



SCW PRIDES  
Proud Residents Involved in Doing Environmental  
Services  
a 501(C)(3) Charitable Organization

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## Fall 2019 Newsletter

### President's Message

Greetings fellow PRIDES members!

The seasons roll around too quickly to think about what to say in this newsletter. To those of you who stayed here this summer, I hope you endured the heat reasonably well and made the most of your summer. To those who departed back to your home state, I hope all has gone well for you.

An important order of business is to request/solicit your assistance in recruiting a couple of new members to serve in the shop maintenance department, most specifically, during the summer and fall seasons.

Fall is the time of the year when we think about the one and only fundraiser of our organization. The Luminaria committee has been very active performing administrative duties for several months. There will be a number of planning sessions that will begin in earnest in mid- October through the sandbagging party in early November. Please support the organization by volunteering to sell kits at Bob's Variety. In addition, it is very important to support the fundraiser by actively promoting the program within your neighborhood.

The election of Board members will occur at the November general meeting. There is one vacancy that has occurred and there are always three board seats where the three year term will expire. In order to ensure the organization remains strong and viable for the decades to come, it is important to have members volunteer to serve in a leadership role. The teamwork and camaraderie of the Board members serve to make for a very satisfying and rewarding experience. PLEASE STEP UP TO THE PLATE!

### 2019/2020 Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, Payday & General Meeting  
Luminaria Sign-ups
- Nov. 9, **No Work** (Veterans Day weekend)
- Nov. 11, Luminaria Sales begin at Bob's
- Nov. 16, Payday & General Meeting
- Nov. 30, **No Work** (Thanksgiving weekend)
- Dec. 14, No Meeting
- Dec. 18, Christmas Dinner at Corte Bella
- Dec. 21, **No Work** (Christmas)
- Dec. 28, **No Work** (New Year's)
- Jan. 18, **No Work** (MLK Day weekend)
- Jan. 25, Payday & General Meeting
- Feb. 8, ARC car show **no work** on RH Johnson & Meeker
- Feb. 15, Payday & General Meeting
- Mar. 25, Spring Picnic
- Mar. 28, Payday & General Meeting
- Apr. 1, Summer Hours Begin 6:30-8:00 AM
- Apr. 11, **No Work** (Easter weekend)
- Apr. 18, Payday & General Meeting
- May 16, Payday & General Meeting
- May 23, **No Work** (Memorial Day Weekend)
- June – August, Summer Recess

### Horticulture News

After observations from our own members and feedback from others in the community we notice that the landscaping along the Boulevards could use some updating. The Board is in the process of developing a task force of PRIDES members and others in the community to develop a long range plan for revitalizing and updating the landscape on the Boulevards; RH Johnson from Grand to Bell Rd and Meeker from Grand to RH Johnson. Therefore there will be no planting in those areas this fall but please continue to maintain the plants and flowers in your sections. It would be a good time to remove some of the older plants that are overgrown or no longer attractive.

*Diane Rice, Horticulture Team*



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**LUMINARIA PROGRAM KICKOFF**

**LUMINARIA 2019** kicks off at our Pay Day, October 19<sup>th</sup> and **YES, WE NEED YOU.** I would like to welcome Wendy Venske as my co-LUMINARIA Coordinator. She'll be a great asset as we get the sales event underway for our LUMINARIA 2019 project. Thank you, Wendy for stepping up.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?** Think about helping with sand bagging at the shop November 6<sup>th</sup>, become a monitor and/or seller. We require two shifts per day, 6 days a week, Monday thru Saturday. We start selling LUMINARIA kits at Bob's Variety on November 11<sup>th</sup> at about 9:00 a.m. We also need a couple people to assist Steve Johnson with Signage in the community. We have something to do for everyone, so please consider volunteering today. Sign up at the back tables on October 19<sup>th</sup>. *See you at 9:00 at the Foundation for coffee and a donut.*

Please remember **THIS IS SCW PRIDES ONLY FUNDRAISER.** Purchase LUMINARIA kits and also volunteer. Calls to Judy @ 623-296-8129 or Wendy @ 414-476-7605.

*Judy Zimmer, Luminaria Coordinator*



President's Message continued.....

The vacancy on the Board has occurred since Diane Rice has decided to downsize from her house to a condominium in Grand. To serve on the Board, a member must be a resident of SCW. However, a nonresident may serve in any other capacity if they so desire. PRIDES is very fortunate that Diane wishes to continue to remain very active in our organization, for which we are very pleased and grateful. Diane, on behalf of the Board and members, I want to thank you for your dedicated service to the Board for the past five years!

We will close out 2019 by having an evening Christmas dinner at Corte Bella this year. Additional information will be provided in a special newsletter accompanied by a registration form.

**BEST WISHES TO ALL!**  
*Ralph Johnson, President*

**PRIDES supports the  
American Cancer Society**

**SAVE THE DATE**



Once again PRIDES is forming a Relay for Life Team! We will be fundraising and participating in the **Relay for Life of the Sun Cities on February 23, 2020.** There are two ways you can get involved...

First, join our team! We have a great time. You could help with fundraising, help set-up at the event, sell 50/50 tickets, sell hot chocolate...Sign up online at [Relayforlife.com/thesuncitiesaz](http://Relayforlife.com/thesuncitiesaz) or contact any team member.

Second, please support our team by making a donation either online or at meetings.

For more information about getting involved please contact Lisa Safago at 262-210-6416 or [safago.lisa@gmail.com](mailto:safago.lisa@gmail.com).

Proud to be a PRIDE,  
Your 2020 Relay for Life PRIDES Team Captain,  
*Lisa Safago*