



# PRIDES Newsletter September 2022

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Kathy Estes chats with a Maricopa County worker. Maricopa County rocks!

### Special Events for Recruiting...

#### SAVE THE DATES:

Would you like to talk with members of the community about the wonderful world of PRIDES?

#### DATES FOR ALL SCW CLUB EXPO'S

(These are being done in the place of the "Newcomers" events)

- Wednesday, October 5 - Beardsley, 11am - 1pm
- Thursday, October 13 - Stardust Golf Course, 11am - 1pm
- Wednesday, October 19 - Palm Ridge, 11am - 1pm
- Thursday, October 20 - PORA Fall Vendor Expo, RHJ 10am-2pm
- Wednesday, November 2 - Kuentz, 11am - 1pm
- Wednesday, November 9th - RHJ, 10am - 1pm

We will have a table at these events and would like your help passing out information and sharing the great work of PRIDES with those who visit. Let's get the word out! Choose one date or several, you can sign up with a friend. Please send an email to [scwprides@gmail.com](mailto:scwprides@gmail.com) or call the office and leave a message if you can help out.

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

WOW! We have had our share of humidity this summer. It has been a tough monsoon season. Thanks to all that have worked this summer, you have earned it. Everyone has been thrilled seeing the rains energize the weeds. We will be scheduling with the County to spray pre-emergent. They use a liquid, so it does not need to be watered in.

Over the summer, as soon as the County has placed the cones on Saturday mornings, I have seen vehicles drop inside the cones to turn left at a corner. The driver will pop out and move the cone 2-3 feet so they can complete the turn. When you see the last cone that blocks the turn lane out of place, please replace it. We will be putting pictures and articles in the papers to highlight the offense. We always need to emphasize safety, including educating the public.

In late September and October, we will be replacing shrubs that have died. Please do not automatically replace in kind. Some plants live well in wider medians but not so well when closer to curbs and stones. The ground temperature may have been the problem. As the median narrows, use what we have learned are the hardiest plants, even switching to cactus.

Do not forget, when you are at your clubs, your church, or your individual gatherings, please recruit for the PRIDES by letting folks know how rewarding it is to have a clean, colorful community. Only 90 minutes on Saturdays makes a huge difference.

A big "Thank You" to our Irrigation Team and Maintenance Team. They have worked extra hard in the heat to keep the water flowing and the equipment running.

THANK YOU!!  
**Gary Schrorer**  
President

### September/October Schedule

- Sept. 3 - No Work  
Happy Labor Day!
- Sept. 10 - Work Day
- Sept. 17 - Work Day,  
It's Pay Day,  
Membership Meeting!
- Sept. 24 - Work Day
- Oct. 1, 8 - Work Days
- Oct. 15 - Work Day  
Appreciation Breakfast  
Membership Meeting  
Merchandise for Sale
- Oct. 22, 29 - Work Days

September Payday  
Bashas' Donuts  
SHOUT OUT TO:

Thank You!

Deb Vallow

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### Monitors Corner

Monitors, it's time to start planning for and requesting new or replacement plants for your Sections. The process is as follows:

1. Check that you have **working irrigation** for all new plantings. If needed, contact the Irrigation Team for repairs. Plants cannot be planted until there is working irrigation.

2. Select your plant(s) from the **PRIDES Plant Selection List**. Remember, the plants you select must be placed in a location that will accommodate the full mature size of the plant. You may find the Plant Selection List on our website under "Landscaping Resources."

3. Complete the **Plant Request Form**. This form is available in the Office, in the Garage or on our website, under "Forms, Links, and Documents."

4. **Return your completed form** to the Office, the box in the garage near the workbench, or to any Horticulture Team member.

5. Wait. You will be contacted by a Horticulture Team member with your approval. Once approved, purchases may be made.

You will NOT be reimbursed for any plant purchased without a completed request form and written approval. Please contact any Horticulture Team member with questions.

### Did You Know?

- We were given a donation of a pickup truck from Firestone Tire, Thank you, Catherine Moreland!
- There are FREE Bashes donuts for you at our PayDay Meeting on September 17th at 8 AM. See you at the Foundation!
- We have ordered two new golf carts to replace the oldest carts in our fleet which are beyond repair.



### September Anniversaries CONGRATULATIONS!

Anne Grilli	16 years
Tom Grilli	16 years
Alan Russell	13 years
Cheryl Loop	11 years
Daniel Loop	11 years
Richard Paulsen	9 years
Ken Fecko	8 years
Barbara Ryman	8 years
Sally Hamill	6 years
Hugh Leedy	6 years

### Thank YOU Irrigation Team!

Lead: Mike Radtke  
Team Members: George Carr, Victoria Dumbacher, Melinda Fish, Dave Hill, Jim Jones, John Kershaw, John Quinn, Jim McLeod, and Ken Weaver

### The Horticulture Team...

Do you have questions about plants, planting, irrigation, etc?

**Please contact us!**

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