

# Town Reporter

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY, AZ

## 2020 Election Edition

**IMPORTANT:** The Maricopa County elections and health departments have determined that there are no locations in Paradise Valley large enough to safely accommodate an in-person polling place while following CDC social distancing guidelines. Turn to Page 2 to learn how and where to vote.

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# August 4th Election

The Town of Paradise Valley will hold an election for Mayor and three Town Council Members on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. The Town's election will appear on the same ballot as the Arizona partisan primary election for state and federal offices. This edition of the Town Reporter includes general election-related information and personal statements provided by each of the candidates to aid voters in making informed ballot choices.

There is one candidate running for a two-year term as mayor and four candidates running for three Council seats. A candidate must receive a majority of the total votes cast in the August Election in order to be elected. Otherwise, a run-off election will be held in November. Whether elected in August or November, the successful candidates will take office on January 14, 2021.

Maricopa County has determined that in order to comply with CDC COVID-19 social distancing guidelines there will be a limited number of Early Voting Centers and Election Day polling places. Town Hall will not have a polling place, nor will there be any polling places in the Town of Paradise Valley. If you would like to vote in-person either early or on Election Day, you may select from any Vote Center in Maricopa County. A list of Vote Centers may be found at the website: [www.Locations.Maricopa.Vote](http://www.Locations.Maricopa.Vote).

If you would prefer not to wait in line to vote, voters may request a ballot-by-mail for just this election or sign up on the Permanent Early Voter List (PEVL) to receive a ballot in the mail for all elections. Approximately 84% of Paradise Valley residents have already signed up. PEVL voters will automatically receive a ballot in the mail around July 8. To sign up, visit: [www.BeBallotReady.Vote](http://www.BeBallotReady.Vote). Voters may also check the status of their early ballot at the same website address.

Voters on PEVL who are not registered with a political party (i.e. an "independent" voter) should have received a post card from the Maricopa County Elections Department in early May requesting that the voter designate which ballot they wish to vote: Republican, Democrat, or local-only. All other voters must go to a polling place on Election Day. Similarly, "independent" voters must

select which ballot they want to vote at the polling place.

If you are going to be out of Town during the summer and would like to vote in the Town's election, remember that ballots will not be automatically sent to your summer address even if your other mail is being forwarded. *Voters must notify the Maricopa County Elections Department in writing where you wish to have the ballot mailed.*

The written request must include:

- Full Name
- Maricopa County Residence Address
- Address where the Ballot is to be Mailed
- Date of Birth
- Which Ballot is Requested (Democrat/Republican/Local only)
- Signature

Fax written request to 602-506-5112 or mail to:  
Maricopa County Elections Department  
Attn: Early Voting  
510 S 3rd Av  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

To be eligible to vote in this election, you must be a registered voter in Paradise Valley. Voter registration forms are available at Town Hall or you may update your registration online at [www.servicearizona.com](http://www.servicearizona.com). **The deadline is July 6 for the August Election.**

**The Maricopa County Recorder's Office has determined that Paradise Valley Town Hall will not have a polling place, nor will there be any polling places in the Town of Paradise Valley.**

**Town Hall will have a ballot box for turning in mail-in ballots.**

For more information please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 480-348-3610.

# Key Election Dates

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- Jul 6** Last day to Register to Vote in the August 4 Election
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- Jul 8** Early Voting Begins
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- Jul 24** Last Day to Request a Ballot by Mail
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- Jul 25** Weekend Voting Available. To Find a Polling Place visit Locations. Maricopa.Vote
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- Jul 29** Last Day to Mail Back Voted Ballots
- 
- Jul 31** Last day to Vote Early (in person)
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- Aug 4 Election Day**  
Election results will be posted at 8 PM at [recorder.maricopa.gov/electionresults](https://recorder.maricopa.gov/electionresults)
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- Aug 20** Canvass of the August Election
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- Nov 3 General Election**  
(Council run-off if necessary)
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- Jan 14** Mayor and Council take office
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## Register to Vote at [ServiceArizona.com](https://ServiceArizona.com)

Visit [Maricopa.Vote](https://Maricopa.Vote) to:

- Request an Early Ballot
- Sign up for the Permanent Early Voter List (PEVL)
- Find your nearest polling place

Maricopa County Elections Dept - MCTEC  
510 S 3rd Ave | Phoenix, AZ 85003  
602-506-1511 | Fax 602-506-5112

## Meet the Candidates



### **Jerry Bien-Willner**

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I thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your Mayor since 2019, and I respectfully ask for your vote again in the upcoming election. I am proud of our Town's many accomplishments during my first term as Mayor — and the figures speak to these achievements. Our Town has been recognized as the only Arizona ZIP code in the national "Top 100" for high property value, and we have also been recognized as a national "Top 10" place to live. And thanks to our well-trained and fully-funded police department and our community's commitment to safety, our Town is among the country's safest places to live and enjoys the lowest violent crime rate in Arizona.

