

# 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.



# Parkside News



## Upcoming Events/Meetings:

*\*All meetings take place at the Anthem Civic Building, unless otherwise noted. Please note that dates are subject to change.*

<b>May 1 &amp; 2</b>	Anthem Days, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Anthem Community Park	<b>June 10</b>	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
<b>May 7</b>	Music in May, 7 p.m., Anthem Community Park	<b>June 17</b>	Board of Directors Meeting, 6 p.m.
<b>May 13</b>	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.	<b>June 24</b>	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
<b>May 14</b>	Music in May, 7 p.m., Anthem Community Park	<b>July 3</b>	Independence Day Celebration, 6 p.m., Anthem Community Park
<b>May 18</b>	Financial Advisory Committee, 1 p.m.	<b>July 8</b>	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
<b>May 21</b>	Music in May, 7 p.m., Anthem Community Park	<b>July 20</b>	Financial Advisory Committee, 1 p.m.
<b>May 27</b>	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.	<b>July 22</b>	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
<b>May 28</b>	Music in May, 7 p.m., Anthem Community Park	<b>Aug 5</b>	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
<b>May 31</b>	Civic Building Closed in observance of Memorial Day	<b>Aug 19</b>	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
		<b>Aug 19</b>	Board of Directors Meeting, 6 p.m.



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Monsoon Awareness Week is June 13-19, kicking off a season lasting through September that brings dust storms, thunderstorms and flash floods. Monsoon season is a time when we need to take extra safety precautions. 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.

# 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.



## Parkside has an Adopt-A-Park Program

The APCA, through the Neighborhood Parks Committee (NPC), offers an Adopt-A-Park program to local residents, providing an opportunity for them to make a meaningful contribution in their neighborhoods and in the Anthem community by assuming some responsibility for the tidiness and safety of their neighborhood parks.

All 31 Parkside neighborhood parks have been adopted by resident volunteers. Volunteers include individuals, families, community groups, and businesses. Volunteers periodically visit a particular park, pick-up litter, and note any damage and unsafe conditions. These wonderful volunteers give back to the community by helping us keep our neighborhood parks clean and safe.



## Important numbers Parkside residents should keep at hand

Below is a compiled list of phone numbers to assist Parkside residents. Keep this list handy to report vandalism, power outages, and missing street signs, as well as receive answers to billing and compliance questions.

**Anthem Parkside Community Association**  
623-742-6050

**Parkside Community Manager**  
623-742-6004

**Parkside Compliance Managers**  
623-742-6071 or 623-742-6042

**Who do I call with HOA billing questions?**  
Anthem Community Council: 623-742-6050

**Where do I get new mailbox keys?**  
J&K Postal Works: 602-332-9380  
Express Mailbox: 480-440-4424

**Who do I call for a street light that is out?**  
West of I-17: City of Phoenix, 602-495-5125  
East of I-17: APS: 602-371-7171

**Who do I call for street signs missing?**  
West of I-17: City of Phoenix, 602-262-6441  
East of I-17: MCDOT, 602-506-6063

**Who do I call regarding bulk trash pick-up?**  
West of I-17: City of Phoenix, 602-262-6251  
East of I-17: Republic Services, 602-237-2078

**Who do I call to report vandalism?**  
East of I-17: Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, 602-876-1011  
West of I-17: Phoenix Police Department, 602-262-6151  
For graffiti or vandalism clean up in common areas and on ACC property, use the online tip form or contact ACC Facilities Maintenance Department, 623-879-3028.

**Who do I call for fire hydrants, water main or sewer line breaks?**  
East of I-17: EPCOR, 800-383-0834  
West of I-17: City of Phoenix, 602-261-8000

# Managing your irrigation in the warm months

Article provided by: William Redford, DLC Resources Field Manager

With spring in full swing, we are only a few weeks out from a rise in temperatures for the summer. As the Valley's human inhabitants enjoy the spring season, most of the plants and trees surrounding your homes have awoken after their winter slow seasons. As temperatures continue to warm up, heading into the summer, your trees and shrubs will require more water than they did over the winter and early spring.

DLC Resources' Water Management Team is in the field each day, checking soil moisture and adjusting your irrigation system to react to any weather and moisture changes. This helps ensure that your common area plants get the proper amount of water to stay healthy.

In your backyard, this level of checking and adjusting isn't ordinarily necessary. But, your irrigation system can't be left idle and unchecked either. A handful of adjustments across the seasons can help make sure that your trees and shrubs get the amount of water they need for each season. And it can drastically reduce your irrigation water use and costs.

## Making the Right Adjustments

When setting your irrigation clocks, the first thing you need to consider is what kind of trees and shrubs you have. Desert Adapted landscapes require far less irrigation than Non-Desert Adapted species. If you have turf, keep in mind that winter Ryegrass and summer Bermuda have their own and very different irrigation needs.

If you have a mix of Desert and Non-Desert Adapted plants in your landscape and on the same irrigation valve, make sure to set your irrigation system to accommodate your highest water use plants.

In the hot summer months — (typically May through July), when temps are at their highest, humidity at its lowest and the days the longest — trees and shrubs require the most water. Desert Adapted species should get water every one to three weeks, with Non-Desert Adapted

plants need irrigation 2 – 3 times each week. The deeper the roots, the longer you can go between waterings. Typically, established Saguaros should not receive any water other than what Mother Nature provides. The exception is in the hot summer months when monsoons are sparse; just a bit of supplemental water will suffice.

When Monsoon Season rolls around, it's time to readjust. Depending on the rainfall amounts, irrigation cycles may be skipped. The humidity in the air reduces the amount of water your plants actually need. In fact, you can usually reduce your regular summer run times by about 20% during Monsoon Season.

Before watering in any season, you should also test your soil's moisture levels by using a soil probe or a long screwdriver. If the screwdriver goes in at least 6 in., there is plenty of moisture for most plants and turf. For more information on probing your soil, please visit [www.dlcreources.com/learning-center](http://www.dlcreources.com/learning-center).

By staying on top of your irrigation system, making just a few adjustments throughout the warmer months and taking advantage of any rain the Valley gets, you can drastically reduce irrigation water waste while still keeping your plants and trees healthy.



## Congratulations to newly elected board members

Thank you for taking the time to cast your vote! The Parkside community elected Tim Fyke and Rob MacGregor to two-year terms on the APCA Board of Directors. Chilea Ready was elected to a three-year term on the Anthem Community Council (ACC) Board of Directors as a representative of the APCA.