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## Stewardship, Stability, and the Future

When people move to Anthem, they often talk about the views, the parks, the trails, or the Community Center. What they may not immediately see is the structure behind it all.

The Anthem Community Council was created as the civic entity for our master planned community. It is organized as a 501(c)(4) nonprofit civic league, responsible for the shared assets, amenities, programs, and long-term stewardship of Anthem as a whole.

Within Anthem are multiple residential associations and boards that govern their individual neighborhoods. The Council operates at the community wide level, coordinating standards, maintaining common property, overseeing major facilities, and managing the financial planning necessary to sustain them.

Its purpose is straightforward: to serve the common good and maintain the spaces, services, and events that shape daily life in Anthem.

Over the past several years, the Board has remained focused on a few critical priorities. We have worked to ensure professional and well-trained leadership for both the Board and staff. We have proactively addressed growth around Anthem and its impact on our amenities and residents. We have emphasized managing community resources with care and pride. And we have prioritized financial stability by aiming for low volatility in the assessment rate while maintaining the standards residents expect.

These strategic pillars are reflected in well maintained facilities, thoughtful planning around development, strong fiduciary oversight, and community events and services that bring neighbors together.

When I first joined the Board nine years ago, I saw it as an opportunity to serve the community I live in. As I prepare to cycle off, I am reminded that Anthem's strength rests on stewardship.

Board members serve for a season. Staff carry out the mission each day. Residents participate, volunteer, and hold leadership accountable. That shared responsibility keeps Anthem steady, resilient, and forward looking.

Anthem is a welcoming and beautiful community striving to create opportunities for a thriving and abundant lifestyle. That vision endures only if we remain disciplined in governance, thoughtful in planning, and united in purpose.

If you value what Anthem provides, consider taking part in shaping its future. Attend a meeting. Join a committee. Volunteer at a community event. When Council seats open, consider running. Strong communities depend on engaged residents willing to serve and lead with care.

Serving as Chairman has been an honor. I am confident the foundation in place today will continue to support Anthem's next chapter, and I look forward to seeing how this community continues to grow and thrive.



*Dino Cotton*

A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Dino".

**Dino Cotton**

Chair, ACC Board of Directors  
Anthem Community Council



Anthem Days' Carnival

## Anthem Days 2026: A Celebration of Community and Tradition

Anthem Days returns to the heart of the community on March 14 and 15, 2026, bringing together residents, families, and visitors for one of Anthem's most beloved annual traditions. Held at Anthem Community Park, the two-day festival runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and showcases the very best of local culture, entertainment, and family fun.

This free, family-friendly event features an impressive lineup of activities designed to engage all ages. Guests can explore the popular business expo, enjoy a wide selection of food vendors, and experience the excitement of Brown's Amusements Carnival, which begins the Thursday prior to the main festival. Live music will fill the park throughout the weekend, with Sedona Red performing on March 14 and Vixanne taking the stage on March 15.

The festival's Kids Zone offers face painting, hands-on activities, and inflatables, making it a highlight for younger attendees.

One of the most anticipated events, the Eggstravaganza egg hunt, takes place on Sunday, March 15, featuring a full schedule of age-specific egg hunts at the community's softball fields. Families are encouraged to bring baskets and arrive early to enjoy the festivities.

Visitors will also enjoy the Rotary Beer Garden, scenic park surroundings, and the vibrant atmosphere that has become synonymous with Anthem Days. With free admission and parking, the event remains a welcoming opportunity for the entire North Valley to come together and celebrate the spirit of Anthem.

Presale wristbands for carnival attractions are available for \$35 at the Anthem Civic Building and Community Center until the carnival opens; onsite pricing is \$45, with special promotions offered throughout the weekend.

As always, Anthem Days continues to embody local pride, community connection, and the unique charm that makes Anthem a special place to live and visit.

>> [AnthemCouncil.com/anthemdays](https://AnthemCouncil.com/anthemdays)



## The Growing Danger of Kids on E-Bikes: What Parents Need to Know

As e-bikes surge in popularity across the U.S., doctors, safety experts, and local officials are sounding the alarm about the rising dangers young riders face. Emergency departments nationwide report sharp increases in serious injuries and even deaths involving children on electric bikes and scooters, marking what experts call a growing public-health concern.