I have also worked very hard to advance our citizens' interests on many fronts, including: public safety; preserving the residential character of our Town; responsible use of public funds and showing financial discipline; embracing our Town's educational institutions and other community assets; working to build consensus on key issues; insisting upon a high-functioning, open and accountable government that does not bow to special interests; strategically improving the Town's infrastructure; and, preparing the Town for unfavorable economic conditions and other challenges before we faced the current situation.

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# Meet the Candidates



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Paradise Valley has undergone much change since my parents moved their young family here in 1965. Fortunately, much has remained consistent and true to the vision of our founders. Paradise Valley residents can take great pride in the fact that we have retained limited government without a property tax. People in our town enjoy safe neighborhoods and a well-respected Police Department. If elected, public safety will always be my top priority. Residents must feel safe in their homes, or all other concerns become academic. I have had the pleasure to serve the Town in numerous positions over the past 42 years. I currently serve as the Chairman of the Planning Commission and sit on the Hillside Building Committee.

I have had the honor to know many of the men and women who worked so hard to build the Town we all cherish. I have known 19 of Paradise Valley's 20 past Mayors, many of whom are enthusiastically supporting my candidacy. I come from a family where public service is expected. After retiring as a Stockbroker, my father was elected to the Town Council five times and served as Paradise Valley's first Police Chief. My mother was a leading volunteer in the Valley. My wife of 31 years serves as a volunteer for the Paradise Valley Police Department and my oldest son, while in law school, served as a legal intern to the Paradise Valley Town Attorney and as an intern to Senator John McCain. My youngest son was recognized as a volunteer of the year while a student at Brophy College Prep.

With the current economic challenges, the Town budget will have to come under even greater scrutiny. As a staunch Reagan/Goldwater fiscal conservative I am confident the Town can weather this storm, while still providing quality services.

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It is a genuine honor to serve on the Paradise Valley Town Council. Working with a talented staff, dedicated volunteers and our residents is a privilege and a responsibility that I take very seriously. Our Town is a beautiful and unique community that offers an unparalleled quality of life.

While I am writing this statement, our nation and world are battling the COVID-19 pandemic. This is an unprecedented reality. We are all adjusting our daily lives as we work through these uncertain times. The health and safety of our residents is the top priority of our Town Council and staff.

As a lifelong resident of Paradise Valley, I am proud to raise my young family here and remain committed to protecting the Town's financial stability, maintaining the highest level of public safety and supporting economic development that benefits all our residents.

During my time on the Town Council, I have provided balanced leadership on key issues:

- Public safety initiatives
- Responsible growth and development
- Quality of life initiatives including capital improvement projects, promoting resident engagement and addressing the impacts of short term rentals on our neighborhoods

Volunteering for the Town Council is very rewarding. Helping our Town develop and protect the policies that make Paradise Valley such a desirable place to live is what motivates me to continue serving you.

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# Meet the Candidates



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As your former Vice Mayor and current Paradise Valley Town Council member, I'm excited to announce my run for re-election.

Born in Phoenix, my current home in Paradise Valley is just a couple miles away from where I grew up. I have raised my family in Paradise Valley and cherish our Town's unique values.

In difficult times, it's important to have strong, steady, and proven leadership. My extensive successful experience in Town government and my four years on the Town Council have provided me with a significant amount of perspective and know-how on the challenges our Town faces and our next steps after the COVID-19 crisis.

I began as a Town volunteer serving on the Board of Adjustments, followed by serving on the Planning Commission. I'm a prior Board member of our Paradise Valley Destination Marketing Organization Experience Scottsdale, and well as former Council liaison for the Paradise Valley Arts Advisory Committee. I'm currently Council liaison for the Paradise Valley HOA committee and the Veterans Appreciation Vintage Car Show Committee.

