



**Have a great summer PRIDES!
Next Newsletter will be in
September**



Your Section Monitors Hard at Work...

Paul Kunze, Jim Jones, Kevin Benjamin, Ralph Johnson, Alan Russell, Lisa Safago, Ron Ryman, Gary Schroer, Diane Rice, Tom Jones, Lowell Janssen, Dotty Derus, Bud Armstrong, Bruce Huston, Kevin Benjamin, & Ron Rada
Also pictured, Bruce Kilbride, Horticulture Committee Chair

From the Horticulture Committee...

Do you have questions about plants, planting, irrigation, etc? Please contact us!

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Summer and triple digits are around the corner. For those here full time, please remember to respect the sun, heat, and water. For all the snowbirds, travel safely and have a great, healthy summer.

Our streets are looking awesome. Thanks to you all, the summer visitors will experience a clean, colorful, and natural look. Since we started our re-vegetation project, one of our goals was to allow our shrubs to live naturally and to have a consistent look throughout. We will appreciate this appearance more as time moves on.

Kent and our maintenance crew does a great job keeping our carts and equipment healthy. If you experience any issues, do not keep it a secret. Let Kent and the guys know about problems timely so we can keep the fixes simple and less expensive. Our Board will be developing an aggressive equipment replacement schedule, so our fleet stays younger than we are.

Tip your hat to the irrigation team. Make it a point to say thanks to these folks for keeping our twenty miles of water flow maintained. Quickly communicate issues to Mike Radke or Jim Jones (Jr.). As often as possible, back-up any verbal requests with texts or written notes that are detailed with the specifics of the problems and the locations.

Let me close in my traditional way by thanking all our volunteer members, all those that work the streets, the shop, the irrigation group, and those behind the scenes that coordinate our operation. THANK YOU!!

Gary Schrorer, President

May, June, July, August Schedules

6:30 AM Start time

May 7, 14 - Work Days

May 21 - Work Day, Pay Day

Membership Meeting

May 28 - No Work,

Happy Memorial Day

June 4, 11, 18, 25 - Work Day

July 2 - No Work,

Happy 4th of July!

July 9, 16, 23, 30 - Work Days

August 6, 13, 20, 27 - Work Days

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

Thank You!



Do you know someone who would like to donate a **small truck or working golf cart**? PRIDES needs to update the fleet. Some of our current fleet have reached their life expectancy, plus a few years. Contact the PRIDES office at scwprides@gmail.com or call the office at 623-584-2878

Monitors Corner

From Vice President Tom Jones...

Monitors should email me any requests or concerns prior to the monthly meeting at transportationdr@aol.com

Please let Kent know of any broken or non-working tools, including the sprayers. The new backpack sprayers seem to have pieces missing and are not emptied when brought back. If you have spraying issues, please leave Tommy Grilli a note on the seat of the spray wagon. Looks like between PRIDES and the County, the weed issue seems to be better.

The County is planning spraying pre-emergent for the weeds and PRIDES has been using the granular Preen. We are looking into a liquid pre-emergent rather than granular.

Snowbirds are leaving and crews will have fewer members each Saturday. If you have a section that needs extra workers please let me know.

The County gave us "eco-friendly" trash bags to try out. They may work fine for leaves, but anything sharp, pokes holes in the plastic bag and the contents spills out. Orange bags and clear bags work best. Be sure not to load the bags too heavy for the County workers to throw them into a dump truck. More bags, less weight, please.

Stay hydrated and safe. The extra cones seem to help at the turn lanes of the roads. See you on "payday."

Your 2022 PRIDES Board Members and Officers

President–Gary Schroer

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Disbursements–Ron Rada

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Director–Paul Kunze

Did You Know?

Did you know that there are over 100 publications on plants, pests, soil, etc. available through the University of Arizona's Cooperative Extension?

We've placed the list of publications on our website. You can also click below to go to the searchable list of topics.

[Searchable List through U of A](#)
[Printable List on our website](#)

Your Horticulture Committee is Here to Help!

We are members who have an interest in the landscape needs that exist in the unique micro-climate along our roadways. One important consideration is *plant placement*. Do new plants have enough space to reach their mature size? Questions about plant selection or placement? Please contact any Horticulture Committee Member listed on the front page.

Ask a Master Gardener

Do you have a garden problem? Need help with your landscape plants? Don't know what to plant or when? Do you want to start a vegetable garden, but don't know where to start?

Ask a Master Gardener

First Saturday of the Month

10:00am-12:00pm

Northwest Branch Library

(Masks Required)

16089 N Bullard

Surprise, AZ

May, June, July, August

Anniversaries

CONGRATULATIONS!

Christine Badke	2 years
Donna Barr	2 years
Maggie Barrett	17 years
Richard Barrett	17 years
Mary Begley	2 years
Jan Benjamin	3 years
Kevin Benjamin	3 years
Steven Benza	7 years
Nancy Billinghurst	4 years
Virginia Brokish	25 years
Sharon Chesney	5 years
Leonard Clark	2 years
Levi Cooley	1 year
Joe DeGumbia	6 years
Donna Doyle	1 year
Victoria Dumbacher	2 years
Sara Dunn	4 years
Jennifer Gutierrez	1 year
Shelly Hooper	1 year
Kelly Hybl	3 years
Ralph Johnson	10 years
Dale Johnson	1 year
Shirley Johnson	1 year
Suzanne Jones	10 years
Tommy Jones	10 years
Jeannine Kincade	1 year
Bill King	2 years
Laura King	2 years
Gary Konop	4 years
Char Kunze	17 years
Ralph Kwapiszeski	8 years
Carrie Lewis	1 year
John Lowe	2 years
Richard McBee	7 years
Austin McGearry	4 years
Jim McLeod	1 year
Elaine Miller	12 years
Sharon Ody	3 years
Carol Perko	16 years
Jim Pruitt	2 years
Doug Randall	12 years
Diane Rice	7 years
Jim Rowe	5 years
Phyllis Samuelson	5 years
Maryalyce Skree	10 years
Larry Tannenbaum	1 year
Nora Timson	5 years

