

# Parkside Community Newsletter

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Parkside Community Association

The Parkside Community newsletter is published quarterly every March, May, September, and December.

Please read the newsletter, as it may contain important and timely information. For questions regarding any content in the newsletter, please contact the Community Manager, Mary Beth Zahn, [mzahn@associatedasset.com](mailto:mzahn@associatedasset.com).



## Parkside News



## Upcoming Events/Meetings:

*\*All meetings take place at the Anthem Civic Building, unless otherwise noted.*

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| <b>March 4</b>  | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. | <b>April 15</b> | Board of Directors Meeting, 6 p.m.<br>Annual Meeting, 7 p.m.       |
| <b>March 16</b> | Financial Advisory Committee, 1 p.m.   | <b>April 17</b> | Go Green Recycling Event, 8 a.m.-11 a.m.,<br>Anthem Community Park |
| <b>March 18</b> | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. | <b>April 29</b> | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.                             |
| <b>April 1</b>  | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. |                 |  |
| <b>April 15</b> | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. |                 |  |



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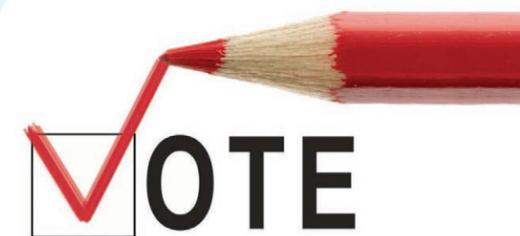
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## Don't forget to vote... ballots due March 12

Ballots for the Anthem Parkside Community Association (APCA) Board of Directors and the Anthem Community Council (ACC) election were mailed at the end of February. For those who did not receive a ballot, please contact the APCA office at 623-742-4563. Parkside residents are encouraged to submit ballots by electronic vote (E-Vote) or return printed ballots to the HOA office in the Anthem Civic Building. Please do not vote both electronically and by paper ballot. If both media are used, the electronic ballot will override the paper ballot. Voting ends on March 12 at 5 p.m. for paper ballots and midnight for electronic voting.



It's very important to take the time to review the candidate bios provided with the ballot or online. With questions regarding the voting process, or if a new ballot is required, please contact the APCA office or email [staff@anhemparkside.org](mailto:staff@anhemparkside.org).

### Important Reminder

To elect members as directors on the Boards of the HOA and the ACC, all ballots **must include a signature** in order to be counted. Therefore, for online ballots, a 16-digit key assigned to homeowners will serve as an electronic signature. For absentee ballots or those mailed in, a signature on the envelope will be required. However, ballots will be separated from the envelopes containing the signatures and be shuffled before being counted, ensuring that the votes are considered "secret ballots."

# Spring landscape tips to get your yard ready

With the warmer weather rapidly approaching, it's time to prepare your landscape for the spring and summer season. Trimming your plants and shrubs now for the upcoming season will shorten the amount of time you spend in your yard later.

Natural pruning is beneficial to the plants and allows them to grow without a lot of cutting later. The trimming should begin anytime between the last frost day and the spring flush, usually around mid-March.

For shrubs, a good rule of thumb is to cut the plant down approximately 1/3 of its current height. Most standard shrubs, like Texas sage, desert rubella and cassias can be trimmed back this way. Ground cover should be cut to just a few inches above the ground. Almost all groundcovers can be trimmed in this manner, the most common being lantanas. If you are not sure how much to cut certain plants and shrubs, call and ask your local nursery.

Using the natural pruning practice will ensure less time on yard work and help you maintain a healthy, naturally beautiful yard all season.



## Struggling Saguaros

Article provided by: DLC Resources

2020 has brought with it many unexpected and unfortunate issues, and it seems our beautiful desert landscapes have not been immune. DLC has noticed a number of saguaro cacti in decline across the Valley this year, and we know many residents have as well. To gain a broader perspective, we have consulted with the Urban Horticulture experts at the Arizona Cooperative Extension.

### Bacterial Necrosis

In line with our findings within our Communities, the specialists we spoke with believe that Bacterial Necrosis is the prime culprit of the increased numbers of fallen saguaros around the Valley. While this disease is not new and these cacti are among the most heat-tolerant in the world, excessive heat spells can exacerbate other issues, such as infection. This year, Phoenix set heat-record after heat-record over the summer and even into November. These extremes, coupled with the "heat-island" created within urban and suburban environments, have presumably sped up the effects of bacterial infections and caused many saguaros to weaken and fall.

As the name implies, the disease is caused by bacteria that get into the saguaro's tissues through wounds or natural

openings and causes it to rot. It's not known how the bacteria infiltrate the cactus, though one theory is that it's spread by birds or mites.

Once a saguaro is infected, the bacteria begins rotting the plant's tissue internally. Soft, dark spots appear on the outside of the cactus and grow larger and turn purplish-black. These spots can split open, and a dark, rancid-smelling liquid seeps out. Because the rot begins on the inside, signs of this infection can go unnoticed for a long period of time. Once visible, a rapid deterioration can take place within days or weeks. Unfortunately, there is not much that may be done to save an infected cactus.

### Transplants

In most common areas within a community, saguaros are not naturally grown but transplanted to the desired area. These transplants are not always successful and can struggle to sync with new landscapes. Even following the transitional period, relocated cacti are generally more vulnerable to disease and other issues than their counterparts in natural desert areas. Research experts are currently conducting studies to compare natural and transplanted retention and infection rates to learn more about our natural beauties. DLC is paying close attention to these research efforts and will keep you informed as we learn more information.

## Exterior home renovation: what you need to know

If you are about to embark on the task of updating your home's curb appeal, adding a pool or additional hardscape, be sure to put "consult Parkside Design Guidelines" first on your "to do" list.

### Review and submit

Be sure to review the APCA Design Guidelines and submit an Exterior Change Application to the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) for review and approval prior to beginning work. A simple rule of thumb: **ALL exterior modifications must be approved by the ARC.**

A copy of the Design Guidelines can be viewed online or by emailing APCA staff at [staff@anthemparkside.org](mailto:staff@anthemparkside.org). Staff can be contacted at 623-742-4563 to answer any questions you may have regarding the exterior modifications to your home. The ARC meets twice a month. ARC meetings can be viewed on the online calendar.

\*All documents and forms can be found online at: [onlineatthem.com/homeowners\\_association/parkside](http://onlineatthem.com/homeowners_association/parkside)



## Report a lost or found pet

If you have lost a pet, or found one wandering around without its owner, it's best to report it right away. But who should you report it to? If you can safely contain the animal, here are some useful tips:

- If the dog is wearing a current Maricopa County tag, call 602-506-PETS (7387) and follow the prompts to retrieve the owner's phone number.
- If the dog or cat is wearing any other type of ID, attempt to contact the owner using the information on the ID.
- Take the animal to a local vet or shelter to be scanned for a microchip (call ahead to make sure they have scanning capabilities).
- Contact Anthem Pets, a non-profit, No Kill rescue and animal welfare program at 480-287-3542 or visit their website at [anthempets.org](http://anthempets.org).

To report a lost pet, please complete a lost pet form and upload a recent photo. If you have found a pet, please complete the found pet form and upload a photo. All forms can be found at [anthempets.org](http://anthempets.org).