My priorities hold true to our Town's values:

- Support our police officers and first responders — now more than ever
- Continue fighting to gain back local control over short-term rental properties
- Uphold fiscal responsibility and a balanced budget

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I am proud to serve as your Vice-Mayor and ask you to Re-Elect me. I love Paradise Valley and have a passion for preserving our quality of life. Our Town is at risk with the tensions of developers pushing for higher density and the influx of short term rentals.

I am a fourth-generation Arizonan, 18 year Paradise Valley resident, and am committed to protecting the mountain vistas, desert ambience, and respecting our Town's heritage.

I am a 25-year employment/OSHA lawyer. I have provided volunteer public service in leadership positions for over 28 years. I pay it forward.

My voting record demonstrates the strength I bring as I fight for quality of life including:

1. Stopping party houses.
2. Stopping short term rentals.
3. Restricting traffic.
4. Successfully leading residents to stop the 64-foot high structure proposed to be built high up on Camelback Mountain.
5. Stopping our Town from becoming Scottsdale by supporting one house per acre zoning, no commercial businesses, and no property tax. We want to keep the paradise in Paradise Valley!
6. Stopping a hotel from building outdoor balconies 3-stories high overlooking single family one-acre residences.
7. Stopping elimination of landscaped medians on McDonald.
8. Restricting dynamiting as "No Blast Julie."
9. Supporting a buffer between single family residences and resorts.
10. Supporting the success and beauty of our world-class resorts.

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# Meet the Candidates

## (Wainwright, continued from page 4)

My professional career began in banking and construction finance which later transitioned into small subdivision development and custom home building. This background provides a solid understanding of how to build quality infrastructure and homes that are both beautiful and coexist well with the surrounding environment and existing neighbors.

As the only non-incumbent running in this election, it is my hope to offer a fresh perspective on the Council. With that said, I have great respect for all fellow candidates and would be honored to serve on the Town Council with any of my friendly competitors.

I respectfully hope to earn your vote!

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## (Stanton, continued from page 4)

Paradise Valley is seeing many exciting new developments. I am proud of the leadership role I had in helping establish The Jones-Gordon School and The Five-Star Ritz-Carlton.

What's next on the horizon? The new Lincoln Medical Center and proposed plans for the Smoke Tree Resort and El Chorro Lodge. If approved, these projects will generate revenue for our Town, enhance the Paradise Valley brand and support many critical services for our residents.

In addition, I'm looking forward to the process of creating an updated General Plan for Paradise Valley, which the voters will ultimately review and consider for approval.

Clearly, there are important tasks ahead and I am fully prepared to help meet those challenges and opportunities as a member of Paradise Valley Town Council.

I ask for your vote in the Primary Election on August 4, 2020. To learn more about our campaign, please visit [MarkStantonForPV.com](http://MarkStantonForPV.com).

Thank you, Councilmember Mark Stanton

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## (Moore, continued from page 5)

- Ensure responsible development and preserve the unique residential character of our community neighborhoods and mountain views
- Oppose any local property tax

I would like to thank our current Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner, as well as former Mayors Scott LeMarr and Ed Winkler, for endorsing my candidacy, as well as many

other current and former elected leaders, Council Members, and citizens who have encouraged me to continue serving.

I ask for your vote, and if re-elected I will continue to make decisions that are consistent with our Town's unique quality of life and values.

I have an open door policy with residents and thank all those who have reached out to me. I welcome the opportunity to continue hearing from all of you about any issue that may be affecting your quality of life in Paradise Valley. Please feel free to contact me at [smoore@paradisevalleyaz.gov](mailto:smoore@paradisevalleyaz.gov). Or, as the re-election campaign progresses please visit me at [www.ScottMooreaz.com](http://www.ScottMooreaz.com).

Yours very truly,  
Councilmember Scott Moore



## (Pace, continued from page 5)

11. Supporting responsible development.
12. Chaired ACOPS Committee.
13. Strongly support our concierge police department.
14. Fostered creation of the Paradise Valley Public Safety Foundation.
15. Supporting safety, drainage and stormwater improvements.
16. Supporting financial stewardship.
17. Reinvigorated the Paradise Valley Mountain Preservation Trust (PVMPT) to rebrand and develop a Recognition event, new donations, and a conservation children's book.

I have a reputation as a hard worker and a doer for our Town. My involvement in the upcoming general plan will help protect residents' interests.

