Ballots due March 16

Ballots for the Anthem Parkside Community Association (APCA) Board of Directors and the Anthem Community Council (ACC) election were mailed at the end of February. For those who did not receive a ballot, please contact the APCA office at 623-742-4563. Parkside residents are encouraged to submit ballots by electronic vote (E-Vote) or return printed ballots to the HOA office in the Anthem Civic Building. Please do not vote both electronically and by paper ballot. If both media are used, the electronic ballot will override the paper ballot. Voting ends on March 16 at 5 p.m. for paper ballots and midnight for electronic voting.

It’s very important to take the time to review the candidate bios provided online. With questions regarding the voting process, or if a new ballot is required, please contact the APCA office.

Important Reminder
To elect members as directors on the Boards of the HOA and the ACC, all ballots must include a signature in order to be counted. Therefore, for online ballots, a 16-digit key assigned to homeowners will serve as an electronic signature. For absentee ballots or those mailed in, a signature on the envelope will be required. However, ballots will be separated from the envelopes containing the signatures and be shuffled before being counted, ensuring that the votes are considered “secret ballots.”
Join the APCA at Anthem Days!
The APCA Board of Directors and staff will once again have a booth at the annual Anthem Days event, taking place March 24 & 25. Board members and staff will be available to address any homeowner questions or concerns as well as hosting a fun giveaway. We encourage you to come out to the free, family-friendly event, and stop by the APCA booth to get to know the resident volunteers that serve as your board of directors.

Report a lost pet
If you have lost a pet, or found one wandering around without its owner, it’s best to report it right away. But who should you report it to? If you can safely contain the animal, here are some useful tips:

- If the dog is wearing a current Maricopa County tag, call 602-506-PETS (7387) and follow the prompts to retrieve the owner’s phone number.
- If the dog or cat is wearing any other type of ID, attempt to contact the owner using the information on the ID.
- Take the animal to a local vet or shelter to be scanned for a microchip (call ahead to make sure they have scanning capabilities).
- Contact Anthem Pets, a non-profit, No Kill rescue and animal welfare program at 480-287-3542 or visit their website at anthempets.org.

To report a lost pet, please complete a lost pet form and upload a recent photo. If you have found a pet, please complete the found pet form and upload a photo. All forms can be found at anthempets.org.

Proper trash can placement reminder
Trash cans for pick-up should be placed curbside and not on sidewalks. Placing trash cans on sidewalks block pedestrian traffic. Below are additional tips provided by Republic Services:

- Leave (3) feet between containers for easy access to drivers.
- Keep containers a minimum of six (6) feet away from cars, boats, and other stationary objects to avoid risk of private property damage.
- Place containers curbside with lid opening facing the street.

Please be aware that trash containers should be placed curbside no earlier than 5 p.m. the day before collection and should be returned out of sight by 9 a.m. the day following collection. If your container was missed during the pick-up process, call Republic Services at 602-237-2078 or City of Phoenix at 602-262-6011.

Spring is almost here
With the warmer weather rapidly approaching, it’s time to prepare your landscape for the spring and summer season. Trimming your plants and shrubs now for the upcoming season will shorten the amount of time you spend in your yard later.

Natural pruning is beneficial to the plants and allows them to grow without a lot of cutting later. The trimming should begin anytime between the last frost day and the spring flush, usually around mid-March.

For shrubs, a good rule of thumb is to cut the plant down approximately 1/3 of its current height. Most standard shrubs, like Texas sage, desert rubella and cassias can be trimmed back this way. Ground cover should be cut to just a few inches above the ground. Almost all groundcovers can be trimmed in this manner, the most common being lantanas. If you are not sure how much to cut certain plants and shrubs, call and ask your local nursery.

Using the natural pruning practice will ensure less time on yard work and help you maintain a healthy, naturally beautiful yard all season.

Wall & fence painting schedule for 2018
The ACC, which is responsible for maintaining the back-view fencing and exterior block walls of the Parkside community, has announced the 2018 schedule for wall and fence painting. The paint schedule is based on an every seven-year cycle for exterior block walls and every five years for iron view fences. The following is the approved 2018 painting schedule for March through April (dates are tentative and subject to change).

Iron Fence Painting
- Unit 7 Traditions (1): March 6
- Unit 8 Traditions (2): March 12
- Unit 9 Inspirations (1): March 22
- Unit 51 Legend: March 28
- Unit 55 Aurora: April 2
- Unit 57 Firethorn: April 3
- Unit 63 Joshua: April 11
- Unit 91 Mariposa: April 18

Block Wall Painting
- Unit 22 The Landing: April 23
- Unit 24 The Club: April 13
- Unit 46 Traditions: April 29
- Unit 51 Legend: April 30
- Unit 55 Aurora: April 2
- Unit 57 Firethorn: April 3
- Unit 59 Tulip: April 18
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Homewoners will receive a notification letter from Premier Painting with a hand-delivered or taped to the garage, ten days prior to fence painting in the applicable neighborhood.

Protect your home by keeping it secure
The Parkside community has a wonderful reputation and a sense of security so let’s continue to preserve its wonderful, livable, safe, and vibrant neighborhoods. By taking basic common-sense precautions that remove opportunities for crime we can further reduce property crimes in our neighborhoods and make them safer.

- Make sure that the garage door is always kept closed so that the contents aren’t visible to anyone passing by.
- Lock your car and secure your valuables in the trunk or covered storage area of your SUV when running errands. Be sure to take your valuables inside when you get home.
- Don’t leave your doors unlocked.
- Be aware of door-to-door salespersons, petitioners, and people delivering flyers in your neighborhoods. While most of these people are legitimate, some are trying doors and making note of those residences where no one appears to be home. If you see someone suspicious in your neighborhood, call MCSO Crime Stop at 602-876-8477 or Phoenix Police Dept. non-emergency line at 602-262-6151, and dispatch a detailed description of the individual and a direction of travel.

Anthem Pet Rescue of Arizona has partnered with the ACC, which is responsible for maintaining the back-view fencing and exterior block walls of the Parkside community, to announce the 2018 schedule for wall and fence painting. The paint schedule is based on an every seven-year cycle for exterior block walls and every five years for iron view fences. The following is the approved 2018 painting schedule for March through April (dates are tentative and subject to change).

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