

Oro Valley

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Newsletter

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## Public Art Tours are back!

Have you heard the news? Thanks to Council-approved funding in the FY 24/25 budget, the Town was able to bring back the popular, in-person Public Art Tour program! For the return season, the Town has launched this initial effort as a pilot program while we further refine the program and costs for ongoing operation. As such, tours will be offered free of charge this season.

This refreshed tour is two hours long and includes more than 20 locations around Oro Valley to see dozens of pieces of public art. The season began February 2, 2025, and runs through April 16, so there's plenty of time to register for one of the remaining 15+ tour dates that are held on select Wednesdays and Sundays. For complete details and registration information, visit [OVAZ.gov](http://OVAZ.gov) and search for: PUBLIC ART TOURS.

## Accolades for OV's Path Forward community engagement efforts

OV's Path Forward (General Plan) continues to receive national and local recognition for outstanding community engagement! Here are the two most recent awards:

### Granicus Digital Government Award for

**Community Engagement:** Nationally acknowledging resident contributions on OVPPathForward.com.

### Public Relations Society of America (PRSA)

**of Southern Arizona Impact Award:** Honoring OV's community engagement efforts, regionally.

Awards like this are only won when residents are involved, so THANK YOU for raising the bar, OV! The Resident Working Groups are going strong and looking for additional participants, so there's still plenty of time to be part of this award-winning process! See below for details.

## Oro Valley's Path Forward – The 2026 General Plan

**Resident Working Groups have started. Your voice is needed!** Join your neighbors to help craft actions for the community's next 10-year plan.

**Sign up to help guide OV's future!** All OV residents are encouraged to participate in these engaging, online meetings that lead to real results in the community.

In March, Resident Working Groups will discuss the following topics:

- Housing
- Employment, Businesses and Tourism
- Community, Arts and Culture

See what the working groups are discussing and join the conversation. **Learn more and get involved at** [OVPPathForward.com](http://OVPPathForward.com).

MARCH Meeting Lineup		RSVP TODAY		
THURSDAY	THURSDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	THURSDAY
<b>HOUSING</b>		<b>EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS &amp; TOURISM</b>		<b>COMMUNITY, ARTS &amp; CULTURE</b>
6th MAR 20th MAR		11th MAR 25th MAR		13th MAR 27th MAR

## FY 2024/25 Popular Annual Financial Report now available



The Town of Oro Valley is proud to announce the release of its Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). Designed to be reader-friendly, the PAFR provides an accessible summary of the Town's financial position and key accomplishments, drawn from the more detailed Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The PAFR includes highlights such as net assets, revenues, expenditures, debt, financial ratings, and historical trends. To view the PAFR online, visit [OVAZ.gov](http://OVAZ.gov) and SEARCH for PAFR.

## 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 [www.shopovaz.com](http://www.shopovaz.com).

### NOW OPEN:

- **Doug Newborn Law Firm**  
7315 N. Oracle Rd. #230
- **First American Title Insurance Company**  
11165 N. La Cañada Dr. #143
- **Fred Astaire Dance Studio**  
7315 N. Oracle Rd. #200

### COMING SOON:

- **Tucson Federal Credit Union**  
2150 E. Tangerine Rd. (inside Walmart Supercenter)

## OV project updates

Here's the latest scoop on a few of Oro Valley's most anticipated projects. Please note that these updates were accurate as of publication date; however, due to the nature of construction projects and unforeseen weather events, projects are subject to change. Got questions? Contact us at [ask@orovalleyaz.gov](mailto:ask@orovalleyaz.gov) or 520-229-4711.

### Community & Recreation Center Entryway and Elevator upgrades

Major accessibility enhancements, including a new elevator and modified entryway, are nearing completion. As of publication date, the elevator installation was set for January 2025, followed by a final inspection and approval process. Project wrap-up is anticipated by March 2025.

### Leman School Crossing Zone

A new school crossing zone on Sunkist Road enhances safety for Leman Academy students. The Town partnered with Leman to construct ADA-compliant sidewalks and ramps, with work completed over winter break. The painted crosswalk is now in place and school zone signs will be installed.

### Naranja Park improvements

Contractors are addressing drainage issues observed during last summer's storms to ensure better conditions for each of the park's multi-use fields. Additional efforts to improve water conservation at the Naranja Park splash pad are currently underway. This popular amenity will reopen for the season on April 1, 2025. Many thanks to our contractors, Haydon Building Corp and Cimarron Circle Construction, for their ongoing dedication to this project.

## Upcoming events

For more details and events, visit the Town's event calendar at [www.OVAZ.gov](http://www.OVAZ.gov).

### Oro Valley Hiking Series

Join us for guided hikes exploring local trails. Ages 13+. All skill levels are welcome. Cost: \$20 (18+). Free for ages 13-17.

**Saturday, March 1**, 8 to 11:30 a.m.,  
Dead Horse Canyon at Catalina State Park

Advance registration on [playov.com](http://playov.com) is required. Event fee includes all park/trail entry fees.

### Second Saturdays at Steam Pump Ranch

Every second Saturday, Oct. through April 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at 10901 N. Oracle Rd.

This free event features: Heirloom Farmers Market, Makers Market, live music, tours with the OV Historical Society, free crafts for kids and more! Live music begins at 10:30 a.m.

**Feb. 8:** *Dos Sueños*

**March 8:** *Lost in the Sixties*

### Bike Swap at Steam Pump Ranch

**Saturday, March 8**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
10901 N. Oracle Rd.

The Bike Swap will take place alongside Second Saturday activities. Registration is not required.

### Oro Valley Concert Series

*Presented by the Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance*

**Saturday, Feb. 22**, 4 – 6 p.m.

*Barnaby and the Butcher* (Country/Americana)

Location: Hilton El Conquistador Last Territory, 10000 N. Oracle Rd.

**Thursday, March. 13**, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

*Mr. Boogie Woogie* (Classic R&B)

Location: Oro Valley Marketplace in front of the Century Theatre  
12155 N. Oracle Rd.

### Movies at the Ranch

Steam Pump Ranch, 10901 N. Oracle Rd.

Bring a blanket or chairs and enjoy a family-friendly movie under the stars.

**March 15** (6–8 p.m.): *Inside Out 2*

## SAVE THE DATE

### CELEBRATE ORO VALLEY

**Saturday, April 12**, 1–5 p.m.

James D. Kriegh Park  
23 W. Calle Concordia

Join us in the park for this annual event (at a new location!) to celebrate the community. *Details coming soon!*