

Parkside News



2026 BUDGET UPDATE



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Budget

The Anthem Parkside Community Association (APCA) Board of Directors approved the 2026 Budgets during its regular monthly meeting on October 16, 2025. The APCA approved a **\$3 per quarter increase** in assessments. APCA assessments will now be \$54.45 per quarter per household. The total Quarterly Assessment amount, which includes the amount paid to the Anthem Community Council is \$310.41.

Paseo homeowners' total Quarterly Assessment is \$501.69.

This budget will bring numerous benefits to the Parkside community, including the maintenance of neighborhood parks, landscaping, and compliance services. It ensures the continued provision of high-quality services, making Parkside a desirable place to live.

Landing Benefitted Assessment

The APCA approved a **\$1.50 per quarter increase** in the Landing Benefitted Assessment. The assessment will now be \$74.28 per quarter. The total quarterly assessment for the Landing, which also includes the amount paid to the Anthem Community Council, will be \$384.69. This assessment will cover regular maintenance of the Landing gates and streets, as well as future street improvements.

Parkside homeowners are encouraged to reach out to APCA staff with any questions. The 2026 budgets are available online at anthemcouncil.com.

2026 Annual Election for Parkside and ACC Board of Directors

Beginning December 30, the annual election cycle will commence for open positions on both the Anthem Parkside Community Association (APCA) Board of Directors and the Anthem Community Council (ACC), which represents the Parkside community.

Homeowners will receive election information by mail, including details about qualifications, the process, and the election timeline.

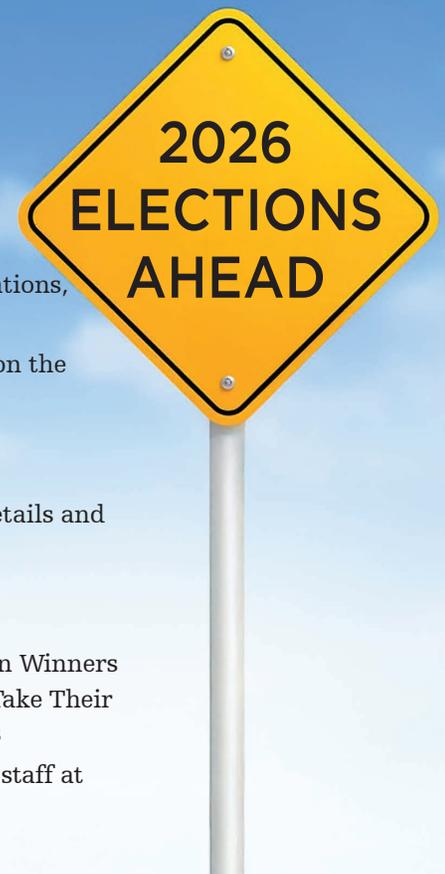
This year, there are three open seats on the APCA Board of Directors and one open seat on the ACC Board:

- APCA Board: Three seats, each with a two-year term
- ACC Board: One seat with a three-year term

If you are considering declaring your candidacy, please keep an eye out for additional details and mark your calendar with the key dates outlined in the upcoming election materials.

- December 30 – Call for Candidates
- January 19 – Deadline to File Candidacy
- February 3 – Meet the Candidates Night
- February 11 – Voting Begins
- March 6 – Election Ends
- March 9 – Verify Election
- March 11 – Announce Election Winners
- April – New Board Members Take Their Seats at April Board Meetings

If you have any questions regarding the election process or timeline, please contact APCA staff at staff@anthemparkside.org.



Holiday Office Closures

The APCA office will be closed on December 24, 25 and 26 for the winter holiday break. Additionally, the office will be closed on January 1 and 2 to observe the New Year. We wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season, as well as a joyful New Year!

Post-holiday Reminder

As the holiday season wraps up, it's important to take a moment to consider the appearance of our neighborhoods. Homes with lights still hanging weeks after the celebrations can detract from our community's overall beauty.

While we know everyone's schedules are busy, taking down holiday lights is a simple way to help keep our neighborhood looking its best. Please make it a priority to remove your decorations by January 15, 2026 — your neighbors will appreciate it!



Sustainable Shrub Pruning for Healthier Shrubs

By: William Redford, DLC Resources Field Manager

Many shrub species in the Arizona desert—both native and non-native—flourish and bloom beautifully in the spring and summer months. But once cooler weather arrives, their growth slows dramatically. That's when a special pruning method, known as **Sustainable Shrub Pruning**, helps prepare shrubs for healthier growth and more flowers in the next growing season.

Your DLC Resources crew follows these pruning guidelines to keep plants healthy while enhancing the beauty of Anthem Parkside!

Sustainable Shrub Pruning vs. Shearing: What's the Difference?

Some landscape providers choose to shear shrubs into cones, balls, or flat tops throughout the year. While this might create a uniform look in the short term, it actually harms the plant over time. Shearing stresses shrubs, leaving them with thick, woody branches and very few leaves.

