

# Parkside News



Anthem Parkside  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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## Congratulations to Newly Elected Board Members

*T*hank you for taking the time to cast your vote!

The Parkside community elected Eric Jackson, Shari Miller, and Raymond S. Wysmierski to two-year terms on the APCA Board of Directors.

Cody Curl was elected to a three-year term on the Anthem Community Council (ACC) Board of Directors as a representative of the APCA.

# Transition winter Ryegrass back to summer Bermudagrass

An effective spring transition is achievable if you adhere to the following steps:

## Early Stages

**Step 1.** Monitor your local temperatures. Once nighttime temperatures start exceeding 65 degrees on a consistent basis (typically late April/early May), it's time to start the spring transition.

**Step 2.** Reduce your watering to 70-80% of your normal usage. This will start stressing out the rye grass but will continue to support the bermudagrass.

**Step 3.** Lightly verticut your grass to open up its canopy. This allows more sunshine to reach the bermudagrass below.

## Aeration and Mowing

**Step 4.** Aerify your ground. Aeration is the process of breaking up hard pockets of soil. 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.

**Step 5.** 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 bermudagrass. Use a rake to collect clippings, if needed.

**Step 6.** 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 bermudagrass to get its needed sunlight.

## Fertilizing

**Step 7.** Fertilize and increase your watering schedule. After about 2 weeks, you should notice that the bermudagrass is overcoming the ryegrass. Broadcast a balanced fertilizer (i.e. 16-20-0) at a rate of 9 pounds per 1000 square feet and increase watering back to a normal summer watering schedule.

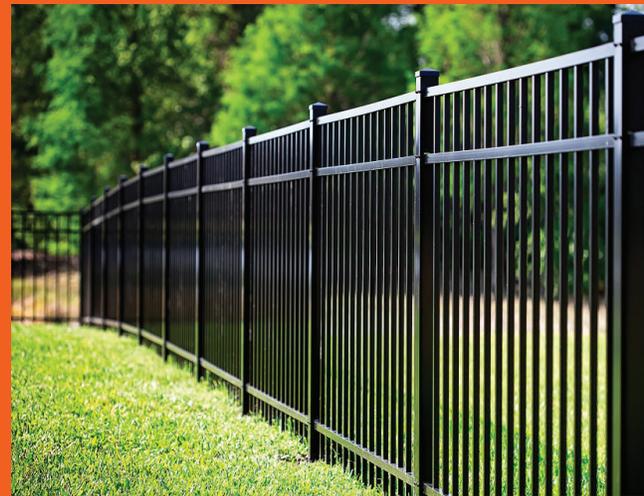


## Upcoming Iron View Fence Painting Schedule

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

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

Homeowners/tenants must remove all plants, with a minimum of a 6" clearance on the owners' side, rabbit snake fencing, and anything else attached to the fence, before the scheduled paint day. Please be aware that a **\$60 callback fee** for skipped wall and fence painting will be incurred if Premier Painting has to reschedule due to the above-mentioned items not being addressed before the scheduled paint day.



For questions about this benefitted assessment, please call the Civic Building Customer Service at 623-742-6050 or email [frontdesk@anthemcouncil.com](mailto:frontdesk@anthemcouncil.com).

### IRON VIEW FENCE PAINTING SCHEDULE:

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|-------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| • Circle Mountain Ranch | August 13   | • Heritage (3) | September 11 |
| • Heritage (2)          | August 16   | • Reunion      | September 16 |
| • Enchantment           | August 21   | • Tapestry     | September 24 |
| • Inspirations          | September 9 |                |              |

# Specialized Equipment for Efficiency and Innovation



Battery-powered trimmer in use by one of DLC's Parkside crewmembers



DLC crewmember uses Harper Hawk to clean up fallen leaves

By: William Redford, DLC Resources Field Manager

At DLC Resources, we are always looking for new and effective ways to care for Anthem Parkside's unique landscape! So, we utilize specialized, efficient equipment to assist us with landscape management, and we have introduced battery-operated handheld tools in the last two years. Below is a deeper look at these types of equipment, along with the benefits they provide in helping us provide quality landscape care.

