



PRIDES Newsletter

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*Proud Residents Involved Doing
Environmental Services*

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PRIDES

40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION!



Friday
March 3
& You are
INVITED!

Parade 11 o'clock Route TBA
Open House 12-3 Prides Garage
Short Program Who we are. What we do.
Thank you for your support!
Treats & Snacks
Sign up for door Prizes
Raffle Tickets - 50/50
Need not be present to win.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy Holidays to all! We wish all members and families have safe, healthy, and fun Holidays.

A special thanks to Dick McBee and Paul Kunze for time served on our Board. Both are prime examples of awesome members with their willingness to do what it takes weekly in the field and their participation with leading our organization.

While we are working in our Sections, let's keep an eye out for folks that are focused on other things than driving and riding bikes. Never assume our blocked off lanes will be free of vehicles. Look before stepping off the curb!

As we reported in our Annual Meeting, we will be creating a few standing committees soon. Our intent is to make our organization safer, growing, more efficient, and to let our community know how rewarding it is to be a PRIDE. We have the experience and knowledge in our membership, so why not capitalize?

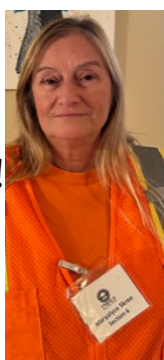
Enjoy the Season, eat and drink in moderation, but have good times in excess!

Gary Schrorer
President

Meet Your New PRIDES Board of Directors



Congratulations!



Maryalyce Skree



Linda Mandowski

Judy Holmen
not pictured

Thank you to our past Board Members
For your dedication and a job well done!



Dick McBee

PRIDES
member since
2015, six years
on Board of
Directors



Paul Kunze

PRIDES
member since
2005, six years
on Board of
Directors

From the Horticulture Team

Here are some tips on getting rid of PESTS on your plants. First of all let's start with the fuzzy white cotton looking stuff that attaches itself to your prickly pears and other cacti in the genus *Opuntia*. This is actually a cocoon of sorts for a future cochineal insect. They thrive on the moist pulp from the cactus and will eventually kill it if not eradicated. The formula you can spray on the affected area is insecticidal soap or a hard blast of water.

Another common pest is a tiny leaf skeletonizer caterpillar that comes up from the soil beneath plants in the genus *Tecoma*, including 'Yellow Bells', 'Orange Bells' and 'Sparky'.

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Did You Know?

Volunteers are needed to help with many tasks for PRIDES 40th Anniversary celebration? We will have a Parade, an Open House, a Bar-B-Que... Help is needed in all areas! Cleaning carts, cleaning the shop, publicity, refreshments table... Contact Judy or Wendy to help out.

Judy Zimmer

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or

Wendy Venske

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Planting in Section 12, top: Suzanne Jones, Brenda McFarland, Cheryl and Dan Loop, bottom: Brenda McFarland and Suzanne Jones

**November Payday
Bashas' Donuts
SHOUT OUT TO:**

**Realty
One Group**

GARY AND TERRIE
SCHROER

Thank You!

December Schedule

Dec. 3 - Work Day

Dec. 10 - Work Day

Dec. 17 - Work Day & Pay Day!

Dec. 24 - No Work

Merry Christmas!

Dec. 31 - No Work

Happy New Year!

January Schedule

Jan. 7 - Work Day

Jan. 14 - Work Day

Jan. 21 - Work Day & Pay Day!

Jan. 28 - Work Day



February 19, 2023

Beardsley Park

3-8 PM

relayforlife.org/thesuncitiesaz

PRIDES has a Team!

Sign Up Now!!

Contact Marilyn Shaw
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December Anniversaries CONGRATULATIONS!

Bud Armstrong	27 Years
William Billinghamurst	6 Years
Jerry Gorden	4 Years
Diana Houlette	12 Years
John Houlette	12 Years
Linda Johnson	9 Years
Ken Larson	25 Years
Joe Lawlor	11 Years
Gary Petersen	4 Years
Lon Pritchard	6 Years
Brian Samuelson	7 Years
Gary Sparr	1 Year
Heidi Wallace	1 Year

From the Horticulture Team continued...

The sure-fire way to kill them is to spray the plant and the soil at the base of the plant with a product called "Thuricide BT." There is some of this in the shop for you to use. If it is gone let one of the Horticulture team members know and we will get more.

Another common pest are those bitey little ants that make nests in the soil. We have stocked an ant killing powder in the shop that seems to work quite well.

Finally, check the trunks of your palm trees. We have been seeing evidence of termites, i.e. termite tubes on some palms. Let a Horticulture Team member know so that they can be treated.

We know that there are other critters out there, some good, some not. Let us know if you need help identifying and treating insects in your Sections.

Your 2023 PRIDES Board Members and Officers

President-Gary Schroer

Vice President-Tom Jones

Secretary-Lisa Safago

Treasurer-Kathy Estes

Associate Treasurer of

Disbursements-Lowell Janssen

Associate Treasurer of

Disbursements-Ron Rada

Associate Treasurer of
Revenue-

Linda Mandoske

Director- Maryalyce Skree

Director- Judy Holmen