

April 9, 2021



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 the **Estrella Parkway, Elliot Road** and **Mountain Vista Right-of-Ways**, as well as in the **Mission Hermosa** and **Lucero** neighborhoods.

BrightView crews will be replacing geraniums throughout the community with summer flowers, as geraniums cannot withstand the heat of the Arizona summer. The planting of summer flowers will begin next week.



Click on the following links to read [BrightView's Weekly Report](#) and the **quarterly** [Landscaping Schedule](#) from BrightView. The updated landscape cycle schedule shows when BrightView will be working in Estrella's neighborhoods through July 3.

Community Projects

LAKE MAINTENANCE AND TREATMENT

Both North and South Lakes were tested on April 5 by Aquatic Consulting and Testing, Inc. and are clear of Golden Algae.

The common areas surrounding both North and South Lakes will be treated for midge flies in the **early morning hours of April 10, beginning at 1:00 a.m. and concluding at 2:00 a.m.** Residents are requested to stay away from these areas during treatment and those with lakeside homes should keep pets indoors during this time.



STARPOINTE FLOORING PROJECT

The compass star was applied at the entrance of the Starpointe Residents Club this week.



AMENITY MAINTENANCE

Sand for the Volleyball Court at South Lake Park was replenished this week.

Questions? Concerns? Requests?

Remember, if you notice items that need attention in the common areas, clubs or community amenities, would like to request a parking waiver, report a compliance matter, or have a question about your assessments or other topics, there are a few ways to ask questions, make requests and report concerns:

- Complete an electronic [Community Concern form](#) on the home page of www.LifeInEstrella.com. [Account login is required](#).
- You can also contact the Community Services Office at (623) 386-1112 weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

News from the City of Goodyear

City of Goodyear to Conduct Water Flushing Activity in Six Additional Estrella Neighborhoods

The City of Goodyear will put into operation its first Surface Water Treatment Facility later this year. In preparation for this, contractor crews continue to work in several areas throughout the community. Starting April 12, crews will be conducting water main flushing in the following Estrella neighborhoods:

1. Legend
2. Arroyo Vista
3. Mesquite Ridge
4. Saguaro Summit



5. Sonoran Springs
6. Saguaro Canyon

Flushing activity will take place at neighborhood fire hydrants **Monday through Thursday between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** This flushing activity is essential to maintaining long-term water quality and providing the highest quality water to Goodyear's water customers.

During the flushing process, residents in these neighborhoods may experience temporary loss of water pressure, discoloration or sediment in their water. If you notice any of these water quality issues, the City recommends running the water at an outside hose bib for several minutes to flush the line between your meter and house.

Inside your home or business, the City recommends removing the aerators from your faucets, and then running the cold water for several minutes to avoid plugging water filters and toilets. **Do not run the hot water** as this may cause sediment build-up in your hot water heater. The City also recommends monitoring water quality prior to starting laundry to avoid potential stains. If you notice stains on your clothes while doing laundry, keep your clothes wet and rewash them when the discolored water has subsided. If you experience any disruption in service, or if you continue to experience discoloration or sediment in your water, please call the **City's project hotline at 602-532-6250.**

In the event you need to enter or leave your driveway during the flushing activity, and a large hose is in the street preventing you from doing so, **please do not drive over it;** call the project hotline number at 602-532-6250, or get the attention of a crew member for assistance.

The More You Know: The Buzz About Bees



Now that spring is upon us, residents may have noticed an increase in swarming honey bees.

A swarm occurs when a colony splits and the old queen is replaced. The first queen leaves the hive with roughly half of the worker bees (and as much honey as they can carry); they then reestablish themselves on a structure near their

original hive. Worker bees in the swarm cluster around the queen and link to each other's bodies, hanging onto their arms and legs to create a form that keeps the swarm together.

Swarms can often be found in places such as tree branches, small clumps of vegetation, fences, mailboxes, walls or even simply on the ground. When honey bees are swarming, they are not nearly as defensive as they are around their hive because they are not protecting young bees or honey stores. They are more concerned with scouting for a new home and staying in protective clusters around the queen. That said, if disturbed or agitated, they will defend the cluster; therefore, residents are advised to keep a safe distance away from a swarm of bees to avoid being stung.

According to the University of Arizona, it's best to leave a bee swarm alone and call an experienced pest management professional to remove it. In fact, local beekeepers or beekeeping associations often help, as some beekeepers will collect swarms and use them to start new hives. Information for the Arizona Beekeepers Association can be found at <https://www.azbeekeepers.org/>. The website provides a list of beekeepers that might be able to assist with bee removal. To learn more about bee swarms, please visit [this website](#) and [this online Q&A fact sheet](#).

And finally, these [fun facts](#) about bees:

- A bee produces a teaspoon of honey in its lifetime.
- To produce a kilogram of honey, bees fly the equivalent of three times around the world in air miles.
- Bees don't want to sting you because they die.
- There are more than 20,000 different species of bees, found on every continent

except Antarctica.

[Did you know...](#)

- The greatest contribution of bees and other pollinators is the pollination of nearly three quarters of the plants that produce 90% of the world's food. A third of the world's food production depends on bees, i.e. every third spoonful of food depends on pollination.

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