Parkside News

Anthem Parkside
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Don't forget to vote by March 8

Ballot notification cards for the Anthem Parkside Community Association (APCA) Board of Directors and the Anthem Community Council (ACC) election were mailed at the end of February. The ballot notification card allows Parkside homeowners to scan the unique QR code to access the eVoting portal. All voting for Parkside candidates will need to be submitted through the eVoting platform. Voting ends on March 8 at midnight.

It's very important to take the time to review the candidate bios that are available to view online. With questions regarding the voting process, or if you did not receive a ballot notification card, please contact the APCA office at 623-742-4563 or email staff@anthemparkside.org.

What You Need to Know When Updating the Exterior of Your Home

If you are looking to update your home's curb appeal, adding a pool or additional hardscape, be sure to put **"consult Parkside Design Guidelines"** first on your "to-do" list.

Review and submit

Be sure to review the APCA Design Guidelines and submit an Exterior Change Application to the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) for review and approval before beginning work. A simple rule of thumb: **ALL exterior modifications must be approved by the ARC.**

A copy of the Design Guidelines can be viewed online or by emailing APCA staff at staff@anthemparkside.org. Staff can be contacted at 623-742-4563 to answer any questions you may have regarding the exterior modifications to your home. The ARC meets twice a month. ARC meetings can be viewed on the online calendar.

*All documents and forms can be found online at: onlineatanthem.com/homeowners_association/parkside

Keep an Eye Out for Vandalism at Neighborhood Parks

As the temperatures begin to warm up that means more activity at neighborhood parks. We are asking park patrons and nearby residents to keep an eye out for any vandalism or suspicious activity.

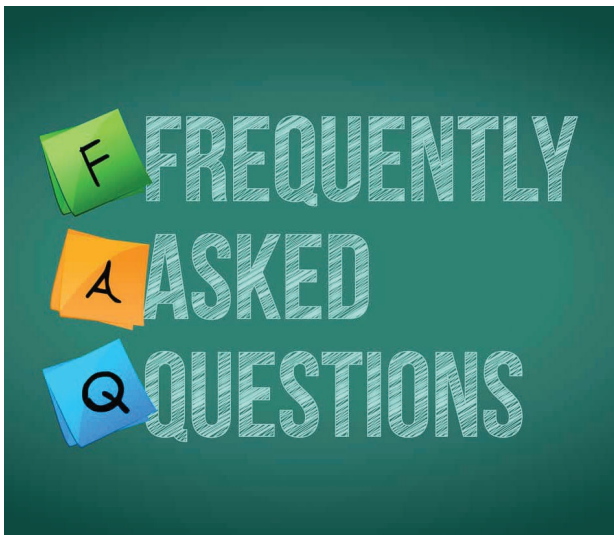
Residents can help protect our park resources by reporting any suspicious activity to the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (east side) or the Phoenix Police Department (west side). Any vandalism or maintenance issues should be reported to the APCA. Your action of reporting allows law enforcement and APCA to be proactive in addressing concerns. Please contact the appropriate authority to report suspicious activities or concerns:

- Emergency: 911
- Vandalism/Non-Emergency: APCA, 623-879-3028
- Suspicious Activities:
  - MCSO, 602-876-1011 (east of I-17) or
  - Phoenix Police Dept., 602-262-6151 (west of I-17)
- Graffiti: Report through the online tip form.

Neighborhood Frequently Asked Questions!

Whether you're new to Parkside or a lifelong resident, you may occasionally have questions regarding neighborhood services, restrictions, or guidelines. We want to ensure residents have the resources they need. The FAQs address some of the most frequently asked questions including street parking, noise disturbance, reporting a lost pet, reporting graffiti or vandalism, bulk trash schedules, landscape issues, and much more. If you don't find your answer in the FAQs, please contact APCA staff at staff@anthemparkside.org.

Get fast answers to common resident questions and policies by viewing the FAQs online at onlineatanthem.com/issues_and_faqs.



Spring Turf Transition

By: William Redford, DLC Resources Field Manager

With the beautiful Arizona spring almost upon us, now is the perfect time to think about preparing your lawn for its transition from winter Ryegrass to summer Bermuda turf. Below, we have included information and tips that aim to help your turf have a smooth transition and keep your yard looking great through the summer!

What is Turf Transition?

As temperatures rise, dormant Bermuda turf will begin to grow, competing with any lingering Ryegrass for space and nutrients. The longer this Ryegrass is competing with the Bermuda for nutrients and space, the less time the Bermuda has to establish its roots and develop into healthy green grass.

What Steps Should I Take?

A simple adjustment to your mowing practice will help kick-start the transition. In April, start reducing mow heights, gradually, from 2 inches to 1.5 inches. The lower cut will allow the emerging Bermuda, otherwise shaded by the taller Ryegrass, to capture necessary sunlight. This mowing method typically has a dramatic impact, as it helps remove the existing turf more quickly than just letting it die naturally.

Second, adjust your irrigation system programming for longer and less-frequent run times. Bermuda creates a deeper root system that requires deep soakings, as opposed to Ryegrass, which thrives on frequent and shallow watering. Vary your start times to avoid wasteful irrigation runoff while still achieving a deep, nourishing soak. It is also a good idea to start off your growing Bermuda with a balanced fertilizer such as 21-7-14. This will help stimulate root development and provide nitrogen to aid in canopy growth.

Photo courtesy of homedepot.com. You can purchase a dethatcher like this one at your local home improvement store to help dethatch thick Ryegrass.

"Parkside turf": Spring is on the horizon!

Finally, if your winter Ryegrass was especially thick, it may be a good idea to visit your local hardware shop and buy or rent a tool called a dethatcher (or verti-cutter). Dethatchers work to lift out remaining dead grass or other debris that has built up under the soil surface. This opens up space for water and sunlight to penetrate the soil and stimulate the emerging Bermuda. Otherwise, this thick Ryegrass blocks the Bermuda, hindering development.

As we move into summer, we look forward to green, healthy, fully transitioned Bermuda in your common areas. The methods outlined above will help you achieve the same result in your own yard. Here's to a green summer!

Parkside Community Newsletter

A Publication of the Parkside Community Association

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

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.

ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Have you received a notice regarding a parking violation? Wondering why? Parking on landscaping, habitually parking on the street and parking Recreational Vehicles for purposes other than loading/unloading in the community are all violations of the Parkside governing documents.

The APCA Board and staff have the fiduciary responsibility to enforce the parking restrictions, and street parking creates safety issues within the community. If you park a vehicle on your landscaping, including in front of your side gate, you will receive a violation notice. All vehicles must be parked in a garage or on a driveway. If you have any questions regarding street parking, please contact APCA staff at compliance@anthemparkside.org.

Upcoming Events/Meetings:

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

March 14	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
March 16 & 17	Anthem Days, 10 a.m., Anthem Community Park
March 19	Financial Advisory Committee, 1 p.m.
March 20	Anthem Neighborhood Watch, 5 p.m.
March 28	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
April 11	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
April 18	APCA Board of Directors Meeting/ Annual Meeting, 6 p.m.
April 25	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
May 9	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.
May 21	Financial Advisory Committee, 1 p.m.
May 23	Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m.