

# Parkside Community Newsletter

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Parkside Community Association

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

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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| <p><b>May 6</b> Music in May, 7 p.m., Anthem Community Park</p> <p><b>May 12</b> Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>May 13</b> Music in May, 7 p.m., Anthem Community Park</p> <p><b>May 17</b> Financial Advisory Committee, 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>May 20</b> Music in May, 7 p.m., Anthem Community Park</p> <p><b>May 25</b> ACC Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>May 27</b> Music in May, 7 p.m., Anthem Community Park</p> <p><b>May 30</b> Civic Building Closed in observance of Memorial Day</p> <p><b>June 9</b> Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>June 16</b> APCA Board of Directors Meeting, 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>June 22</b> ACC Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>June 23</b> Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>July 3</b> Independence Day Celebration, 6 p.m., Anthem Community Park</p> <p><b>July 7</b> Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>July 19</b> Financial Advisory Committee, 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>July 21</b> Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>July 27</b> ACC Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>August 4</b> Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>August 18</b> Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>August 18</b> Board of Directors Meeting, 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>August 24</b> ACC Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m.</p> |
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## Monsoon Safety Awareness

Monsoon season officially begins June 15th and continues through September. Storms generally peak between mid-July and mid-August bringing high winds, high temperatures and high moisture resulting in potentially dangerous weather conditions. Severe monsoonal weather has the potential to cause serious personal injury and property damage. Here is a list of must-know monsoon safety tips.

- Move inside and avoid travel during storms.
- If driving during a dust storm with limited visibility, pull off the road and get as far to the right as possible. Turn off the car and headlights. Set the parking brake and do not step on the brake pedal.
- Stay clear of trees, power lines and telephone poles during thunderstorms; remain inside for at least 30 minutes after the last thunder.
- Do not drive into flooded roadways or go around barricades.
- Do not play or allow children to play in flood waters.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Thank you for taking the time to cast your vote! The Parkside community elected Eric Jackson, Shari Miller, and Chris Yano to two-year terms on the APCA Board of Directors. Incumbent Darrin Francom was elected to a three-year term on the Anthem Community Council (ACC) Board of Directors as a representative of the APCA.

## Playground Safety in the Summer

The warm Arizona climate can mean hot playgrounds. Playground equipment spends all day in the sun just soaking up the summer temperatures. It can heat up quickly and retain the heat easily, causing serious burns to skin upon contact. Please be sure to check the temperature of the equipment and surfacing before letting your children play on the playground.

### What to do:

- Remember, a young child's skin will burn faster than your own. If it feels hot to your hand, it may be too hot for a child's bare skin.
- Because some materials transfer heat more slowly than others, these materials may not feel hot with a quick touch.
- Always dress your child in appropriate clothing for the playground (e.g., shoes, pants).
- Remember that playground equipment, as well as playground surfacing, may cause burns.
- Always watch your children while on the playground. Supervision can help to prevent some incidents.



## Upcoming Block Wall & Iron View Fence Painting Schedule



The following areas are scheduled for block/stucco wall painting and iron view fence painting beginning in June through August.

Homeowners will receive a notification letter from Premier Painting, either hand-delivered or taped to the garage, ten days prior to exterior wall painting in the applicable neighborhood. This schedule is based on painting exterior block walls every seven years. Please note that dates are tentative and subject to change.

### Block/Stucco Wall Painting Schedule:

- Tapestry June 22
- Traditions June 28 & July 4
- Inspirations July 8
- Heritage July 15
- Legacy July 25
- Jubilation August 1 & 4
- Sierra August 10 & 15

### Iron View Fence Painting Schedule:

- Larkspur August 22
- West Side – North August 25
- West Side – South August 30

## Picking Plants for Small Spaces

By: William Redford, DLC Resources Field Manager

It can be fun to spruce up your backyard's flower beds, pots, patio or other outdoor areas with new plants! But that's not as easy as simply going to the nursery and picking out plants based on their appearance.

In Anthem Parkside, DLC Resources puts a lot of thought into selecting any new plants. They always have to fit our "Right Plant, Right Space" motto. We carefully consider several factors before choosing new plants: how much sun or shade the area receives, the amount of space they'll have to grow and moisture needs. We also consider plant appearance and the overall look we want to achieve.

You can take a similar approach to choose plants for your small outdoor spaces. With a bit of planning and a few considerations, your patio or side-yard will not only look great, but your plants will also be healthy. Make sure you consult Anthem's approved plant list before choosing your new additions.

**Sun Exposure:** As always, one of the first things to consider when selecting any new plant is the amount of sunlight the area will get. Your yard and patio can fluctuate drastically between full sun and full shade throughout the day due to the enclosed space. Make sure you understand how the sun moves through your yard throughout the day. Keep in mind that sun exposure may not be consistent throughout your small area, either. Walls, overhangs and roofs can create vast differences between one side of your patio, side-yard or backyard and the other.

**Water Considerations:** As always, choose plants that are desert-adapted or native. Not only will they do better in our desert climate, but they'll also help keep your water bills down. But that's not the only water-related factor to take into consideration. Infrastructure in small spaces can create micro-environments. Be aware of how rainwater moves throughout your small area, such as:

What kind of drainage do your raised beds or planter pots have? After heavy rains, does water tend to pool in one corner of your yard? Does a particular flowerbed get inundated with rainwater dripping from your house's eaves?

**Pool Plants:** Aside from the above considerations, plants around pools need to fit one more criterion: how much litter do they create? You generally don't want to put a Mesquite or Palo Verde tree overhanging your pool — unless you really like the idea of fishing bean pods or flower petals out of the

water. Take the time to research how much litter — whether it's falling leaves in the autumn, bean pods or spring flowers — your poolside plants will create.

Also, keep in mind what activities you'll be doing around the pool. For example, cacti with very prickly spikes — like the Prickly Pear and Golden Barrel — may not be the best choice for pool areas where bare feet or inflatable pool toys are common.

**Courtyards:** Courtyards are especially tricky when it comes to lighting. Because they're enclosed on all four sides, some areas may never get direct sunlight, while other courtyard areas have to deal with very intense sunlight for a few hours each day. Before choosing plants for your courtyard, spend a few days observing how the sunlight moves through your space; understand which areas get sun, when, and how much. Consider that the lighting will change drastically throughout the year as well. Pick plants for each specific light area rather than trying to use the same plants throughout your entire courtyard.

**Size:** Be sure to consider what size your full-grown plants will be. Since courtyards tend to be fairly small, choose plants with a similar scale. That way, you won't have to worry about constant pruning — which is not healthy for the plant.

### Additional Suggestions

- To build privacy or divide your patio space, shrubs like the Hopbush grow tall and are easily shaped. As a result, they can create a wall for privacy.
- Ocotillos are always an excellent option to add height without taking up too much valuable space near your small patio areas.
- Colorful plants are always a nice addition to add interest and variety. Red Bird of Paradise, Yellow Bird of Paradise and Firecracker Bush and Coral Vine are all good options.

While all of the considerations may make small spaces and backyards seem to limit plant selection, there are some perks with planting in these areas. Choosing plants for enclosed spaces means you don't have to worry as much about animals eating them. With walls and fences to keep out javelina and rabbits, your backyard is the perfect place to plant those species especially prone to damage: Agave (specifically the Century Plant), Red Yucca and delicate annual flowers.

So, good luck doing your homework and adding some life and color to your backyard. You will be glad you did so!

*Coral Vine photo courtesy of phxgardening.com.*



*The Hopbush or Coral Vine (also known as Queen's Wreath) are great choices for many backyards.*