I am grateful for Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner's support for my re-election. I enjoy working with my peers as a team to conduct due diligence and achieve the best results for our Town.

This is a 100% volunteer position so please support the Town you love by voting for me on August 4, 2020. I am privileged to continue to put my experience and qualifications to work to represent you. Visit [www.paceforpv.com](http://www.paceforpv.com)

Please Re-Elect Julie Pace to Set the Pace for Quality of Life!

# Meet the Candidates

**(Bien-Willner, continued from page 3)**

While in 2018 no one knew we would face this current COVID-19 crisis, I've worked diligently to make sure we are well-prepared to overcome this challenge together, and I'm confident that we will get through it in the best way possible. The health, safety, and well-being of our Town's residents, organizations, and visitors will continue to be my number one priority. This focus underpins the other goals we have achieved and will continue to meet for the Town and our community in the future, especially during these unprecedented times.

I look forward to leading our community into the future. I am committed to working with my Council colleagues and Town residents to ensure our community remains an incredible place to live now and in the future. As Mayor, I will continue to stress open communication and dialogue, and working together collaboratively to meet the Town's needs.

I truly appreciate your continued support as we work together to protect our Town, its citizens, and our outstanding quality of life. Please feel free to contact me directly at [jerry@jerryformayor.com](mailto:jerry@jerryformayor.com) or visit [www.JerryForMayor.com](http://www.JerryForMayor.com). Thank you!

## Lincoln Drive Improvements



You may have noticed all the work being completed along Lincoln Drive over the last year. Multiple projects are being completed by utility providers and the Town prior to the roadway being resurfaced in the Summer of 2021.

Town staff began notifying utility companies in 2019 that any repairs or replacements to their facilities need to be completed ahead of the planned roadway resurfacing project. EPCOR recently completed the installation of a new water transmission main from 32nd Street to Desert Fairways Drive to secure a second source of potable water which will increase their system reliability and meet increased water demands. The City of Phoenix also installed a new sanitary sewer main across Lincoln Drive at 38th Street. This was done ahead of their 38th Street Sewer Main project. APS recently completed the installation of trench and conduit from their substation at White Wing Drive to provide permanent power to the Five Star Development resort east of Mockingbird Lane.

The Town of Paradise Valley has undertaken projects along the Lincoln Drive corridor as well. The roadway improvements east of Mockingbird Lane related to the Five Star Development resort started in March 2020 and are anticipated to be completed in the Fall 2021. The Town also partnered with ADOT for a \$2 million Federal grant which filled in sidewalk gaps along Lincoln Drive between 36th Street and Mockingbird Lane. Intersection improvements were made at Invergordon Road to correct an alignment issue at the northwest corner and new dedicated left turn arrows were added to the traffic signal to improve turning movements off of Lincoln Drive. Over the summer and into the fall residents will see construction on the Lincoln Drive Medians Improvement project. This project will replace the aging median curbs and add or modify medians to improve safety and enhance traffic operations. New landscape irrigation will be added to the medians east of Tatum Blvd.

Upon completion of the Lincoln Drive street improvements, Public Works will request the Town Council to approve funding in the FY 21/22 budget to resurface Lincoln Drive with a full mill and rubberized asphalt surface treatment. The current pavement condition index (PCI) rating is as low as 68 in certain segments. This rating calls for a full mill and overlay surface treatment. The benefits of rubberized asphalt include greater crack resistance, increased durability, noise reduction, better traction and greater retention of color.

**For project updates and traffic restrictions visit**

[www.paradisevalleyaz.gov/610/Capital-Improvement-Program](http://www.paradisevalleyaz.gov/610/Capital-Improvement-Program)

**Sign up for Alert Paradise Valley notifications at**

[www.paradisevalleyaz.gov/694/Alert-Paradise-Valley](http://www.paradisevalleyaz.gov/694/Alert-Paradise-Valley)

# Uncertain but Positive Changes Ahead

## Learning from COVID-19

by Jill Keimach, Town Manager



Change is hard. It disrupts our comfort areas. It requires new thinking and unpracticed responses. It creates unease and anxiety...but those are for the 'normal' change that happens over time with things like new technology, a new relationship or place to live or work. These times-as we have overstated-are not normal; they are unprecedented.