According to pediatric trauma specialists, kids are suffering high-impact injuries at far greater rates than with traditional

bicycles. E-bikes can reach speeds of 20–30 mph, meaning collisions often result in skull fractures, brain bleeds, broken ribs, leg fractures, and internal organ damage. Many accidents occur when children ride in traffic, distracted by phones or headphones, or after sunset when visibility is limited.

National data reinforces this trend. Since 2019, e-bike emergency-room visits for children ages 10–17 have more than tripled, with high-speed models sometimes functioning more like motorcycles than bicycles. Safety officials note that some teens “jail-break” e-bikes to reach 40–55 mph, far beyond legal limits and well above their ability to control.

Pediatricians warn that many young riders do not wear helmets—only 27% of injured youth reported using one—contributing to

severe head trauma rates. They describe the trend as a “public health and safety crisis”, noting that 13- to 16-year-olds account for a majority of juvenile bicycle collisions, especially involving e-bikes.

In Arizona, where e-bike use has exploded among teens, safety specialists stress hands-on parent involvement. Injury-prevention experts urge parents to spend hours teaching safe riding, traffic rules, and proper helmet fit before a child ever rides in the neighborhood. They emphasize one point above all: “They’re not toys.”

With injuries rising thousands of percent nationwide, experts agree that prevention—through education, helmet use, and stronger oversight—is essential to keeping kids safe as e-bike use continues to grow.

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## Anthem's Market in the Park: A Seasonal Celebration of Local Makers

Anthem's Market in the Park is a much-anticipated community event hosted by the Anthem Community Council in Anthem, AZ. Held at the picturesque Anthem Community Park every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. during the cooler months, this open-air marketplace offers residents and visitors a vibrant Sunday morning experience full of shopping, food, and community spirit.

Visitors can stroll through rows of booths featuring a curated selection of local vendors offering everything from handmade crafts, fresh produce, and artisanal candles to home décor, unique gifts, clothing, and pet supplies. Food lovers will enjoy tasty options from rotating food vendors and locally made treats like honey and sweets.

Beyond shopping, Market in the Park serves as a gathering place for neighbors and families, providing a relaxed setting to enjoy the beauty of Anthem's parklands while supporting small businesses and local artisans. Whether you're seeking one-of-a-kind gifts or a leisurely Sunday outing, this recurring event highlights the best of community-driven experiences in Anthem.

Vendor participation is open to local entrepreneurs, with booth spaces available for a modest fee. This makes Market in the Park not only a great shopping destination but also an accessible platform for small business owners and creative makers to connect with the community.

>> [AnthemCouncil.com/market](https://AnthemCouncil.com/market)

## Scammers Increasingly Targeting Seniors

Scams targeting older adults are on the rise, with criminals using phone calls, emails, texts, and social media to steal money and personal information. Common schemes include fake government or IRS calls, tech support fraud, romance scams, and urgent "family emergency" requests designed to pressure seniors into sending money quickly.

These scams can result in significant financial loss and emotional distress. Seniors are often targeted because scammers believe they are more trusting or may have retirement savings.

To stay safe, never share personal or financial information with unknown callers, avoid acting on urgent demands, and verify requests directly with trusted contacts.

*For more information, see the expanded article on pg. 8.*



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# Staying ahead of online scammers: The Do's and Don'ts



Scammers are getting creative in their techniques to steal money and data. Using sophisticated and AI-driven tactics, they are getting far too comfortable in their deception. Common strategies include AI-powered audio/video scams, urgent scenarios involving government or corporate companies, fake job-related notices, and 'missing' package updates, etc.

Using digital means of communication, scammers can reach individuals on a personal level. As we advance technology, they advance their strategies; and we need to stay ahead of them.

Some popular scams include text messages from 'ADOT' about unpaid toll fees. This is easily debunked because Arizona does not have toll roads. This type of message includes a link to 'pay for unpaid fees'; do not click the link and report the message as spam.

Another popular scam is an email from your 'cell phone provider' about unused benefits for a program that doesn't exist, and all they require is your contact details and credit card information. These emails can be disguised so well that it is hard to detect something that is afoot. They will use the correct logos, color schemes, and similar language used by the company. If you think to yourself, "this might be too good to be true," take a pause, because you are probably right.

## **If you are unsure, please follow these Do's and Don'ts.**

**Do:** Research the topic on your internet browser to see if it's a scam.

**Do:** Set up multi-factor authentication (two or more distinct verification factors—password and text message code or password and fingerprint/facial recognition/iris scan) on all sensitive accounts.

