

Grab some hot chocolate and enjoy the homes that were just extra special this year.

6644 E. Koralee (Presidents Award)
East Hayne Street (Best Decorated Street)

Spirit of the Holidays Awards:

6601 and 6602 E 12th St.

6642 E. Cooper St.

6660 E. Julia St.

6907 E Princeton

6933 E Rutgers Pl.

913 S. Carnegie Drive

226 S. Kolb Rd

7041 E. Bonnie Brae Dr.

6814 E. Kirkland Dr.

6314, 6322 and 6509 E. Fordham Dr.

449 S. Harvard Ave.

6418 E. Colgate Dr.

275 S. Langley Ave.

Crafty Kids!

Our volunteers had a great time making craft ornaments at the labyrinth with neighborhood kiddos, who taught us a thing or two about how to make decorations just perfectly special. Thanks to everyone who came out and happy holidays!



First Quarter Calendar of Events

JAN. 18, 10-11 A.M.: BOARD ELECTIONS AND ROCK PAINTING

Interested in Joining us or just saying hello? Or would you like to help us brighten up the labyrinth with some fun colorful rocks? We'd love to see you! We'll bring the paints and supplies. You bring the neighborhood spirit. Let's "Rock" the Vote, friends.

FEB. 1 - FEB. 4: SWEET STARS AND STRIPES BAKE SALE

We're raising money for a flagpole by the veterans' bridge. We'll fly the colors on dedicated recognition days to honor service and patriotism.

All treats will be pre-ordered online - \$10 per item, as always - with 100 percent of the proceeds going to purchase the flagpole, in partnership with the nonprofit Flags for the Flagless, Ward 2 and City Parks and Recreation.

Delivery of the sweets will be scheduled for Valentine's day weekend. Stay posted for Details!

We're also planning our history home tour, our grand reopening of the park and other fun events for the year. Come see us Jan. 18 and share your ideas!



Say Hello to the 2025 Neighborhood Council Slate

President: Alfredo Araiza

Vice President: Dianne Bustamante

Treasurer: Andy Weiss

Secretary: Rhonda Bodfield

Council Delegate: Cathy Cromwell and Matt Russell

Council Delegate: Patricia Bowers

Council Delegate: Torey Crandell

Council Delegate: Adam Freden

We're looking forward to strengthening our neighborhood and making new connections! We're also always looking for new council members so please send us a direct message or come see us Jan. 18!

Cleaning Up the Labyrinth

A little sweat equity is a solid investment in our park.

Volunteers spruced up the labyrinth area to make sure it was ready for our festive holiday events this season.

