Oro Valley VISTO Newsletter August/September 2025





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Town considers input on proposed 2025 Taxes & Revised Fees

Last month, Oro Valley hosted community forums to gather input on proposed changes to Town taxes and fees. The proposals—focused on Parks and Recreation, the Stormwater Utility, and general service fees—aim to support long-term financial stability, address rising costs, and fund future infrastructure. Resident input has been categorized for review by Town Boards, Commissions and Town Council. Final decisions are expected this fall. If you missed the meetings, click here to see the videos that have been posted on the Taxes & Fees webpage at OVAZ.gov.

Naranja Drive multi-use path construction begins this fall

Town Council recently approved the final local funding needed for the Naranja Drive Multi-Use Path. The \$3.99 million project is 91% funded through federal and regional transportation grants. The Town's \$341,000 contribution (less than 9% of the project's total cost) keeps the project on track to begin construction later this year. The 1.75-mile path will run along the north side of Naranja Drive, from La Cañada to First Avenue, enhancing pedestrian and bicycle safety and connecting neighborhoods to Naranja Park, the Oro Valley Library and nearby businesses. ADOT will lead the project, expected to begin in September and finish by March 2026.

Accepting applications for Town's new Tourism Advisory Commission

Town Council launched a new Tourism Advisory Commission to help guide Oro Valley's strategy for promoting local tourism, events and hospitality partnerships. Monthly meetings begin this fall. Residents with experience or interest in tourism, events, hospitality or marketing are encouraged to apply today at OVAZ.gov. Click here to apply.



GET READY! OV's Path Forward

Help make sure OV's Path Forward, the community's next 10-year action plan, is headed in the right direction. This draft plan, created by residents like you, includes goals related to every aspect of Oro Valley's quality of life.

Learn more about the draft plan today! Scan the QR Code or visit **OVPathForward.com** today to learn more and stay up to date on opportunities to help shape OV's future.

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NEW EPISODE OUT NOW:

Local author Jim Williams

Local historian and author Jim Williams was recently recognized with an Award of Excellence from the American Association for State and Local History for his book, *Oro Valley: The First Fifty Years.* Join us as Jim, also a past president of the Oro Valley Historical Society, shares stories about the Town's early days and his inspiration for writing the book. All proceeds from his book benefit the OV Historical Society. Subscribe to the podcast on Apple Music, Google Podcasts or Spotify. Click here to listen directly on the Town's website or visit OVAZ.gov and search for PODCAST.



Shop Oro Valley!

Remember: shopping locally is a reinvestment in your quality of life! Explore all of Oro Valley's shopping, dining and service options by visiting **shopovaz.com**.

NOW OPEN:

- Busey Bank (formerly known as CrossFirst Bank) 7981 N. Oracle Rd.
- Hooked Up Wellness Center 7225 N. Oracle Rd., #111
- Mis Manos Montessori School Grades 1-6 425 E. Magee Rd.
- The Good Feet Store 7315 N. Oracle Rd., #103

COMING SOON:

- Ciao Down Pizza Studio 10565 N. Oracle Rd., #111
- Schumer Dental 11115 N. La Cañada Dr., #101
- Spirit Halloween 10805 N. Oracle Rd., #101

September is Emergency Preparedness Month!

Emergencies can happen at any time. Take steps now to be ready:

- <u>Click here</u> to stay informed by signing up for emergency alerts at <u>emergencyalerts.pima.gov</u>
- Make a household plan for evacuation, supplies and communication.
- Take action by reviewing insurance coverage and practicing your plan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are FREE unless otherwise stated.

For more details and events, visit the Town's event calendar at www.OVAZ.gov.

Oro Valley Summer Concert Series

Presented by the Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural

Visit **SAACA.org** for complete details!

Aug. 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Melgoza

Stacks Book Club

Otacks Dot

Aug. 19, 5-7 p.m.

*Tesoro*Saffron Indian Bistro

Aug. 30, 10 a.m.-noon Desert Museum

Family Band Western National Parks Store Movies on the Lawn

OV Community and Recreation Center 10555 N. La Cañada Dr.

This event is hosted on the backside of the facility near the golf driving range. Bring a blanket and enjoy a family movie under the stars!

Saturday, Aug. 16

(7–9 p.m.)

Mufasa

Saturday, Sept. 13 (7–9 p.m.)

Big Hero 6

Teen Dive-in: Movie Night (Ages 13-19)

Oro Valley Aquatic Center 23 W. Calle Concordia 7-10 p.m.

This FREE event is for teens only and is presented by the Youth Advisory Council.

Saturday, Aug. 16:

Spider-Man: into the Spider-Verse



BARK IN THE PARK! SATURDAY, OCT. 18 (5–8 P.M.)

Steam Pump Ranch, 10901 N. Oracle Road

Bring your family, friends, and doggies! For all the fun details, including a dog talent show and dog costume contest with prizes, <u>click here</u> or visit the Town's event calendar at **OVAZ.gov**.