**Do:** Contact the company directly through a verified number or email, like one on a statement or on the back of your credit card and ask them about it.

**Do:** Ask a family member or trusted friend for advice. These scammers are known for targeting the elderly, people who are developing fluency in English, or those who struggle with the use of technology. Getting advice from your kids or trusted neighbors/family members is a good place to start.

**Do:** Verify the source that is sending the email. Sometimes scammers will send text messages from a local number or one disguised to look like a toll-free number. With email, it can be even trickier; they will create email addresses that look like they could be valid, but there is usually something off about them.

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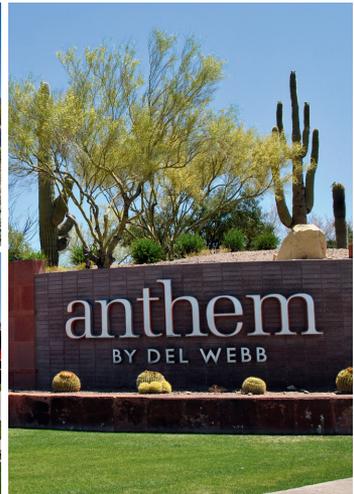
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For example, an email address disguising itself as Billing from EPCOR Water could be `billingepecor@hotmail.com`. The red flag here is the '@hotmail.com'. Businesses will usually have business email addresses such as '@epcor.com'. Sometimes it is even more obvious, as it will be 'johndoe246@yahoo.com'. Your first line of defense is checking the sender's address. If there are any red flags or you feel any unease, do not reply to the email and do not click any links in the body of the email.

**Don't:** Under no circumstances should you click a link sent in a text message or email without confirming if it is valid. These can be links that are framed in a button, such as a blue box that says, 'Pay Now'. You might think to yourself, "this looks sophisticated, it must be real." We ask you to pause again. Before clicking anything, think to yourself, "Have I already paid my bill this month?" "Is it normal for this company to send me an email like this/have I gotten one like this in the past?" If the answer to any of these questions raises any red flags, we urge you to reach out to the sender directly through a confirmed form of contact.

**Don't:** There is no pressure to act immediately. When scammers call you, they want to fluster you and get you to panic and give them what they are looking for. A legitimate company will never contact you unexpectedly and demand your personal information.

Scammers also have technology that can spoof phone numbers, so it looks like a trusted number coming in. If you are unsure or have a gut feeling something is up, hang up the phone and call them back with a verified phone number. You are allowed to take your time. If they get impatient with you, that is another red flag to be aware of.

**Don't:** Pay anything over the phone to incoming calls promising debt relief, loans, or prizes. You might get a voicemail from a 'Maria' at Loan Company 1 about your current loan application. Do not panic. A lot of the time, this is a recorded call, and you aren't speaking to a real person until you start talking. If you did not apply for a loan, feel free to hang up and report that number as spam.

If you are uneasy about the interaction, we recommend checking your credit score with the three major credit bureaus. If you have any sort of Social Security Number alerts set up with a bank, you can always contact them to see if there are any new alerts for your Social Security number.

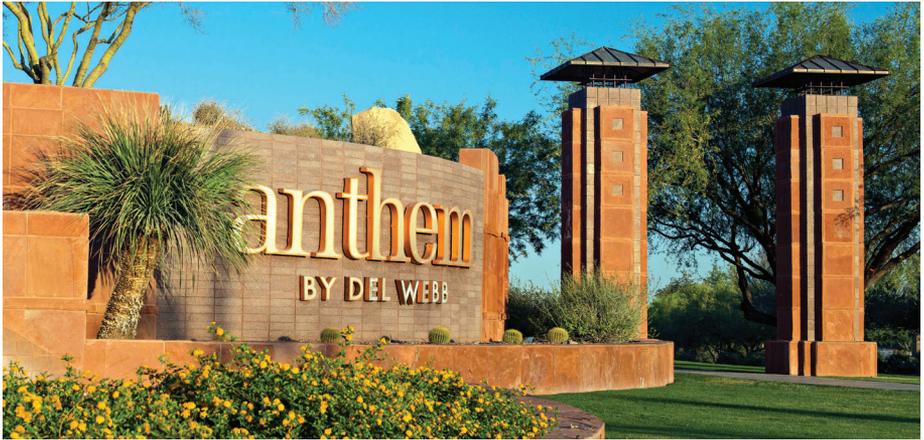
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is usually something  
off about them”**

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Scammers are predatory. They prey on those who are vulnerable and hope that they catch you off guard enough that you give them what they are looking for. Remember, do not panic. Trust your instincts and follow the Do's and Don'ts on this page. There are so many more tips and tricks to avoid being scammed, so we urge you to do your own research and always take your time. Your data is personal and should only be shared with your explicit consent and understanding.