On March 17th when the Paradise Valley Town offices closed to the public but remained open for full service to our residents and customers, Town staff and Council had to endure dramatic change in just a few very long days. And, after much stress internally to continue our exceptional customer service, we had to regroup and reinvent our finances in April in response to the dramatic decline in tourism dollars that the Town relies on so heavily... and then the social unrest started in late May.

Here's a taste of the unprecedented change the Town of Paradise Valley endured and why, after all this, we will come out of the uncertainty with hope, promise, positivity, and confidence.

1. We quickly transitioned from a mostly paper and person-to-person communication organization to 100% electronic.
2. Within two weeks, we created five new multi-departmental teams: created and implemented a COVID-19 Communications Plan and team; Reopening Plan; Recovery Team for financial reimbursement; Lessons Learned; and Continuity Planning for the future.
3. We relied on daily Zoom meetings but it was

hard to read the room, pick up on body language, deal with connections blinking out or disrupted sound, listen to the background noise of daily life (kids, dogs, etc.), and miss out on casual "hallway" communication. At the end of every day most of us felt "Zoomed out".

4. During this time, we have had to deal with the emotional challenge when some of us tested positive with COVID-19, struggled through the sickness, and others were devastated by the virus taking a loved one without being able to say good-bye.
5. In addition to our normal workload, staff across departments experienced increases in complaints from the community, requiring another layer of research, and listening virtually to reach resolution.
6. It has been more difficult to reach consensus or have a healthy discussion as opposite views widen, even at the local level. Many think reopening is too soon. Many others think it is an overreaction.
7. Our family of employees have experienced stress-related physical issues such as high blood pressure, headaches, seizures, two ambulance trips, and heart conditions during this period of crisis management and change.
8. We've had to adjust to sudden, unexpected budget constraints. In the beginning of March, we were on track to have one of the best financial years yet, now we are losing about 40% of our budget. A new phased-in budget had to be developed in half the time a normal budget is prepared incorporating impactful cuts without reducing services.

9. Then, as if that weren't enough, the protests began. Though mostly peaceful, the looting and vandalism near our Town raised fear. Having to be on high-alert has been difficult especially for our Police Department since community policing and 'high-touch' communication is the foundation of their excellence.

Now, as we begin to look long-term, we all need to look at the positive of all this change. Just like in the industrial revolution in the early 1900s when there were long work hours and unsanitary conditions, this invisible virus will require changes in how we work. In customer-oriented businesses like ours, we don't yet know what that will look like, but, we will develop new policies and change how we work for the betterment of our residents and customers.

While we are anxious to get back to in-person services, the new ways of doing business we have created will shape the way we go about team decision making, work, and communication in the future. Some of the things we hope to carry forward into the "new normal" are:

- Continued use of helpful technology such as Zoom, our new phone system, software such as DocuSign, Constant Contact, electronic applications and plan review, and touchless credit card processing has made reaching out and working with the Town easier for residents no matter where they are
- With more individuals working remotely throughout the valley, traffic is less and commute time is faster for everyone, further increasing all our efficiencies
- Improved sanitation in our buildings and a mindfulness about good hygiene
- Increased communications and transparency.
- Learned that Zoom meetings are uniquely suited for part-time PV residents who may want to use our services even when they are not physically in PV. (See our virtual services at [www.paradisevalleyaz.gov](http://www.paradisevalleyaz.gov))
- Enhanced cross-training to team up on long-term projects
- Learned the strength of connection AND understanding that isolation can be productive

We were all thrown into this crisis together and, together, we faced the challenges with which we were confronted. Throughout this we've learned to work well together and become more efficient. We've learned many new skills that will carry us well into the future. The most important thing we've learned, however, is to be patient and kind, and to listen and try to deeply understand all others.



## Other Infrastructure Improvements

**Cellular Improvements.** The Town has received several requests by wireless carriers over the past 12 months for improvements. This includes a May 2020 Town Council approval for upgraded ground equipment at three of the street pole locations on the Town's Distributed Antenna System which consists of a fiber-optic backbone that connects a series of antenna nodes that wireless carriers may use to improve system capacity, coverage, voice quality, high speed data, and internet access. The carrier intends to complete the system upgrades at these three locations in the coming months.

**EPCOR Pump Upgrade.** In March 2020, the Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit for EPCOR to upgrade the existing water pump station (pictured above) on Desert Fairways Drive at Camelback Inn resort to install a new pump, along with a new decorative fence and gate to screen this facility to increase aesthetics and security. The pump and water line improvements will allow the EPCOR system to complete an interconnect to the City of Phoenix water system increasing system reliability and redundancy.

