

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.



Parkside News



Upcoming Events/Meetings:

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

Dec. 3	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.	Jan. 7	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
Dec. 12	Java & Jammin', 9:30 a.m.	Jan. 19	Financial Advisory Committee, 1 p.m.
Dec. 17	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.	Jan. 21	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
Dec. 17	Parkside Board Meeting, 6 p.m. (Tentative)	Feb. 4	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
Dec. 24, 25 & Jan. 1	APCA Offices Closed	Feb. 18	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Celebration Anthem Community Park	Feb. 18	Parkside Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
Jan. 2 & 9	Christmas Tree Drop-off, 8 a.m. Anthem Community Park	Mar. 4	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.



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Recap of 2020

Community Improvements

In 2020, the APCA made several enhancements to benefit the community. It is the goal of the APCA to continue improving the aesthetics and function of assets to increase property values and improve the quality of life within the Parkside community.

Projects that were completed include replacing barbeque grills in Laurel/Denali, Ashton/Hastings, Treasure/Honor, and Horizon/St. Exupery parks, granite replenishment throughout the Parkside community, granite replenishment in Desert Highlands/Old West and Allegro/Desert Creek parks, tot turf re-poured in Jubilation park, new swing set added to Desert Highlands/Old West park, and teeter totters replaced in Legend/Lost Legend and Horizon/St. Exupery parks.

The APCA has more improvement projects scheduled in 2021. Continuing to improve community amenities will in turn increase property values and maintain Parkside as a wonderful place to live.



2021 Budget Update

The Anthem Parkside Community Association (APCA) Board of Directors, at their regular monthly meeting on October 15, 2020, approved the 2021 budgets. APCA remains in excellent financial condition and is pleased to report there will be **no increase in assessments**. Parkside assessments will remain the same per household at \$48.45 per quarter. Parkside residents have not had a dues increase since 2009.

The Landing benefitted assessment will remain the same per household at \$71.28 per quarter. 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 2021 Parkside and Landing budgets. 2021 budgets are available to view online at www.onlineatthem.com/parkside.



2021 Annual Election for Parkside and ACC Board of Directors

Starting on January 5, 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 5 – Call for Candidates
- January 25 – Deadline to File Candidacy
- February 9 – Meet the Candidates Night
- February 17 – Voting Begins
- March 12 – Election Ends
- March 15 – Verify Election
- March 17 – 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@anthepparkside.org.

Holiday Office Closures

The APCA office will be closed December 24 & 25 in observance of the winter holiday break. The office will also be closed on January 1 in observance of the New Year. We wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season and a happy new year.



Frost Protection for Arizona Winters

Article provided by: DLC Resources

With December finally here, it is important to begin planning for potential frost damage as our coldest months approach. Here in the desert, even a mild frost can be especially damaging as many of our plants are adapted for high temperatures. Below you will find several tips to help protect your plants from these potentially harmful temperatures this winter.

Frost Protection for your Plants

Cover plants susceptible to frost-damage with frost fabric, cloth towels, blankets, sheets or paper/cardboard boxes to insulate them. Plastic is not recommended for plant cover. Drape the paper or cloth all the way to the ground to help trap heat radiating from the ground under the cover. Remove the cover after sunrise each morning or when the temperature reaches 35 degrees.

Plants not native to the Southwest are most at risk for frost damage. Watering these plants the night before a frost can also help them stay warmer. Dehydrated plants are more susceptible to frost damage.

Irrigation Protection

For especially cold nights that dip under 32 degrees, you may want to protect your backflows from the risk of serious damage. While these extremely low temperatures are rarer than frosts in Arizona, they do happen and can freeze the water in your irrigation systems, causing cracks and breaks in piping. Similar to plants, you will want to wrap your backflow covers with thick cloth or other coverings overnight to help retain heat.

Frost Recovery

If frost does unfortunately impact your plant material, it is optimal to wait until the threat of frost has subsided to prune frost-damaged plants. Pruning away frost damage too early can result in additional damage to the plant if it is hit by frost again. New and un-established shrubs or ground cover plants are more susceptible to permanent damage and could be lost due to cold weather. Established plants with a sustainable root system can handle minimal pruning for aesthetic reasons throughout frost season.

No matter what steps you follow to prepare for cooler weather, it's important to take proactive measures to prevent any loss of plant material and ultimately, your money, during the winter months.



Christmas Tree Disposal

Republic Services will offer Anthem resident's two opportunities for natural tree disposal, Jan. 2 and Jan. 9. Drive-thru service will be available in the Anthem Community Park from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. both days. Please remove all decorations, lights, stands, tinsel, bags, etc., prior to disposal. Enter from Whitman Drive and exit onto Gavilan Peak Parkway. This service is free for all residents.

Recycle The Tree!



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.