



Friends of the Green Valley Golf Course Park, 03/2019

FRIENDS OF THE PARK NEWSLETTER

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From the President

Thank you for being a part of the Friends of the Green Valley Park team. We are just starting our first year of operation and working with a government agency is proving to be slower than expected.

The role of the Friends is to serve as the “boots on the ground” and help Pima County maintain and develop the park. 70% of the park is in the 100-year flood plain, so both Pima County Flood Control and Parks & Recreation will oversee the park.

While the park is unofficially open now, Friends of the Park will not be allowed to officially work there until Pima County Supervisors approve a 3-year agreement with the Friends. In the meantime, we are applying for a grant with Freeport McMoRan, and while we won't hear back from them until September, there is lots of organizing we can do as a start-up volunteer organization.

We expect to hold monthly meetings the 1st Wednesday of each month at 1PM at Las Campanas Ironwood room. We hope to see you there and start building a team.

Following is an update of what's happening in the park:

- a. Pima County is developing a master plan to address weed control, erosion, restoration, and improving the cart paths. Part of the master plan will be developing an emergency response plan for the park.
- b. The District hopes to get a U of A graduate student working on the restoration project.
- c. The County has said that the width of the existing paved cart path does not meet their standards for multiuse (10' minimum) and would need to be widened to allow both

walkers and bicyclists. Widening the path to the 10' standard or the 12-16' preferred width isn't possible in some locations. A dirt path is through the park is being considered, possibly connecting to both the West Desert Trails and to the Anza trail if all the necessary agreements can be obtained. The dirt trails may be able to accommodate all users.

- d. Pima County Parks & Recreation park rules will apply
http://webcms.pima.gov/government/natural_resources_parks_and_recreation/parks/ and click on the **Park Rules** tab. There will also be some new rules specific to this park to be determined.
- e. This is also true of memorial benches. If you or someone you know wants to donate a bench, they must contact Pima County and follow their protocol; the Friends will not be involved (https://webcms.pima.gov/government/natural_resources_parks_and_recreation/).
- f. If park users identify an issue that needs attention (e.g. cart path erosion), they need to visit the GVC website and complete a “service request” (www.gvcouncil.org). This is how these issues will be handled.
- g. GVC staff will be developing a page for us on their website; go to gvcouncil.org and click on the GVD Foundation page.

Your new board members are:

Carol Lambert, President
Larry Coffin, Vice President
Mike Clark, Treasurer
Bill Adamson
Richard Kidwell
Charlene Westgate
JP Pilger
Connie Griffin
Gil Lusk, Advisor
Don Weaver, GVC Foundation
Representative from Pima Flood Control

They will serve until the end of the year, at which time the Friends will hold an election. Your board is currently working on setting 2019 goals and developing a work plan. You can contact us by emailing the GV Foundation at info@gvcouncil.org.

As a non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization (we are a committee of the GVC Foundation), we are dependent on membership and donations to fund our projects, so please encourage your friends to join.