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Safe, responsible, open.



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La Cañada safety improvements at Leman Academy

The Town of Oro Valley, in coordination with Leman Academy, began a project on December 18 to make roadway improvements that will allow the school to revise traffic flow for student drop-off and pick-up. For traffic safety, the vehicle circulation pattern around the school has been reversed, and the median on La Cañada Drive has been reconfigured to accommodate incoming and exiting traffic. In addition to safety, the goal is to reduce wait times to enter and exit the campus. A southbound, right-turn lane at the primary campus has also been added. As this newsletter went to press, the anticipated completion date for the project was January 4, 2021; however, weather and construction delays may impact the actual completion date.

Naranja Park just keeps getting better



On the heels of the playground's grand opening, a giant OV has just been installed at Naranja Park. It's located near the new playground and is a perfect spot for your next Instagram moment! Be sure to tag Oro Valley Parks & Recreation on social media!

Thank you, Oro Valley!



Thank you to everyone who shared feedback on the conceptual site plans for Naranja Park, Riverfront Park, James D. Kriegh Park, Steam Pump Ranch and the Oro Valley Community Center. We received about 200 comments during the Nov. 18 – Dec. 18 period of online public input. Updated concept plans, based on community feedback, will be presented at a community meeting on January 7 via Zoom. The updated plans will also be presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) on January 19 via Zoom. The PRAB meeting will also include discussions on partnerships, a connectivity analysis and capital improvement projects. Check the Town's website for times and Zoom details.

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police, roads & water

In November, the Town launched “This is Oro Valley,” a new video and podcast series focusing on a different topic each month. Our first topic was community policing, featuring an interview with Police Chief Kara Riley. In December, Town Manager Mary Jacobs interviewed Town Engineer and Director of Public Works Paul Keesler on the Town’s roads and pavement preservation. This month, Ms. Jacobs will sit down with Water Utility Director Peter Abraham and Water Conservation Specialist Karn Boyce to discuss the Town’s water portfolio and conservation programs. Our hope is that this series will help you better understand the programs and services funded by your taxpayer dollars. Be sure to subscribe to the podcast! Catch up on all the episodes at www.OroValleyAZ.gov.

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.

Mask Up, OV!



COVID-19 numbers in Pima County continue to dramatically increase across the region, which means there is still a long road ahead. Take good care of each other, Oro Valley. Maintain those practices that will keep yourself and others safe such as social distancing, hand washing, wearing a face covering and staying home if you are sick. Stay informed on the latest updates from the Pima County Health Department by visiting www.pima.gov/covid19.

Have you heard about OV Safe Steps?



Healthy community.
Healthy economy.

As COVID-19 continues to impact our local businesses and the way we shop, the Town of Oro Valley, in partnership with the Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce, developed OV Safe Steps, because a healthy community leads to a healthy economy. Visit OVSafeSteps.com to make the OV Safe Steps promise and see what precautions your favorite local businesses are taking to keep you safe and stay open. Or look for the OV Safe Steps seal at participating businesses. Small businesses that meet the criteria are eligible for up to \$4,500 in grant reimbursements for marketing, PPE and professional services.

Shop Oro Valley!

Remember: shopping locally is a reinvestment in your quality of life!



NOW OPEN:

- **UA Center for Innovation at Oro Valley**
1806 E. Innovation Park Dr.

COMING SOON:

- **Ashley Furniture Homestore**
11935 N. Oracle Road
- **H & R Block at Oro Valley Marketplace**
2060 E. Tangerine Road #16
- **Priority Lending**
8035 N. Oracle Road
- **Salted Pig BBQ at Oro Valley Marketplace**
11835 N. Oracle Road #101