

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.



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Upcoming Events/Meetings:

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

May 4	Neighborhood Parks Committee, 10 a.m.	July 2	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
May 7	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.	July 3	Independence Day Celebration, 6 p.m.
May 19	Financial Advisory Committee, 1 p.m.	July 16	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
May 21	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.	July 21	Financial Advisory Committee, 1 p.m.
May 25	Civic Building Closed in observance of Memorial Day	July 30	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
June 4	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.	August 13	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
June 18	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.	August 20	Board of Directors Meeting, 6 p.m.
June 18	Board of Directors Meeting, 6 p.m.	August 27	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.

Please note the schedule is subject to change.



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Prepare your home when you leave on vacation

Everyone is going to be ready for a well-deserved vacation this summer. Before you decide to pack up the family and head out of Anthem, review the following checklist to ensure your house will remain safe even while you are relaxing and enjoying your trip.

- Leave a key to your front door and emergency numbers for your vacation destination with a trusted neighbor or friend who is willing to watch your home and enter if needed.
- Either place a "stop" order on mail and newspapers, or arrange to have a friend or neighbor pick up your mail while you're away.
- Set automatic timers for various lights inside and outside the house. This will create the illusion someone is home.
- Keep the air conditioner on, but adjust the thermostat so that it saves energy by not running as often.
- Unplug your television, computer, toaster oven, and other appliances to protect them from power surges. This will help you save power as well; many appliances draw energy even when they're turned off.
- If you will be gone for longer than a week, make arrangements for someone to tend to your front yard especially if you have grass.
- Lock the garage door. If the door has an automatic opening device, unplug it.
- Lock all gates or doors on your property.
- To conserve water and prevent flooding, make sure all faucets inside and outside the home are turned off and no water is dripping.
- Place any valuables in a locked safe or safety deposit box.
- Consider notifying MCSO (East of I-17) or Phoenix Police Department (West of I-17) if you're going on vacation for longer than a week or two. It's possible the police may go out of their way to drive by your house while on patrol. Non-emergency lines: MCSO, 602-876-1011; Phoenix PD, 602-262-6151.
- Think twice about posting your detailed vacation plans on social media—especially if that information is visible to internet users other than your friends and family. You can always post your vacation pictures after you return.



Congratulations to newly elected board members

Thank you for taking the time to cast your vote! The election committee began counting and verifying ballots on March 16. The Parkside community elected Shari Miller, Alex Abess, and Robert Omer to two-year terms on the APCA Board of Directors. Doug Sutherland was elected to a three-year term on the Anthem Community Council (ACC) Board of Directors as a representative of the APCA.

Monsoon Awareness Week

Monsoon Awareness Week is June 14-20, 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.

Upcoming block/stucco wall painting schedule

The following areas are scheduled for block/stucco wall painting. 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.

• Jubilation (2)	June 30
• Jubilation (3)	July 6
• Exclamation	July 10
• Laurel	July 14
• Willow	July 17
• Summit	July 22
• Overlook	July 24
• Splendor	Aug. 3
• Meadow	Aug. 7
• Pavilion	Aug. 14
• Treasure	Aug. 18
• Legend	Sept. 1



Time for Bermuda grass transition

When overnight low temperatures are consistently above 65 degrees (usually in May), you can begin transitioning your winter ryegrass back to bermuda grass for the warm season. If you allow the ryegrass to grow unchecked, it will out compete the Bermuda grass. When June comes with its Arizona heat, the ryegrass will finally die and you'll be left with nothing but bare spots. To avoid that, follow the below steps and you'll have a summer lawn the whole neighborhood will envy!

- Reduce your watering to 70-80% of your normal usage. This will start stressing out the ryegrass but will continue to support the Bermuda grass.
- Lightly verticut your grass to open up its canopy. This allows more sunshine to reach the Bermuda grass below.
- Aerify your ground. This increases water penetration and nutrient uptake, breaks up soil compaction, and allows

more oxygen to reach the root zone. Most home supply stores rent verticutting and aerifying equipment.

- Gradually lower your mower settings and increase your mowing intervals to twice a week so that the grass height does not exceed 1/2" to 3/4". Make sure to bag all clippings. If they remain on the ground, they'll create a mat layer that will inhibit the growth of the Bermuda grass.
- Beware of shady areas in your lawn. The ryegrass will grow aggressively in these areas so you must maintain a low mowing height to allow the Bermuda grass to get its needed sunlight.
- Fertilize and increase your watering schedule. After about 2 weeks, you should notice that the Bermuda grass is overcoming the ryegrass. Finally, once your Bermuda grass is growing again, use a high nitrogen fertilizer such as 21-0-0 or 21-7-14 once a month to keep it green.

Preparing and caring for your summer landscapes

Article provided by: DLC Resources

As we move through May, the scorching temps of summer aren't too far ahead of us! With the mercury rising on our thermometers, now is a good time to check over your landscape and make a few warm-weather preparations.

First, make sure you monitor and adjust your irrigation systems in accordance with the temperatures and rainfall. Higher temps and less rain will mean more frequent waterings are required. Now through the beginning of monsoon season is typically the time where Arizona plants will need the most water. In years of average rainfall and temperatures, this will mean watering 5-7 days per week, depending on your landscape and plant species. If you are unsure how much water your plants need, you may utilize a soil probe to check moisture levels.

Additionally, many non-native trees are likely in the process of filling out their foliage through the remainder of spring. Since producing leaves takes a lot of energy, your trees need more moisture during this time. Until the leaves have fully grown, you should be watering slightly deeper

and more frequently to ensure the water is reaching the roots before evaporating.

Once summer is in full swing, it will be important to protect your plants from the intense heat. For non-desert adapted plants, you can apply mulch at the base to keep roots cool and help mitigate evaporation, keeping your plants hydrated. However, be sure to not pack mulch too tightly around the base to reduce the risk of pests or disease; a space of several inches is typically sufficient.

For additional resources and information on landscape care, please visit: dlcresources.com/learning-center.