If you are someone you know is a victim of Elder Abuse/Fraud, please report it to the authorities and also the Internet Crime Complain Center with the FBI at 1-833-373-8311.



### Anthem Parkside

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## Leadership Update: Community Manager Transition

After 17 years of dedicated service, Mary Beth Zahn will be retiring from her role as Community Manager for the Anthem Parkside Community Association (APCA). Mary Beth's last day with the APCA will be March 2.

Throughout her tenure, Mary Beth has been an integral part of the Parkside community and the APCA organization. Her knowledge, leadership, and steady presence have helped guide the community through years of growth and change. She has built strong relationships with residents, board members, and partners alike, and her commitment to Parkside has left a lasting impact. We are deeply grateful for her many years of service and wish her all the best in a well-deserved retirement.

As we wish Mary Beth a fond farewell, we are pleased to welcome Meghann Hill, who stepped into the role of Community Manager for APCA on February 26. Meghann previously served as the Community Manager for the Anthem Country Club Community Association

and brings valuable experience, familiarity with the Anthem community, and a strong commitment to homeowner service.

We look forward to Meghann's leadership and are confident she will be a great resource for the Parkside community as she transitions into her new role. A big thank you to Mary Beth for her many years of outstanding service, and a warm welcome to Meghann as she joins the APCA.

## Thinking About Updating Your Home's Exterior?

Planning to boost your curb appeal, add a pool, or install new hardscape features? Before you get started, be sure to review the Parkside Design Guidelines—they're your go-to resource for keeping projects compliant and moving smoothly.

## Review & Submit Before You Build

All exterior changes must be reviewed and approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) before work begins. Be sure to review the APCA Design Guidelines and submit an Exterior Change Application for ARC approval prior to starting your project.

You can access the Design Guidelines online or request a copy by emailing [staff@anthemparkside.org](mailto:staff@anthemparkside.org). For questions regarding your project or the application process, please contact APCA staff at 623-742-4563.

The ARC meets twice each month, and meeting dates and links are available on the online calendar. Taking a few extra steps up front helps ensure your project stays on track and protects the look and value of our community!

\*All documents can [anthemcouncil.com/201/Architectural-Landscape-Modifications](http://anthemcouncil.com/201/Architectural-Landscape-Modifications)



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## Upcoming Board meetings

Board meetings are held quarterly and will be posted in advance on the community calendar. Meetings are held at 6 p.m. at the Anthem Civic Building. Meetings are open to all residents; attendance at all sessions is encouraged.



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## Home Updates: Apply to Comply

If you're planning to update your home's curb appeal, such as painting the exterior, replacing windows/doors, making landscape or hardscape changes, be sure to review the ACCCA Design Guidelines and submit an Exterior Change Application to the Lifestyle Enhancement Committee (LEC) for review and approval before starting work.

**A simple rule of thumb:** ALL exterior modifications must be approved by the LEC. You can view a copy of the Design Guidelines



online or by contacting the ACCCA office at 623-742-4555. ACCCA staff are happy to answer any questions you may have regarding exterior modifications to your home.

\*All documents can be found on the website at [anthemcouncil.com/DocumentCenter/Index/62](http://anthemcouncil.com/DocumentCenter/Index/62)

## ACCCA Quarterly Board and Annual Meeting

The ACCCA Quarterly Board Meeting and Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at the Anthem Civic Building. The Board meeting will start at 6:30 p.m., and the Annual Meeting will begin immediately after the Board Meeting ends. All Country Club residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

## View Fence Painting

The Anthem Community Council will be conducting view fence painting throughout the Country Club community this spring. These are the common-area fences that back to a street or wash. All view fences will be painted Country Club Brown.

### What to Expect

Premier Painting will paint the inside and outside of view fences on the common-area side(s) only. Residents will receive a notice 7–10 days prior to painting in their neighborhood.

