

Parkside Community Newsletter

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Parkside Community Association

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

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.



Parkside News



Upcoming Events/Meetings:

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

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| Dec. 8 | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. | Feb. 2 | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. |
| Dec. 15 | APCA Board Meeting, 6 p.m. (Tentative) | Feb. 16 | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. |
| Dec. 22 | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. | Feb. 16 | APCA Board Meeting, 6 p.m. |
| Dec. 26 | APCA Offices Closed | March 2 | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. |
| Jan. 2 | APCA Offices Closed | March 16 | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. |
| Jan. 5 | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. | March 16 | APCA Board Executive Closed Session Meeting, 5 p.m. |
| Jan. 17 | Financial Advisory Committee, 1 p.m. | March 21 | Financial Advisory Committee, 1 p.m. |
| Jan. 19 | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. | March 30 | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. |
| Jan. 19 | APCA Board Executive Closed Session Meeting, 5 p.m. | | |



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Budget Update



Anthem Parkside Community Association

The Anthem Parkside Community Association (APCA) Board of Directors, at its regular monthly meeting on Oct. 20, 2022, approved the 2023 Budgets. APCA approved a \$1.50 per quarter increase in assessments. APCA assessments will now be \$49.95 per quarter per household. The total Quarterly Assessment amount, which includes the amount paid to the Anthem Community Council is \$267.45.

This budget brings many benefits to the Parkside community including maintaining neighborhood parks, landscaping and compliance. It provides for continued high-quality services for the Parkside community which makes Parkside a desirable place to live.

Landing Benefitted Assessment

The Landing benefitted assessment will remain the same at \$71.28 per quarter. The total Quarterly Assessment amount, which includes the amount paid to the Anthem Community Council is \$338.73. This assessment will continue to cover the regular maintenance of the Landing gates and streets as well as future street improvements.

Parkside residents are encouraged to contact the APCA with any questions regarding the 2023 Parkside and Landing budgets. 2023 budgets are available to view online at www.onlineatanthem.com/parkside.

2023 Annual Election for Parkside and ACC Board of Directors

Starting on January 3, the annual election cycle begins for open positions on the Anthem Parkside Community Association (APCA) Board of Directors and the Anthem Community Council (ACC) (representing the Parkside community). You will receive information in the mail about the election, qualifications, process, and timetable. There is one open seat on the ACC Board and two open seats on the APCA Board. The two open seats for APCA will hold two-year terms, while the one open seat on the ACC will hold a three-year term. Below are important dates to keep in mind should you decide to declare your candidacy:

- January 3 – Call for Candidates
- January 23 – Deadline to File Candidacy
- February 7 – Meet the Candidates Night
- February 15 – Voting Begins
- March 10 – Election Ends
- March 13 – Verify Election
- March 15 – Announce Election Winners
- April – New Board Members Take Their Seats at April Board Meetings

If you have any questions regarding the election process or timeline, please contact APCA staff at staff@anthemparkside.org.



Overseeding Changes for Strategic Turf Management

By: William Redford, DLC Resources Field Manager

After years of constant overseeding, Bermuda turf can sometimes struggle and look thin. It may need a little time to rest! In 2021, DLC worked with your Community to create a turf rotation plan, where select areas of common turf are allowed to go dormant once every four years. Allowing Bermuda grass to rest in the winter greatly improves its health the following year. This past spring, the Bermuda turf in parks that remained dormant last winter came back faster and stronger than overseeded areas!

So again this year, at the direction of Anthem Parkside's Community Management and the Board, DLC did not overseed six of your Community's 37 parks. In these parks, after Bermuda enters its dormant period this winter, it will lose its green color and remain blonde through the cooler months. But don't worry, Parkside still has plenty of beautiful green turf to enjoy this winter!

The Key Benefits of Not Overseeding include:

- A more robust Bermuda crop next spring
- Reduced water usage
- Saves money on irrigation, seed, and maintenance

Why is Overseeding Stressful for Bermuda?

