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PRIDES 40th Anniversary Celebration

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April Schedule
SUMMER HOURS BEGIN!

6:30 - 8 AM

April 1 - Work Day

April 8 - No Work - Happy Easter

April 15 - Work Day

April 22 - Work Day & Pay Day

April 29 - Work Day

May Schedule

May 6 - Work Day

May 13 - Work Day

May 20 - Work Day & Pay Day

May 27 - Work Day



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We would like to take this opportunity to give a very big thank you to each and every PRIDES member and Lions Club members who volunteered for our PRIDES 40th Anniversary Celebration. From our awesome 40th Anniversary committee who handled all the different components of a parade, open house and BBQ, to parade set up and to cart drivers & riders, to cleaning of garage, community contacts for basket give aways, to servers, & registration help.

To all of you who came to the parade, open house and BBQ, it was a fun and successful day.

Once a PRIDES always a PRIDES,
Judy Zimmer Wendy Venske



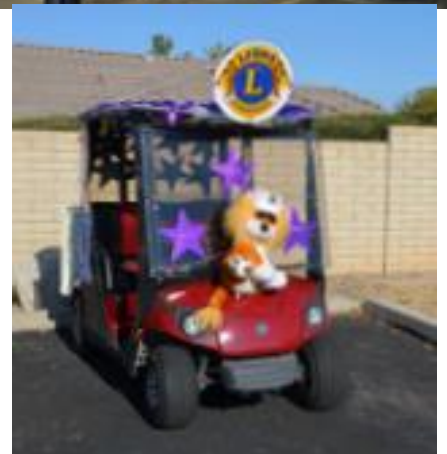
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President's Message

Just a short message this month. With the weather getting warmer, vehicular speed will be increasing on our streets. Combined with all the construction (near Grandview Golf Course, RH Johnson Blvd., and Deer Valley) our Saturday morning orange cones are arranged differently. When a "private" activity, such as the water project along Meeker, has a lane blocked off the County is not allowed to block a second lane. We will be working with the County to place cones

everywhere they are legally allowed, which means we may have the inside lane blocked
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April Anniversaries CONGRATULATIONS!

Moe Brubaker 15 years David DeFrance 7 Years John Kershaw 4 Years Val Kuhn 20 Years Carol Nelson 15 Years Molly Osborne 6 Years Mike Radtke 7 Years Maureen Smith 4 Years

Given this situation, which may last longer than we'd like, we need to observe new guidelines.

The first is, absolutely no working "in" any street not blocked off with cones. Every one must remain safely on the median

on

the unblocked side. Please stay at least 3 feet from the curb. Unfortunately, this means no sweeping of the curb area. STAY AWAY FROM THE STREET! Any area that has normal County cone placement, work as usual. Try to put trash bags on the “coned side” because the County will have the same problem we do when collecting the trash on Monday.

The second safety precaution is – please work in pairs in these areas. We need to be as visible as possible! Even though the curbs may not be as clean as normal, we will be working with the County to

have their street sweepers working more often helping us maintain to our standards.

Thanks, and be very safe!!!!

Gary

Your 2023 PRIDES Board Members and Officers

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Horticulture Team

How to Trim Large Tree Branches

From the

A problem with trimming heavy tree branches is the weight of the branch breaks the cut and strips the bark from the trunk of the tree. To avoid this, use the three-cut method. The **first cut** is on the branch about 6 inches from the trunk.

This is an UNDERCUT. Cut up from the bottom of the branch but only cut into the branch about a one-third to one-half way through the branch.

The **second cut** is about 2 inches from the undercut and about 8 inches from the trunk. This is a normal cut from the top of the branch to the bottom. If the weight of the branch starts to strip the bark the stripping will stop when it reaches cut 1.

The **third and final cut** is the 8-inch stub remaining. The stub is lighter in weight and easier to cut. Cut through the branch near the trunk avoiding the "branch bark collar". The branch bark collar is the wrinkled bark and swelling on the trunk where the branch connects to the trunk. The cut will heal quicker with less risk of infection if the branch bark collar is left intact.

Submitted by, Bruce Kilbride

Low Water Use Plant Lists

Below you will find low-water-use plant lists for the different regions of Arizona, as well as a wide range of helpful information for creating and maintaining Arizona friendly landscapes. These lists do not replace our PRIDES "Approved Plant List" but you might find the information interesting.

Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR)
Active Management Areas Low Water Use & Drought Tolerant Plant Lists

- [Tucson Active Management Area 5th Management Plan Low Water Use Plant List](#) • [Santa Cruz Active Management Area 5th Management Plan Low Water Use Plant List](#) • [Prescott Active Management Area 5th Management Plan Low Water Use Plant List](#) • [Pinal Active Management Area 4th Management Plan Low Water Use Plant List](#) • [Phoenix Active Management Area 4th Management Plan Low Water Use Plant List](#)

- [Landscape Plants for the Arizona Desert - Arizona Municipal Water Users Association](#)

Do Not Include These in Your Landscape

- [Arizona Invasive Plants](#)

Your 2023 PRIDES Board Members and Officers

Did You Know? Little things we can do that make a big difference:

- deadhead flowering plants
- rake underneath the shrubs
- smooth/rake the gravel
- remove exposed black plastic

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!

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