### What Residents Must Do

Before your scheduled paint date, please remove the following from your fence line:

- All plants and vegetation along the fence (minimum 6-inch clearance required)
- Rabbit or snake fencing
- Anything attached to the fence

### Upcoming Neighborhoods & Dates

Barrington – March 10  
 Laurel Greens – April 2  
 Windham – April 9  
 Torrey Pines – April 21  
 Candlewyck – April 30

**Please note:** A \$60 callback fee will apply if a fence is skipped because it was not properly cleared.



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## 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Expo

**March 14 & 15 | 10 a.m.-4 p.m. •**

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### Enjoy these events all weekend:

- Business Expo & craft vendors
- Brown's Amusements Carnival *(starts Thursday)*
- Food Court and Rotary Beer Garden
- Kids' Zone *(with inflatables; fees apply)*
- LIVE music all weekend

### SATURDAY-ONLY EVENTS

- LIVE Music by Sedona Red • 11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY-ONLY EVENTS

- Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt  
*(featuring Peter Cottontail and the Hippy Hop Band)*
- LIVE Music by Vixanne • 11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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- Sunday:** 12 noon-10 p.m.

*Times subject to change. All-you-can-ride bracelets will be available during select hours. Eligible hours will be posted online.*

*Coupons available at the ACC booth during event. Advance coupon locations are posted online.*

## EGG HUNT SCHEDULE

### Sunday, March 25

Softball Field #1	Softball Field #4
11:20 a.m. – 2 yrs.	10:15 a.m. – Special Needs
11:40 a.m. – 4 yrs.	11:30 a.m. – 3 yrs.
Noon – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	11:50 a.m. – 5 yrs./Grade K
12:20 p.m. – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	12:10 p.m. – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
12:40 p.m. – 2 yrs.	12:30 p.m. – 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades
1 p.m. – 4 yrs.	12:50 p.m. – 3 yrs.
1:20 p.m. – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	1:10 p.m. – 5 yrs./Grade K
1:40 p.m. – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	1:30 p.m. – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
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## Poly to PVC: Why Anthem Made the Switch

Contributed by  
William Redford,  
DLC Resources  
Field Manager



In partnership with the Anthem Council Board, DLC Resources has been working to convert your irrigation pipes over the past few months. We plan to start our next phase of this project soon, from Gavilan Peak Parkway to Memorial Drive. There are many important reasons for this switch; the wear and tear on the old pipes was noticeable and ready for replacement. We wanted to provide Anthem Council with something long-lasting and durable. We put in the effort at your HOA's request to switch the Community irrigation pipes from Polyethylene (poly) to Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC). We wanted to address why this change is for the better and how it will assist your Community.



Crews working on new PVC pipe installations across Anthem Council

### Key Differences

There are some crucial differences between the two. Mainly, PVC lasts significantly longer than poly pipes. The fact that they are not metal makes it impossible for them rust or

degrade beyond repair from chemical erosion. Poly, on the other hand, tends to break more frequently, and traditional water treatment chemicals can cause these pipes to crack and become brittle in as little as two or three decades.

Our goal with using PVC was to avoid poly's troubles to the best of our ability. By investing in a longer-lasting product, we can help ensure that irrigation problems occur less often. It has even been reported to us by Council's sister Community, Anthem Parkside, that since their recent transition to PVC, they have experienced fewer irrigation-related issues, saving them time and money.

### How Did Changing to PVC Help?

So, they break less. How does that help me exactly? In many ways, you may not even notice. You may have seen that some of the plants around are living longer or look more vibrant. That is because they are actually getting water that the old, cracked pipes were not giving them. The old systems were heavily damaged, and about 75% of the property was not getting proper irrigation. So, if you like pretty, healthy plants in the summertime, the PVC pipes are to thank for keeping them well hydrated and living longer. It will even allow our crews to install different non-desert-adapted plants because we can now deliver water to them more efficiently!

In addition, if your landscapers don't have to repair the irrigation system as much, we don't have to put the pipes down and repair them often, we can spend more time on other areas around your Community. We also found that water bills are lower in part due to this piping change. Less water is being wasted or spilled out due to damage, so you're actually paying less overall for irrigation costs, an excellent return on investment for you.

We want to make your Community function as easily and efficiently as possible. These pipe transitions will do just that. We hope that, with the arrival of these new pipes, your Community's greenery will remain healthy and a sight to see in the warmer months.

If any issues arise with them, please notify your HOA so they can let us know. If you have any other questions about water use, we recommend Water Use It Wisely, a government-run organization focused on water conservation.

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## How Does Our Anthem Garden Grow?