## Summer Construction Hours

Because of rising summer temperatures, Town code allows for the following construction hours from May 1st to September 31st:

Weekdays: 6AM to 5PM  
Weekends: 8AM and 5PM  
Legal Holidays: 8AM and 5PM

To report a violation, contact the Police Department Non-Emergency Dispatch number at 480-948-7410.

For more detailed information, contact our Building Department staff at 480-348-3692.



## Alert Paradise Valley Helps First Responders

As the Town of Paradise Valley continues services amongst the spread of the coronavirus, officials are strongly encouraging residents to sign up for Alert PV at [www.paradisevalleyaz.gov/AlertPV](http://www.paradisevalleyaz.gov/AlertPV)

Alert PV is powered by Smart911 which empowers residents to take action and provide vital and accurate health data that increases the awareness of first responders. Smart911 protects over 45 million people nationwide.

A Smart911 Safety Profile is activated only when 9-1-1 is dialed by a user. It can display critical medical information for those who may be at higher risk of developing a serious COVID-19 illness. As identified by the CDC, the vulnerable population

includes older adults, and those with a history of chronic medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes, lung disease, respiratory conditions, and compromised immune systems. When an individual calls 9-1-1 within the Town of Paradise Valley, their Safety Profile automatically displays, providing first responders with enhanced medical data.

Individuals can additionally self-identify if they are under quarantine, and whether it is self-imposed or directed by a health professional. The Safety Profile allows residents to sign up for alerts from Town officials to receive reliable information about any emergencies that could impact residents. Individuals will also receive tailored alerts based on their specific needs and geographic location.

## Paradise Valley Police Department Programs

If you would like further information on any of these programs, please contact our Community Resource Officer at (480) 348-3567 or [CRO@paradisevalleyaz.gov](mailto:CRO@paradisevalleyaz.gov)

### Alert Paradise Valley

Emergency Alert & Notifications from Town

### Coffee with a Cop

Specialists share topics of interests & meet our officers

### Home Security Reviews

Enhance residential safety with tips & tricks from our officers

### Prescription Drug Drop-Off

24/7 lobby dropbox for disposal of expired or unused medication

### Shred Safely

Safely dispose of sensitive documents & electronic devices

### Alarm Monitoring Service

Town's Police Alarm Monitoring (PAM) subscription service

### Crime Statistics & Maps

Monthly summary of crimes, collisions, and workload

### Paradise Valley Explorers

For young men and women age 14 through 20.5 years old

### ReportIt

A free resource for residents to create a Home Inventory List

### You Are Not Alone (YANA)

Daily welfare calls & weekly visits that have saved multiple lives

### Blood Drive

Support a local blood drive by becoming a blood donor

### Food & Clothing Drives

Seasonal campaigns to support local partners

### PV Police Volunteers

Serve your community & learn more about law enforcement

### Safe Exchange Zones

Safety for e-commerce outside the police station

### Vacation Watch

Security checks on unoccupied homes

# Town Seeks to Improve Noticing for Zoning Applications

During its January 2020 retreat, the Town Council identified the planning application process and public outreach as one of several priority items for evaluation.

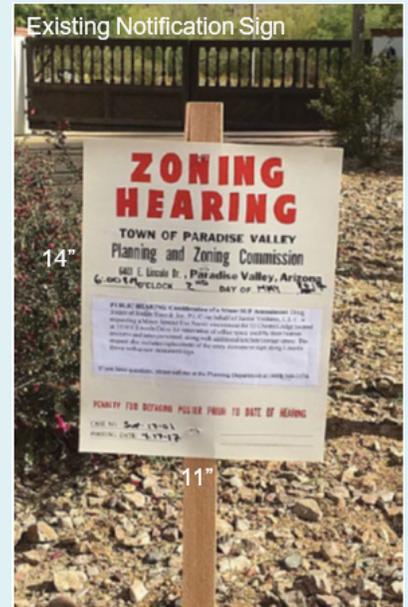
Paradise Valley, along with other communities, employs several methods to garner public input on an application, depending on the type of application.

In April 2020, the Planning Commission suggested retaining most of the current Town policies as they go well beyond the statutory and neighboring community policies, particularly as they relate to notification of non-residential applications such as Special Use Permit zoning amendments.