## The Tarco

A Tarco is a machine that can vacuum up large plant material from curbs and sidewalks. Besides the vacuum function, it has a mulcher with blades, which chips flexible branches up to three feet long. One person can operate the Tarco to pick up the landscape debris in the same amount of time it would take three or four of our crewmembers! This alone helps to reduce employee tiredness, meaning your DLC crew can perform the job more quickly and efficiently than by using traditional methods.

## The Harper Hawk

A Harper Hawk, like a Tarco, is a sweeper that picks up landscape debris. A DLC crewmember will blow leaves, spent blooms or bean pods onto a curb or sidewalk (using one of our battery-operated blowers – more on that soon) to collect the material into a pile. Then, another crewmember comes through with the Harper Hawk to clean up! Just

like the Tarco, this machine requires one person to operate, quietly and efficiently, as it moves through your Community.

Your Parkside crew has been using Harper Hawks to clear away thatch from the turf areas this month. Thatch is a brown, straw-like material that builds up in turf over time and requires removal, aiding in the turf transition process. DLC strives to keep your Community looking beautiful year-round, and machines like the Harper Hawk ease that process, helping crews work efficiently and safely within Anthem Parkside.

## Electric Equipment

The standard for handheld equipment in the landscaping industry has been the use of two-cycle – or gas-powered – equipment for a long time. However, gas-powered equipment can be incredibly loud when in use and contributes to bad air quality by releasing dirty gas fumes. Therefore, transitioning to quieter, lighter and *cleaner* battery-operated equipment at Parkside was an easy decision for DLC. Our crew uses electric shrub trimmers, leaf blowers, weed-eaters and more to provide quiet, clean and quality service!

For more information on Community maintenance, please visit our website at [dlcresources.com/learning-center/](https://dlcresources.com/learning-center/).

# 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).



## Plan ahead for any emergency



### NEW EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has implemented a new emergency alert system, RAVE Alerts, a system procured for the 81 public safety answering points (PSAPs) in Arizona. RAVE Alerts will be used by 9-1-1 centers to notify the public during emergencies, including incidents of public safety concerns, traffic accidents, missing persons, wildfire evacuations, etc.

RAVE Alerts are a free service that allows users to sign up online to receive customized alerts via text message, email, and voice message and are available to anyone who lives, works, travels through, or visits Maricopa County. The address can be your home location, work location, or any other location that may be important to you. Learn more and sign up at [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com).

## Upcoming Events/Meetings:

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

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| <b>May 3</b>   | Music in May, 7 p.m., Anthem Community Park         | <b>June 20</b> | APCA Board of Directors Meeting, 6 p.m.                     |
| <b>May 9</b>   | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.              | <b>June 26</b> | ACC Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m.                   |
| <b>May 10</b>  | Music in May, 7 p.m., Anthem Community Park         | <b>July 3</b>  | Civic Building closing at 3 p.m.                            |
| <b>May 17</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 21</b>  | Financial Advisory Committee, 1 p.m.                | <b>July 4</b>  | APCA Office Closed  |
| <b>May 22</b>  | ACC Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m.           | <b>July 16</b> | Financial Advisory Committee, 1 p.m.                        |
| <b>May 23</b>  | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.              | <b>July 18</b> | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.                      |
| <b>May 24</b>  | Music in May, 7 p.m., Anthem Community Park         | <b>July 24</b> | ACC Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m.                   |
| <b>May 27</b>  | Civic Building Closed in observance of Memorial Day | <b>Aug. 1</b>  | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.                      |
| <b>May 31</b>  | Music in May, 7 p.m., Anthem Community Park         | <b>Aug. 15</b> | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.                      |
| <b>June 6</b>  | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.              | <b>Aug. 15</b> | APCA Board of Directors Meeting, 6 p.m.                     |
| <b>June 20</b> | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.              | <b>Aug. 28</b> | ACC Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m.                   |
|                |   | <b>Aug. 29</b> | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.                      |