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This is Oro Valley: new podcast and video series



Are you looking for a different "take" on local government? Would you like a peek behind the scenes so you can better understand the programs and services funded by your taxpayer dollars? Then you need to tune into "This is Oro Valley," a new podcast and video series launched by Town of Oro Valley staff. Each month, Town Manager Mary Jacobs interviews a different department director about specific Town services and the men and women who deliver those services. Be sure to subscribe to the podcast! Catch up on all of the episodes at www.orovalleyaz.gov.

"This is Oro Valley" topic schedule:

- **February:** *Water/Oro Valley Water Utility* with Director Peter Abraham and Conservation Specialist Karn Boyce
- **January:** *Oro Valley Safe Steps* with Assistant Town Manager Chris Cornelison and Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Dave Perry
- **December:** *Roads and Pavement Preservation* with Public Works Director and Town Engineer Paul Keesler
- **November:** *Community Policing* with OVPD Chief Kara Riley

Oro Valley Community & Recreation Center still open!



Did you know that the Oro Valley Community Center is still allowed to operate with certain COVID-19 safety precautions in place? So if you're missing that elliptical machine, barbell or yoga class, then keep reading! For several months, Community Center staff has had a robust mitigation plan in place, per health department requirements, such as reducing capacity to 25%, requiring face coverings while inside the facility, performing rigorous cleaning, disinfecting and sanitation protocols, and checking the temperature and wellness of each person entering the facility. In order to

ensure a 25% capacity, reservations are now required for entry. Please visit www.PlayOV.com to reserve up to two-hour blocks of gym time or fitness classes.

The health and well-being of our facility users and staff remains our top priority, and we will continue to go above and beyond to ensure a safe environment. COVID-19 is a fluid situation, and staff will continue to monitor county and state data and requirements to ensure full compliance. Stay up to date on facility status by following Oro Valley Parks & Recreation on Facebook. You can always give us a call at 520-229-5050.

Physical wellness is an important part of one's overall wellbeing, so if you aren't ready to step back into the gym just yet, you're always welcome to enjoy the great outdoors on one of Oro Valley's many multi-use paths throughout town. Stay safe, OV!

New year; same safety precautions

While our nation is seeing exciting news about COVID-19 vaccination rollout, the fact remains that we still have a long road ahead, as the vaccination process may take several months. In the meantime, the rate of infection in Arizona, and right here in Pima County, continues to climb. So even though we've turned over the calendar on a new year, our community must remain vigilant about safety precautions. Please keep yourself and others safe by maintaining practices such as social distancing, wearing a face covering and staying home when you are sick. Stay informed on the latest updates from the Pima County Health Department by visiting www.pima.gov/covid19.

OVSafeSteps awards more than \$250,000 to Oro Valley businesses



Since its launch in September, the OVSafeSteps program has awarded more than \$250,000 in grant reimbursements to Oro Valley businesses to support them during the pandemic. In addition, the Town of Oro Valley recently increased the amount of grant funding to \$4,500 for small businesses that meet the eligibility criteria. This program, in partnership with the Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce, aims to support local business and encourage safety precautions, because a healthy community leads to a healthy economy. Small businesses (fewer than 50 employees) located in Oro Valley may still apply for grant reimbursement to cover things like marketing, PPE and professional services. Just visit www.OVSafeSteps.com to learn more.

Upcoming events

Drive-in Concert at Steam Pump Ranch - FREE

10901 N. Oracle Rd.
Friday, March 5, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. (weather permitting)
Band: Element 119 (classic rock)

The band will perform live on a raised platform, and will be projected onto a screen so they can be seen from the comfort and safety of your vehicle.

Spring Break Activities | Visit PlayOV.com for more information and to register.

Camp Cloud: March 15, 17 & 19

This FREE, web-based camp is designed for children ages 5 to 12. One-hour sessions will be Facebook Live-streamed on March 15, 17 & 19, including arts and crafts, interactive games, story telling and dancing.

Hikes: March 16 & 18

Children ages 6+ are invited to join us for outdoor hikes and crafts at Catalina State Park.

Fee: \$2 per child

Meetings and events

As this newsletter went to press, the Town of Oro Valley was still conducting its public meetings online, with various opportunities for public input via email, phone and video conferencing. Please check the Town's website at OroValleyAZ.gov to learn about upcoming meetings.

Shop Oro Valley!



Remember: shopping locally is a reinvestment in your quality of life! A healthy community leads to a healthy economy. Together, we can do our part to keep Oro Valley healthy and open. Visit OVSafeSteps.com to make the OVSafeSteps promise and see what extra precautions your favorite local businesses are taking to keep you safe and stay open. Or look for the Safe Steps seal at participating businesses.

NOW OPEN:

- **Dogtopia**
7621 N. Oracle Road Ste. 120
(under new ownership)

COMING SOON:

- **F45 Fitness at El Corredor**
9740 N. Oracle Road Ste. 100
- **Seis Kitchen at El Corredor**
9740 N. Oracle Road Ste. 105 & 106