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PRSA IMPACT Award Winner





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Interested in running for Town Council?



Candidate Handbooks are now available by appointment for the 2022 Oro Valley Town Council elections. One Mayoral and three Council seats will be filled. Any qualified Oro Valley resident interested in running for office can make an appointment with the Town Clerk to pick up a Candidate Handbook at Town Hall. For complete details, including candidate requirements, number of signatures needed and key deadlines, visit the Town's website and search for: **CANDIDATE HANDBOOK**. To make an appointment with the Town Clerk, please email Mike Standish at **mstandish@orovalleyaz.gov** or call 520-229-4700.

Global next-gen tech company chooses Oro Valley



On December 6, 2021, Sun Corridor, Inc. announced that Leonardo Electronics US Inc. has chosen Oro Valley for its expansion in the region, and plans to construct a new state-of-the-art semiconductor laser manufacturing facility in Oro Valley's Innovation Park (located along Innovation Park Drive, north of Tangerine Road and west of Oracle Road). Leonardo Electronics is a provider of next-gen technologies for defense, security, medical and industrial applications, and is a U.S. subsidiary of Leonardo, the global aerospace, defense and security company headquartered in Rome, Italy. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2022. The full expansion over five years will add an additional 170 jobs with a total capital investment of approximately \$100 million, resulting in a total economic impact of \$374 million over the next 10 years. Expansions like this are critical to the economic health of Oro Valley and the entire Tucson Metro region because primary employers bring quality job opportunities that draw a talented and diverse workforce. For Oro Valley, a larger workforce results in an increase to local spending as well as sales tax revenues, all of which helps to fund the services, facilities and infrastructure that local residents expect. The Town welcomes Leonardo to the community!

Thank you, volunteers!

Oro Valley is so grateful for its volunteers! Did you know the Town of Oro Valley has more than 250 volunteers who donate THOUSANDS of hours of their time each year to ensure that our town remains a community of excellence? In addition to serving on a board or commission, there are also groups that support the police, maintain trails, support arts and culture, volunteer in the office, work with youth and so much more. For information on volunteer opportunities, visit the Town's website and type **VOLUNTEER** in the search bar.

OV Safe Steps wins PRSA IMPACT Award



The Town of Oro Valley's OV SafeSteps program was named winner of an IMPACT Award from the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) for Southern Arizona. This award recognizes exemplary professional skill, creativity and resourcefulness in public relations and communications. OV SafeSteps was launched during the height of the pandemic to help publicize financial aid available to struggling small businesses and educate residents on shopping safely and locally. The project team included Town officials, the Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce, Gordley Group and individual businesses. It was led by Oro Valley Assistant Town Manager Chris Cornelison.

THIS IS ORO VALLEY PODCAST: FIRE SAFETY WITH GRFD CHIEF KARRER

Have you heard the latest episode of the Town's podcast, This is Oro Valley? In this month's episode, host Town Manager Mary Jacobs sits down with Golder Ranch Fire Department Chief Randy Karrer, to discuss fire safety and services here in Oro Valley. Be sure to subscribe to the podcast on Apple Music, Google Podcasts or Spotify. Or listen directly from the Town's website. Visit orovalleyaz.gov and type PODCAST in the search bar.

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This Week in Oro Valley Parks & Recreation



Did you know that OV Parks and Recreation sends out an email blast every Thursday with information on all the activities and events happening right here in Oro Valley? There's no better time to subscribe! This weekly email will keep you informed and inspired to tackle your New Year's health and wellness goals. Go to **orovalleyaz.gov**, scroll all the way to the bottom of the home page, click on "Subscribe to an email list," and then follow the instructions. When you reach the form that asks you to select which email subscriptions you want, be sure to scroll down to Parks and Recreation and select "Weekly Email."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please be sure to check the Town's website at <u>orovalleyaz.gov</u> or the Oro Valley Parks & Recreation's Facebook page in advance of each event to verify if event information or guidelines have changed.



SAVE THE DATE! **BEYOND Hike**

Saturday, January 8, 2022

Location and details will be announced soon on OV Parks and Recreation social media. BEYOND is part of the Tucson Metro area effort to improve the health and well-being of our community. Learn more about this organization and other events at www.beyond-tucson.org.



REGISTER NOW!

Camp Swim Play Fun (SPF) Spring Break Camp

March 14-18, 2022

For details and registration, visit **PlayOV.com**.