

Parkside News



Anthem Parkside
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Monsoon season officially begins mid-June 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 Rob MacGregor and Naresh Goel to two-year terms on the APCA Board of Directors. Dino Cotton 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 Iron View Fence Painting Schedule

The following areas are scheduled for iron view fence painting beginning in September through November.

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

Iron View Fence Painting Schedule:

Echelon	September 1
Heritage A	September 6
Jubilation	September 18
Overature	September 20
Jubilation	September 26
Jubilation	September 29
Traditions	October 9
Traditions	October 12
Inspirations	October 23
Legend	October 25
Aurora	October 30
Firethorn	October 31
Joshua	November 7
Mariposa	November 13



Preparing for Monsoon Season

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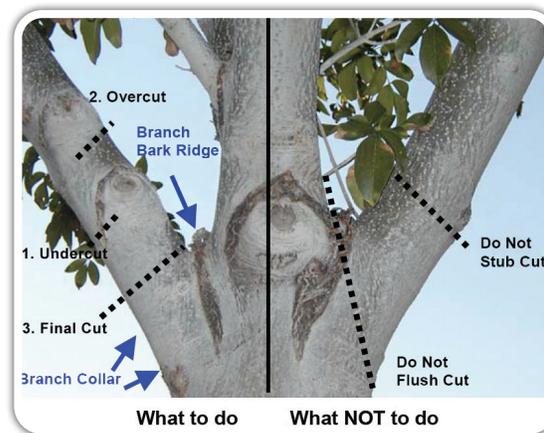
Arizona's monsoon season, which officially begins in mid-June, can result in some interesting weather phenomena! While we welcome the summer rains, the vigorous storms present some challenges for plant material. Fortunately, DLC has many years of experience when it comes to navigating a variety of weather-related issues. From frost damage to extreme heat and blustery winds, your landscape is in capable hands.

When monsoon storms arrive, the emphasis shifts to clean-up and repair. Typically, summer storms occur late in the day after crews have left the property for the day. For immediate emergency aid, we have personnel on call 24 hours a day. These workers are equipped to deal with the storm's most pressing effects, such as trees blocking streets or sidewalks. Full-scale clean-up generally begins the following morning. Routine maintenance activities may need to be suspended or reduced in scope while the crew cleans up debris and performs repairs. If necessary, DLC will provide extra personnel to expedite the storm clean-up.

How to Ready Your Yard

Before monsoon season begins, prune trees to promote healthy growth and structure for your trees. Remove dead branches, crossed branches and thin the tree canopy, paying particular attention to Desert Museum, Acacias and Mesquites that are especially prone to damage from high winds.

Once you've decided which trees need pruning, be sure to choose the proper tools. Limbs up to ½ inch in diameter can be pruned with hand pruners. Long-handled pruning loppers can handle limbs up to 1 inch in diameter, but a special pruning saw is needed for thicker limbs. For those larger limbs, the three-cut method (as shown in the diagram) is an approach used to effectively trim and prevent bark from tearing down along the trunk. Remember, when trimming a tree, you never want to remove more than 25% of the green material.



This diagram helps to show how to properly prune a tree. Lovely trees at Parkside!

Always consider safety and training when beginning any project. It is a good idea to wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants and closed-toe shoes when pruning. Also, wear safety glasses, a hat and gloves to help prevent injuries. Unless you are a trained tree worker, only prune what you can reach from the ground; avoid using a ladder or climbing a tree to trim it. Consult a professional for additional work needed or if you are concerned about any hazards.

Don't prune a newly-planted tree during the first year, except to remove dead branches. Pruning a tree at this young age may impact its growth moving forward. With your adult trees, it is essential for their health not to top the tree or trim it bare. DLC recommends that you never top trees. Topping is the indiscriminate cutting back of tree branches to stubs. This practice stresses and disfigures trees, and creates hazardous, weakly-attached, new branches. It also makes an added maintenance expense as topped trees require more frequent pruning.

It's undoubtedly advantageous to prepare for monsoon season. DLC Resources knows how to handle the summer storms, and we will be ready when the high winds blow through the valley.

To learn more about tree care, visit dlcresources.com/learning-center.

Parkside Community Newsletter

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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.

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.



Upcoming Events/Meetings:

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

May 5	Music in May, 7 p.m., Anthem Community Park	June 8	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
May 11	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.	June 15	APCA Board of Directors Meeting, 6 p.m.
May 12	Music in May, 7 p.m., Anthem Community Park	June 22	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
May 16	Financial Advisory Committee, 1 p.m.	June 28	ACC Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m.
May 19	Music in May, 7 p.m., Anthem Community Park	July 3	Independence Day Celebration, 6 p.m., Anthem Community Park
May 24	ACC Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m.	July 6	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
May 25	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.	July 18	Financial Advisory Committee, 1 p.m.
May 26	Music in May, 7 p.m., Anthem Community Park	July 20	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
May 29	Civic Building Closed in observance of Memorial Day	July 26	ACC Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m.
		Aug. 3	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
		Aug. 17	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
		Aug. 17	APCA Board of Directors Meeting, 6 p.m.
		Aug. 23	ACC Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m.
		Aug. 31	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.