

Parkside Community Newsletter

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Parkside Community Association

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

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.



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Upcoming Events/Meetings:

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

Sept. 2	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.	Oct. 23-24	Autumnfest, 10 a.m., Anthem Community Park
Sept. 16	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.	Oct. 28	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
Sept. 21	Financial Advisory Committee/APCA Board of Directors Meeting Open Work Session, 1 p.m.	Nov. 11	Veteran's Day Ceremony, 10 a.m., Anthem Veteran' Memorial
Sept. 30	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.	Nov. 11	ACC/HOA Offices Closed
Oct. 9	Go Green Event, 8 a.m.-11 a.m., Anthem Community Park	Nov. 16	Financial Advisory Committee, 1 p.m.
Oct. 14	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.	Nov. 25 & 26	ACC/HOA Offices Closed
Oct. 21	APCA Board of Directors Meeting, 6 p.m.		



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Follow these simple garage sale guidelines



Fall is a great time to have a garage sale and get rid of unwanted items. Before you move all your stuff out to the driveway, please review the following garage sale guidelines.

- Garage sale signs are permitted on the day of the sale only in the homeowner's front yard.
- Signs must be removed before dark.
- No signs may be placed on trees, poles, street signs, or any other utility units.
- All sale items must be confined to the garage, patio, or driveway of the premises.

With some careful planning, you can declutter your home and get some extra cash. Here are some tips on how to hold a successful yard sale.

- Go in with a neighbor(s). The more "stuff" you have out, the more appealing it is for those to stop by.
- Clearly label all your items ahead of time. It can be frustrating for yard sellers not to know the prices and buyers may end up walking away.
- Make sure you have petty cash and coins to make change.
- Have music playing in the background. It helps to make it more inviting for people to stay and look longer.
- Be willing to negotiate. It's part of the lure of a yard sale. Everyone wants a "deal!"
- Include the kids. Have them set up a bake sale or a lemonade stand. It's fun for everyone and helps kids work on money skills!
- Keep your pets in the house or back yard. Some people are frightened by animals.
- Consider donating your unsold items at the end of the sale.

Tips for overseeding your lawn... when & how to overseed

For homeowners that have landscapes with turf areas, the optimum time to overseed your sod grass lawn is during the first two weeks of October, or when the evening temperatures consistently stay below 65 degrees. Here's what you need to know about overseeding your lawn for the winter.

How to overseed your lawn?

About 2 weeks prior to over seeding, you should reduce the amount of irrigation to the Bermuda by about half. This will cause the Bermuda to slow its growth and store energy for the winter.

Next, you need to prepare the seedbed for the Rye seed. Lower the mowing height on the lawn in several passes, taking off about ¼ inch each time until the grass is approximately ¾ inch in height. Make sure to remove the clippings either by mowing with a bag-catcher or raking them up. The goal here is to make sure the Rye seed comes into direct contact with the soil.

Now you're ready for seeding

For the best results, use perennial Ryegrass seed (annual Ryegrass is also sold, but not recommended). Use a rotary spreader or drop spreader to evenly distribute the seed at a rate of 8 to 10 pounds per thousand square feet. As an additional step for maximizing germination, lightly rake and cover the lawn with ¼ inch of mulch. Apply a starter fertilizer (6-20-20 or 6-24-24) after the seed is down. Irrigate the lawn immediately and set your clock to water 3 to 4 times daily at approximately 2 to 5 minutes so that the soil and mulch remain moist (not overly wet) until germination. This should take 7 to 10 days.

After the seedlings emerge, you may reduce watering to once daily. When the grass reaches about 2 inches in height, it is time for the first mow. Cut the grass back to about 1½ and then fertilize with a 21-7-14 fertilizer. Make sure to water the fertilizer immediately following application. Depending on temperatures and rainfall, you can then reduce the watering schedule to once every 2 or 3 days. To keep your lawn from turning yellow, you may need to fertilize every 3 to 6 weeks with ammonium nitrate (33-0-0) or calcium nitrate. Apply according to the directions on the package.



The APCA Board of Directors recently approved starting a cycle to NOT overseed the neighborhood parks every 5 years beginning this year for the health of the turf. NOT overseeding 5 or 6 parks on a rotation will be at DLC and the community manager's discretion. Homeowners will be required to overseed.



Volunteers needed for the Anthem Neighborhood Watch

Anthem Neighborhood Watch (ANW) is a stand-alone committee under the Anthem Community Council (ACC) Board of Directors, but also reports to and receives some funding from the ACC. The volunteer committee members work together to help prevent and deter crime in Anthem neighborhoods through a block watch program, consisting of block and neighborhood captains and consistent communication.

A volunteer chairperson, appointed by the Board, works

together with neighborhood and block captains, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Phoenix Police Department, and Daisy Mountain Fire & Medical Department to provide resources and training to volunteers and the community.

Currently, the chairperson position with ANW is vacant, and the ACC is seeking a resident volunteer to serve in this role. If you would like more information, please email anthemneighborhoodwatch@gmail.com or onlineatthem.com.

Strange Blooms on Saguaros

Article provided by: William Redford, DLC Resources Field Manager

No other image represents the desert Southwest like the iconic saguaro cactus. Standing up to 40 ft. tall, often with arms reaching skyward, the stately saguaro can live up to 200 years old. But recently, a strange phenomenon has been observed with saguaros: many cacti are sporting new blooms in unusual places.

Saguaros typically sprout blooms in late spring on the tips of arms and main trunk. But this year, many are growing new buds along their sides as well, according to a recent article in the Arizona Daily Star. Not realizing how the plant usually flowers, many people walk right by cacti that are exhibiting this unusual behavior without realizing it.

What's Going On?

To be honest, nobody knows why this is happening for sure. Experts only agree on one thing: it is probably a stress response. Some ecologists think saguaros are reacting to several years of decreased rains by pushing water upwards to support the growth of flowers and fruit, according to the article.

Others believe the cacti's growth spots, called areoles, were damaged in last summer's extreme heat and drought and are now stimulating older areoles further down the trunk to reproduce. Both theories surround the possible root cause that years of insufficient rain and higher temperatures are somehow affecting the cacti's normal reproduction. Saguaros may be, essentially, trying new ways of propagation since their environment has been atypical.

Biologists at Saguaro National Park began a study on the issue last year when a few side blooms were first reported. They are still in the process of collecting data, and experts all over the state are interested in solving the mystery of

why saguaros are behaving this way.

What Does it Mean?

Some people have been worried that the side blooms are the cacti's way of a final flourish to flower and may die soon after. Although some succulents behave in that way, such as the Century plant (Agave Americana), the saguaro will not die after blooming, says an ecologist interviewed by the Arizona Daily Star. Even these unusual blooms.

Although the issue is uncertain, there's no cause for worry regarding side blooms right now. Saguaros as a population have proven themselves to be hardy and steadfast. In a possible lifespan of two centuries, they can generally hang on through a short period of unusual weather. Even though they may sprout some weird blooms to get through it!

Source: https://tucson.com/news/local/unprecedented-saguaro-side-blooms-could-be-a-bad-sign/article_dcc13746-b82f-11eb-bbd6-b375421b76f1.html.



Side blooms on a cacti stick out in strange places.

Holiday decorating reminders

The holiday season will soon be upon us. Decorating the exterior of your home is allowed for the fall season beginning October 1, 2021. Halloween decorations may be displayed at this time through November 12, 2021.



Lights for the holiday season as well as other holiday decorations including wreaths or wreath-sized décor placed on front doors, inflatables, and other holiday yard art may be displayed beginning November 1, 2021. All holiday decorations must be taken down by January 15, 2022.