Contributed by  
Barry Allan,  
Master Gardener



The short answer to the title question is...“with a wheelbarrow full of assorted tools and a very large package of tender loving care, in perpetuity”. When all is said and done though, how our garden grows is up to us, isn't it? It's an extension of us. It is our child and balks at neglect; swooning when a dry spell is sensed by its complex root systems; and radiating with delight when all its wants and needs are being tended to. Plus, we all live in a north valley HOA community, and there are rules to follow regarding our choice of how, what and where we plant.

Just as important, irrigation is now a much bigger factor than years ago. Our gardens are constantly adjusting to the climate, and how we water and feed them. What grew twenty-five years ago has no guarantee it will continue to grow as well in severe drought conditions of today. It is like dealing with the fickle finger of fate. You plant at your own risk if you haven't factored in the new weather patterns and the food and watering needs of your plants, in the setting you have

created. If you depend on your landscape maintenance contractor to adjust your garden watering system, or do it yourself, you might be interested in some feedback on how to minimize your water usage and still maximize the growth of your garden. So how do you figure it out? I've given you some tips on the next page for conserving water, but I will address irrigation ideas in the next issue of this Anthem Way Publication.

With these type of questions, and many more in mind, the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension program created an HOA Landscape Outreach initiative in 2025 that strives to bring together property managers, landscape providers, HOA residents, and municipalities to aid in identifying community needs. As a member of the Maricopa County Master Gardener HOA Focus Group, I share being responsible for helping to disseminate outreach materials, offering guidance, and building local stewardship with the Anthem HOA communities through the Anthem Community Council. I've lived in Anthem since 2001, and watched our community grow. We are all blessed to have a top-notch self-governing Council and professional staff to keep us moving forward. Our property, though, is up to us, so for starters, please know the UA Maricopa County Extension has a library of publications, and volunteer Master Gardeners to answer your garden-related questions.



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## **Water Conservation Tips for Anthem Residents**

Adapted by **Barry Allan** from *EnviroInsight, Inc., Watershed Info No 1145* by **Dan Salzler**

### **Plants:**

- ✓ Group and plant low water use and drought tolerant grass, shrubs, and trees.
- ✓ Minimize turf / grass areas.
- ✓ Water plants only to the point where the soil can absorb the water or only when necessary.
- ✓ Avoid over-fertilizing. This increases plant growth and plant water demand.
- ✓ Water deeply but less frequently and use 2 to 3 inches of mulch around plants.
- ✓ Weed yards and gardens frequently. Weeds compete for nutrients and water.

### **Water Systems:**

- ✓ Regularly maintain all hoses, connectors, sprinkler systems and spigots.
- ✓ Install a water-efficient drip irrigation system.
- ✓ Adjust sprinklers so only the targeted plants are watered, not the sidewalk or driveway.

- ✓ Shut off automatic watering systems when it rains heavily.

### **Minimize Evaporation:**

- ✓ Water early in the morning when the temperatures are cooler.
- ✓ Reduce evaporation by using covers on swimming pools and spas.



## MARCH

### 3<sup>rd</sup> | PUBLIC SAFETY ROUNDTABLE

2 p.m.  
Civic Building

### 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> | MARKET IN THE PARK

9 a.m.  
Community Park

### 14-15<sup>th</sup> | ANTHEM DAYS

3 p.m.  
Civic Building

### 24<sup>th</sup> | ACC FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

3 p.m.  
Civic Building

### 25<sup>th</sup> | ACC BOARD MEETING

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> | ACCA BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

3 p.m.  
Civic Building

### 4<sup>th</sup> | Touch-a-Truck

9 a.m.  
Community Park

### 11<sup>th</sup> | GO GREEN

8 a.m.  
Community Park

### 12<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> | MARKET IN THE PARK

9 a.m.  
Community Park

### 16<sup>th</sup> | PARKSIDE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6 p.m.  
Civic Building

### 21<sup>st</sup> | ACC FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

3 p.m.  
Civic Building

### 22<sup>nd</sup> | ACC BOARD MEETING

6:30 p.m.  
Civic Building

### 23<sup>rd</sup> | Anthem Business Support Committee Meeting

3:30 p.m.  
Civic Building

### 23<sup>rd</sup> | ACCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6:30 p.m.  
Civic Building

*Not a comprehensive list; refer to the Activities Guide and community calendar online for a full list of upcoming meetings and programs: [AnthemCouncil.com/calendar](http://AnthemCouncil.com/calendar).*