

July 10, 2020



FRIDAY COMMUNITY OPERATIONS UPDATE



**Common Area Landscaping Update**

[BrightView Report - July 8](#)

This week, crews were busy blowing and removing debris, making irrigation repairs, mowing and fertilizing grass, cutting back plants, spraying and removing weeds, and inspecting the health of plants and trees in the **Desert Breeze, Highlands, Trailridge, Emerald Greens, Eagle Ridge, Ridgeview Point, Mesquite Ridge, Legend, Arroyo Vista, and Saguario Summit** neighborhoods.

Remember, if you notice areas that need attention, there are a few ways to report concerns:

- Complete an electronic [Community Concern form](#) on the [www.LifeInEstrella.com](http://www.LifeInEstrella.com) homepage. [Account login is required.](#)
- [Email](#) our Facilities Department.
- Contact the Community Services Office at (623) 386-1112 weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The updated landscape cycle schedule shows the dates you can expect BrightView to be

working in your neighborhood through **July 31**.

[BrightView Landscaping Schedule](#)

## Facilities Project Report

### COMMUNITY GRANITE REPLENISHMENT PROJECT

On Monday, July 13, teams from BrightView will begin to replenish granite throughout the following neighborhoods: **Privada, Trailridge, Highlands, Saguaro Summit, Sonoran Springs, Saguaro Canyon, and Mesquite Ridge**. This project will continue for several weeks.

### NORTH LAKE IRRIGATION UPGRADE PROJECT

The North Lake irrigation upgrade project also continues this week. Crews are installing new irrigation pipes, valves, rotors, and sprinkler heads throughout the turf area surrounding North Lake. This project is expected to last three months.

### NORTH LAKE FOUNTAINS

Repairs continue off-site for the out-of-service North Lake Fountain. It will be returned once these repairs are complete.



### **PALM TREE TRIMMING PROJECT**

Teams from BrightView continue trimming the palm trees around North and South Lakes.

### **TRAIL FLAG REPOSITIONING**

The flag on the hill across from Presidio Residents Club has been repositioned and is flying high once again!

### **PLAYGROUND TILLING PROJECT**

The woodchips in the playgrounds in **The Links**, **The Fairways**, and **Greenspointe** were tilled and sanitized this week.



### **Pool Safety Reminders**

In addition to having a wonderful time at the Estrella pools, we also want to ensure that everyone remains safe while escaping the Arizona summer heat!

Please remember that alcoholic beverages should be enjoyed in designated areas of the Residents Clubs, but not poolside. In addition to sunscreen and sunglasses, don't forget to fill your cooler with snacks and water so everyone is fed and hydrated when they're ready for a break from swimming.

And, since cuts and scrapes could dampen anyone's great time at the pool, please remember not to bring glass containers of any kind since they can shatter when accidentally knocked over.

For other pool safety guidelines and reminders, please refer to the [Estrella Community Handbook](#).

Thank you!



### **What to do When you Come Across a Desert Tortoise**

Much-needed rain brings out desert wildlife in Arizona. Animals may wander in search of mates, moisture and, if necessary, to escape flooding.

Desert tortoises are one of several amazing species that can be encountered during Arizona's monsoon. The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) urges the public to follow these important guidelines when coming across a desert tortoise:

- **Keep wild tortoises wild:** Do not remove a tortoise from the wild. Taking a wild tortoise home is illegal in Arizona. Additionally, most tortoises stay in the same small area their entire lives, so a tortoise that has been relocated will not know where to find food and shelter and likely die. For those who are interested in sharing their home with a desert tortoise, and reside within Arizona, they should do it legally and responsibly through the [AZGFD Tortoise Adoption Program](#).
- **Keep captive tortoises captive:** Do not release a captive tortoise into the wild. "We cannot stress enough how detrimental it is to let a captive tortoise go free in the wild," said Cristina Jones, turtles project coordinator. "Captive desert tortoises cannot be released into the wild, as they can pass diseases to wild populations and displace wild tortoises. It is also illegal to release captive tortoises into the wild."
- **Keep dogs away from wild desert tortoises:** Even the most gentle dog can pose a serious threat to a tortoise. Keeping dogs on leashes or in fenced yards is an effective way of reducing encounters with tortoises.
- **If a desert tortoise is spotted crossing a busy road in a populated area, call the AZGFD Tortoise Adoption Program hotline at 1-844-896-5730.** AZGFD will determine if the tortoise has escaped from captivity and needs to be reunited with its owner, or placed in the adoption program. Tortoises that have been through the adoption

program often, but not always, have small tags glued to their shell with a unique identification number.

- **If a desert tortoise is encountered**, AZGFD biologists want to know when and where. Email details and a photo (without handling the tortoise) to [turtlesproject@azgfd.gov](mailto:turtlesproject@azgfd.gov). “A tortoise in the road is simply trying to get to the other side, and the best thing anyone can do is to leave it in the wild,” Jones said.

There are two species of desert tortoise in Arizona — the threatened Mojave desert tortoise, found north and west of the Colorado River; and the Sonoran desert tortoise, which is protected by AZGFD.

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