

FRIDAY: COMMUNITY OPERATIONS UPDATE

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Common Area Landscaping Update

[BrightView Report - July 15](#)

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 Vista, Reflection Bay, The Palisades, Avalon Del**

Lago, Overlook, Cielo, Trailridge Crossing, Avalon Terrace, Privada, and Eagle Pointe neighborhoods. Flowers that had succumbed to the summer heat at the entrance to **Starpointe Residents Club** were replaced this week, as well.

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 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](#)

Four Saguaros Find their New Homes in Estrella

According to the Arizona Desert Museum, the Saguaro cactus (*Carnegiea gigantea*) is one of the defining plants of the Sonoran Desert. Many of us who have moved to Arizona from other states knew we "officially" arrived in the desert the first time we saw a Saguaro on the ride to our new homes from the airport.

Speaking of home, four Saguaro cacti have found their new homes at the entrances of the following Estrella neighborhoods: **Saguaro Canyon, Saguaro Summit, Saguaro Highlands** and **Eagle Point**.

These four cacti were relocated to the community as a result of development taking place in sections of the surrounding desert and Newland's efforts to preserve the Saguaro cacti that are native to the desert. Newland donated these four Saguaro cacti; our common area landscape provider, Brightview Landscaping, offered to replant them at no cost to the association.

A fifth, smaller Saguaro was donated by Agave, a landscaping vendor who works with



Newland, and is located at the entrance to **Avalon Terrance**.

You can learn more fun facts about this impressive cactus below...



Facilities Project Report

MESQUITE HIGHLANDS WALL PROJECT

On Monday, July 20, crews from All Star Pro will begin repairing and repainting walls throughout the Mesquite Highlands neighborhood. Residents are requested to remove all “critter” fencing and decorations from their view fences this weekend so that work on this project can commence as scheduled. This project will take place over the next several weeks.

MAILBOX REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

The mailboxes throughout **The Fairways** are being refurbished this week; refurbishment work continues into next week.

NORTH LAKE IRRIGATION UPGRADE PROJECT

The North Lake irrigation upgrade project is ongoing. Crews are installing new irrigation pipes, valves, rotors, and sprinkler heads throughout the turf area surrounding North Lake. This project is expected to be complete in August.

NORTH LAKE FOUNTAINS

Repairs continue on the out-of-service North Lake Fountain. It will be returned to the community once these repairs are complete, which is scheduled for late August.



COMMUNITY PAINTING PROJECT

Our team started painting guardrails throughout the community this week. Their work began in the

Stone Gate neighborhood.

COMMUNITY GRANITE

REPLACEMENT PROJECT

On Monday, teams from BrightView began to replenish granite throughout **Trailridge** and **The Highlands** neighborhoods. Crews will begin replenishment in **Eagle Ridge** next week. After that, granite will be replenished in the following neighborhoods: **Privada, Mesquite Ridge, Sonoran Springs, Saguaro Canyon, Saguaro Summit**, and in the **Mesquite Highlands** retention basin.





PALM TREE TRIMMING PROJECT

Palm Tree trimming work continues around both North and South Lakes. This is BrightView's crew working on the palms around North Lake.

The More You Know...

Saguaro Cactus Edition

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With the right growing conditions, it is estimated that Saguaro can live to be as much as 150 to 200 years old.

Size

The Saguaro is a very slow growing cactus. While a 10-year-old plant might only be 1.5 inches tall, Saguaro can grow to be between 40 and 60 feet tall. When rain is plentiful and the Saguaro is fully hydrated, it can weigh between 3,200 and 4,800 pounds.



Fun Facts

- The Saguaro is the largest cactus in the United States.

- Most of the Saguaro's roots are only four-six inches deep and radiate out as far from the plant as it is tall. There is one deep root, or tap root, that extends down into the ground more than two feet.
- After the Saguaro dies, its woody ribs can be used to build roofs, fences, and parts of furniture. The holes that birds nest in, or "Saguaro Boots," can be found among the dead Saguaros. Native Americans used these as water containers long before the canteen was available.

****For more fun facts about the desert, please visit <https://www.desertmuseum.org/>***

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