Overseeding in the fall does not allow Bermuda grass to complete its normal growing cycle before winter dormancy approaches. Much like a bear preparing for hibernation, Bermuda spends the weeks and months before the cold season storing the reserves it needs to keep its roots and stems alive through the winter. Overseeding interrupts this process and often, die-back results in the root system. The effects of interrupting this process are seen in the spring when weather conditions are right for Bermuda to begin growing again. The thick, tall Ryegrass will keep the Bermuda shaded and cool, which prolongs the dormancy period. By keeping the Bermuda dormant longer, the percentage of Bermuda that runs out of food before it can begin to photosynthesize increases.

When the Bermuda does come out of dormancy, it must contend with the Ryegrass for nutrients while the Ryegrass is at its strongest. Ryegrass is a fierce competitor for all the resources required for Bermuda to grow: sunlight, water, nutrients and even oxygen. During early spring, the Bermuda is at a disadvantage during the time it should be strengthening to withstand the extreme heat and dryness of a typical Arizona summer. By mid-summer, the Ryegrass dies out and physically impedes the Bermuda's ability to spread. The dead Ryegrass must be removed through dethatching, which may further injure and set back the Bermuda. In most cases, the Bermuda does not

get the time needed to recover because overseeding starts again in just a few weeks.

Not overseeding for one year allows the Bermuda crop to fully go through its dormant period and helps prevent stress to the crop.

Water Conservation

We do, in fact, live in a desert, and water is scarce and precious. As Arizona faces additional water shortages, reducing your Community's impact on water supplies can be advantageous. Communities around the Valley are looking at ways to reduce consumption as the issue only worsens. Because overseeded turf uses about twice as much water in a year than non-overseeded turf, not overseeding just a few areas (as Parkside is doing) will save a good amount of water each year.

Reduced Costs

Overseeding turf is beautiful but does have associated expenses. Seed, irrigation, fertilizer and maintenance like mowing and edging can add up. Like many products in the last few years, Rye seed prices have jumped substantially. Rye seed doubled in price from 2020 to 2021 and then went up another 14% in 2022.

But not having to irrigate for seed germination and then continuing for the winter/early spring is the biggest factor, saving thousands of dollars in water costs.

What to Expect

Bermuda grass can stay green until the first frost, usually in the middle of December. DLC will continue to mow to maintain a clean appearance, control weeds and top dress to fill in holes and areas of compaction. During dormancy, turf will look blonde and be stiffer than usual. Around the middle to end of March, when nighttime temperatures begin to approach 60 degrees, Bermuda starts to grow again and returns to a regular mow and care cycle.

DLC Resources has more information on turf care on *The Learning Center* on our website.



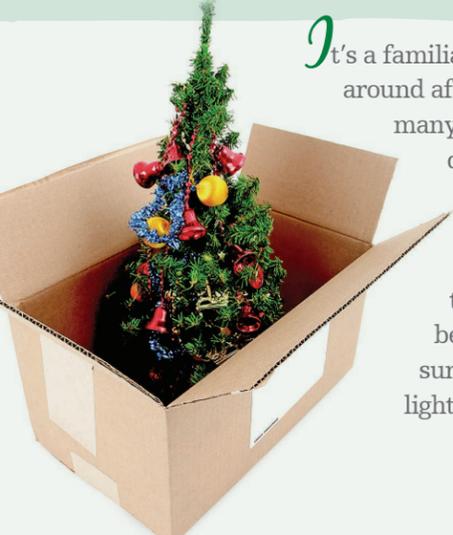
A photo of Copper Basin Trail Park, which was left dormant last fall and came back very strong in the spring!

Closed for the holidays



The APCA office will be closing at 3 p.m. on Dec. 15 and closed all day on Dec. 23 and at noon on Dec. 30. The APCA office will be closed on Dec. 26 in observance of the winter holiday break. The office will also be closed on Jan. 2 in observance of the New Year. We wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season and a happy new year.

Removal of holiday lights



It's a familiar sight when driving around after the holidays to see many houses with lights still dangling from the eaves weeks after the main event. People are forgetful and busy, and taking down lights can be a real chore. Please be sure to remove your holiday lights by January 15.

Newsletter Update

The December issue will be the final printed Parkside newsletter. To save on cost, quarterly newsletters will be posted online at:

onlineatanthem.com/homeowners_association/parkside