

Rancho Primero News

Rancho Primero HOA

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Newsletter

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Did you ever notice what a welcoming and International-American neighborhood we have? I haven't done an accurate survey, but it appears we have neighbors from: Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle East and New Zealand. We have babies, small children, teenagers, working people, retired people, generations A-Z, Republicans, Democrats and Independents.

How great is that!

POOL INFORMATION



Through the past eight months, the requirement of signing up for pool times has given us an unexpected opportunity to track usage of one of the HOA's major amenities.

We thought that sharing this information may be interesting to residents. Understanding, of course, a sign-up may not have resulted in pool use during the chosen hour.

The pool was opened with restrictions on August 15th. Twenty-five households submitted waivers to use the pool. There are 78 homes in Rancho Primero.

POOL USAGE WEEKLY AVERAGE PER MONTH

Months	Hours	Number of Families
Aug.	30	13
Sept.	20	12
Oct.	19	5
Nov.	15	3
Dec.	7	1
Closed - Jan./Feb. 2021	0	0
Open - Mar./Dec. 2022	No Data	

NATURE NEWS

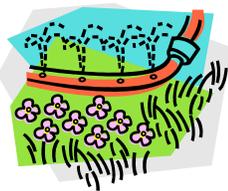
Thanks to some energetic neighbors: Bob & Robin Randall, Sara Harper, Edel Doharty, John Tortorice, Tom Harrigan and maybe a few others, we have a lovely new nature path that wanders from the Wine Plum Cul de Sac to the Yellow Wood/Squirrel Cul de Sac.

Perfect Tree for the Sonoran Desert

The Velvet Mesquite (*Prosopis Velutina*) is native to the Sonoran Desert and plays a vital role in its ecology. It was once widespread in the Tucson area, and it was possible to walk along the Santa Cruz River in the shade of these trees many years ago. An example of a fully grown tree is located on Yellow Wood Trail, you know, the huge one that hangs out over the sidewalk and takes up the whole front yard! It's a beauty.

It's approximately 50 years old. Luckily, the tree was spared when Rancho Primero was being built, and landscaped. Space was allotted for it to grow and spread. It is estimated that a fully grown tree can produce enough oxygen for four adults to consume in the course of a year. Walk slowly under it on the sidewalk and breathe deeply! The role of these trees play in offering shade, food, the buffering of noise, it's resilience to disease and drought (tap root can reach down 175 ft.) and longevity make it the tree of choice in our desert!

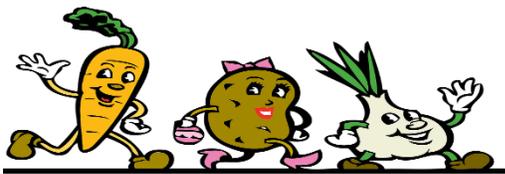
Water/Landscaping



Homeowners will provide water for front landscaping starting sometime later this year.

Landscapers will continue to maintain front yards, trimming, cleaning, etc., but water must be connected to homeowners' water. Details and specifics will be worked out throughout this year.

Places nearby to visit again



Rillito Farmer's Market, Sundays 9am to 1pm

St. Phillips Market, Saturdays 9 to 2

Tohono Chul Botanical Garden and Bistro
7366 N. Paseo del Norte

Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens
4210 N. Campbell

UofA West Campus Agricultural Center
Campbell Ave. Access

SMILE

HOA BOARD CHANGES

This year Bill Burrus resigned as treasurer and has been replaced by Peter Fidel.

Alice Gordon resigned and has been replaced by John Tortorice.

Welcome to these brave souls!!

Speaking of Alice, you know, the one who walks up and down 1st Ave every Saturday and Sunday picking up trash. Loretta Weber used to help her, but is unable to do that anymore.

Is there anyone who would like to volunteer to help Alice? If so, give her a call at 544-7320. She'd love company.

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