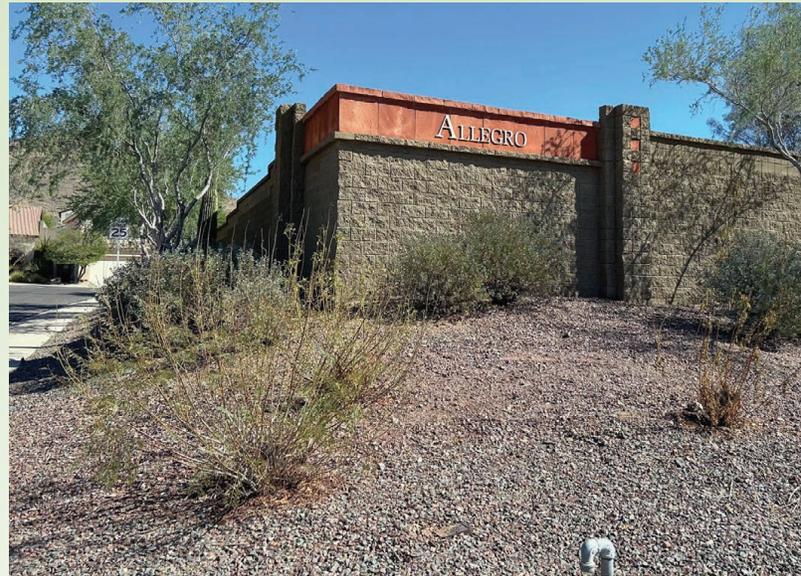
The Preferred Method

Instead, DLC uses a more-sustainable approach that follows the Arizona Landscape Contractors' Association's Sustainable Landscape Management (SLM) practices. Sustainable Shrub Pruning focuses on trimming shrubs back to about half their size, though some species—such as the Red Bird of Paradise—require even more pruning than that.

By pruning more dramatically in fall and winter, shrubs are allowed to fill back in before spring. This method usually results in more vibrant flowers and lush foliage! It also allows residents to enjoy the full color of seasonal blooms, since we avoid pruning blooms off unnecessarily.

Throughout the year, the crew trims most shrubs minimally—such as when they encroach on sidewalks and streets, or to help with visibility near intersections and road signs.

The crew is careful with flowering shrubs during periods of minimal pruning, preserving as many of those bright blooms as possible!



How some shrubs appear just before sustainable shrub pruning



After pruning

Starting in December, some common species pruned this way include Yellow Bells, Orange Jubilee and Desert honeysuckle—all of which respond beautifully to Sustainable Shrub Pruning.

Why It Matters

Sustainable Shrub Pruning is a mindful, long-term approach that keeps Anthem Parkside's landscape looking vibrant and healthy. By choosing this method, DLC helps your community conserve water, reduce plant stress, and bring more seasonal color to your neighborhood. Come spring and summer, you'll enjoy the payoff: healthier shrubs and abundant, vibrant blooms.

It's a win-win!

To learn more about shrub care, visit our Learning Center at dlcresources.com/learning-center.

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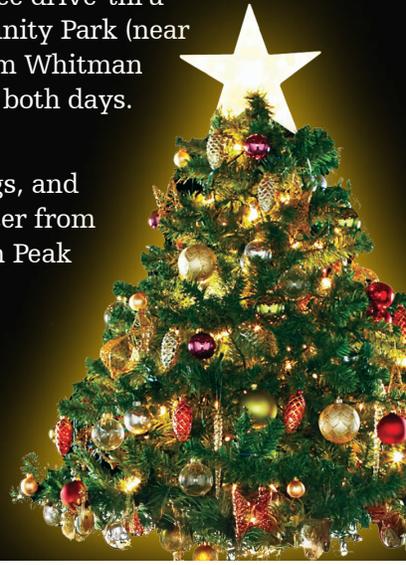
Please read the newsletter, as it may contain important and timely information. For questions regarding any content in the newsletter, please contact the Community Manager, Mary Beth Zahn, mzahn@associatedasset.com.

Natural Tree Disposal Day

Take advantage of the convenient opportunity Republic Services is offering for natural tree disposal on January 10 and January 17! Enjoy a hassle-free drive-thru service in the lower lot of the Community Park (near the Maintenance Facility — enter from Whitman Drive) between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on both days.

Before you arrive, please remove all decorations, lights, stands, tinsel, bags, and other items from your tree. You'll enter from Whitman Drive and exit onto Gavilan Peak Parkway.

This amazing service is completely free for all residents, so don't miss out! Let's work together to keep our community beautiful and make tree disposal simple for everyone.



Upcoming Events/Meetings:

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

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| Dec. 4 | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. |
| Dec. 5 | Winter in the Park 5 p.m., Community Park |
| Dec. 7 | Market in the Park, 9 a.m., Community Park |
| Dec. 17 | Anthem Neighborhood Watch Meeting |
| Dec. 18 | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. |
| Dec. 21 | Market in the Park, 9 a.m., Community Park |
| Dec. 24-26 | APCA Offices Closed |
| Dec. 31 | APCA Offices Closing Early |
| Jan. 1 & 2 | APCA Offices Closed |
| Jan. 15 | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. |
| Jan. 20 | Financial Advisory Committee, 1 p.m. |
| Jan. 21 | Anthem Neighborhood Watch Meeting |
| Jan. 29 | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. |
| Feb. 12 | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. |
| Feb. 18 | Anthem Neighborhood Watch Meeting |
| Feb. 19 | APCA Board Meeting, 6 p.m. |
| Feb. 21 | PAC911 Adopt-a-thon |
| Feb. 26 | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. |
| March 12 | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. |
| March 17 | Financial Advisory Committee, 1 p.m. |
| March 26 | Architectural Review Committee, 9 a.m. |

New Year Reminders

As we begin the New Year, we encourage all Parkside community members to take these steps to stay informed and engaged:

1. Update Your Email Address

Ensure you receive timely information about APCA activities and projects. Visit anthemcouncil.com, navigate to **How Do I... ➔ Newsletters**, and enter your contact information. Be sure to select "Parkside" to receive updates relevant to our community.

2. Connect on Social Media

Follow the APCA on **Facebook** and **Instagram** to stay informed about community news, events, and important updates.

3. Utilize Our Website

Regularly visit our website to access the calendar of events, FAQs, and essential homeowner documents. Staying informed helps you remain an active participant in the Parkside community.

We look forward to a successful and connected year ahead.