One suggested change is an improvement of the signs posted on sites with active applications so neighbors and interested parties can more easily identify requests. The change includes replacing the existing 11-inch by 14-inch three-foot tall notification signs with a 2-foot by 3-foot, 6-foot tall sign for most applications, or a 4-foot by 4-foot, 6-foot tall sign for major and intermediate Special Use Permit applications (primarily for resorts and medical facilities).

Another sign improvement will be to place the sign on the property earlier in the process (as soon as the application is complete) to provide for greater public comment.

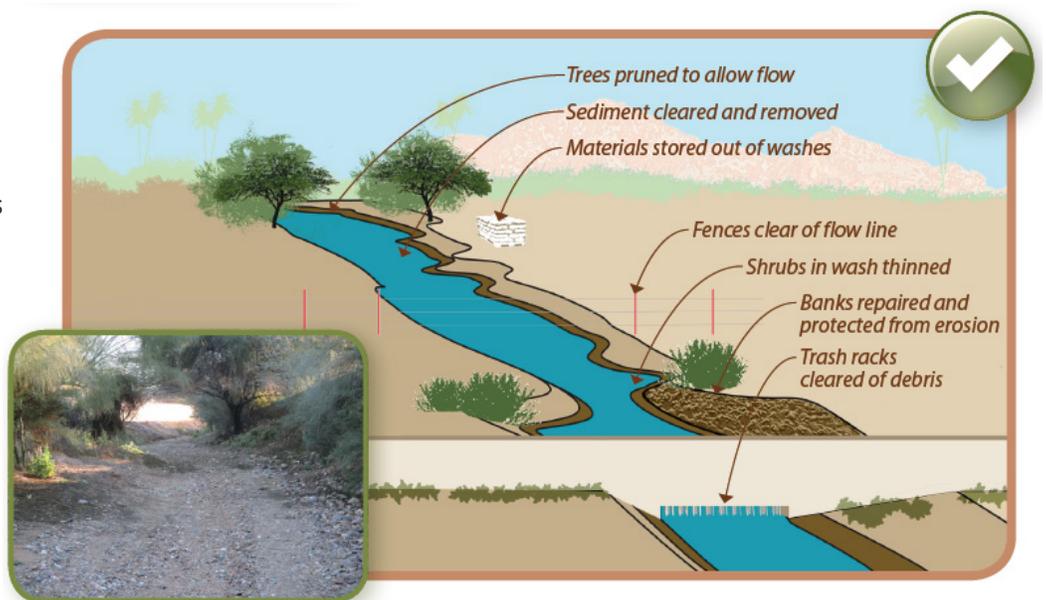
Discussion on this topic, along with of process improvements will continue with the Town Council.



## Wash Maintenance Reminder

In preparation for the upcoming monsoon season, residents are reminded of their responsibility to keep washes and drainageways clear of dead brush, branches, vegetation and volunteer trees that can impede the flow of water.

During monsoon storms, these items can build up and block culverts and wall openings. This can cause water to back up potentially resulting in property damage.



For more information regarding storm water management and wash maintenance visit:

[www.paradisevalleyaz.gov/604/Stormwater-Management](http://www.paradisevalleyaz.gov/604/Stormwater-Management)



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## Remove Invasive Weeds to Prevent Spread and Fire Hazards

Paradise Valley experienced a wet winter in 2019 and again in 2020 which has caused an abundance of desert plants to bloom this spring and allowed for numerous invasive plants to thrive. Invasive plants such as Globe Chamomile, also referred to as Stinknet, have flourished in Paradise Valley and surrounding communities. This invasive plant competes for water with natural desert plants, spreads quickly and can become a fire hazard when it dries out. Fountain Grasses are another invasive species of plant which is specifically prohibited for use as landscaping on hillside properties as it can also spread quickly and can become a fire hazard when it dries out. Property owners are urged to remove Globe Chamomile and Fountain Grasses as soon as they are discovered in order to help prevent their spread. To learn more about proper preventative measures and removal techniques for Globe Chamomile and other invasive plants please visit the Arizona Native Plant Society's website at [www.aznps.com](http://www.aznps.com).

Fountain Grass on Camelback Mountain



Globe Chamomile that has taken over an area of open desert. Photo by Jamie Schmitt of Jamiesons Greens Landscaping.

