

October 9, 2020



Friday Community Operations Update



This week, crews were busy making irrigation repairs, trimming trees and shrubs, removing weeds and inspecting the health of plants and trees along **Estrella Parkway** and in the **Mirador, Stone Canyon, Stone Gate, Saronno, Cordoba, Mission Hermosa** and **Fairways** neighborhoods. Seasonal flowers were installed at the **Starpointe Residents Club** and at the intersection of **Estrella Parkway and Elliot Road**.

BrightView teams are in the process of removing stumps from storm-damaged trees throughout the community. They will also remove several dead palm trees from around North and South Lakes.

Click on the following links to read [BrightView's Weekly Report](#) and [BrightView's Landscaping Schedule](#). The updated landscape cycle schedule shows when you can expect BrightView to be working in your neighborhood.

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 [John](#) or [Elizabeth](#) in our Facilities Department.
- Contact the Community Services Office at (623) 386-1112 weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Community Projects



NORTH LAKE FOUNTAINS

The North Lake fountains were repaired this week.



PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

As part of our preventative maintenance program, all community playgrounds underwent a certified safety inspection this week.

GRASS OVERSEEDING PROJECT

BrightView has been preparing areas of grass that will be overseeded this season and will begin spreading grass seed on Monday, October 12. These areas may appear brown until the new grass begins to grow. Residents are kindly asked to keep off any grassy areas with posted signage so the winter grass can grow into lush, green lawns that everyone will be able to enjoy through the winter months and into spring.

COMMUNITY PAINTING PROJECT

Teams from AllStar Pro continued painting the culvert guardrails along Estrella Parkway this

week. This project is ongoing.

SOUTH LAKE LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENTS

Crews continued working around South Lake near Reflection Bay this week to enhance portions of the landscape by installing concrete curbing, new granite, plants, and turf. This project will take place over the next several weeks.

The More You Know:

The 2020 Nonsoon

Did you know that, according to National Weather Service-Phoenix, that Arizona is coming off the **driest meteorological summer** in history? In fact, Phoenix has also experienced its **hottest summer in history**. Statewide, Arizona in 2020 had the fifth driest June-July on record.



The period between June 15 and Aug. 16 was the driest on record since 1950 in Phoenix and Tucson. Other parts of the state have had one of the driest summers to date.

Aside from being almost impossible to spend any time outside (unless you were staying cool in the pool), this summer has made it close to impossible for many plants and flowers to survive, due to excessive heat and virtually non-existent rain.

Moon Valley Nurseries offers these reasons why Fall is the best time to plant:

Root Establishment:

- Because soil rarely freezes, this allows newly planted trees or shrubs an opportunity to establish its root system throughout the fall/winter. By early spring, these trees or shrubs will have a solid root system and will focus its energy on top growth. As an added bonus, trees with established root systems can handle drought much better.

Shade:

- Trees planted in the fall have more than enough time to grow a shade canopy before the summer heat arrives.

Fertilizing:

- Plants and trees store “energy” in the fall/winter because they do not focus on top growth. This allows the tree or shrub to thrive in the spring.
- For further growth, fertilizing newly planted trees and shrubs will produce robust growth in spring.

Water Requirements are Lower:

- Because the shorter days and the cooler weather, newly planted trees and shrubs will require less water than they would need if planted in the spring.

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