# Oro Valley VISTO Newsletter January/February 202





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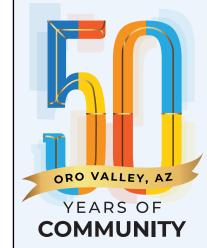




Access more Oro Valley news, events and activities at our website: www.orovalleyaz.gov

WATER NEWSLETTER CORRECTION: The January 2024 issue of the Oro Valley Water Utility Behind the Meter Newsletter contained an error in the potable water rate chart for residential customers. The Tier 3 and Tier 4 rates were incorrectly listed at \$8.80 per 1,000 gallons and \$2.65 per 1,000 gallons, respectively. The correct Tier 3 rate is \$6.05 per 1,000 gallons and the correct Tier 4 rate is \$8.80 per 1,000 gallons. We apologize for the error and confusion.

#### **ORO VALLEY TURNS 50 THIS YEAR!**



On April 15, 2024, the Town of Oro Valley turns 50 years old, and we'll be celebrating year-round! Join us as we commemorate a half-century of history, growth and community in Oro Valley.

Planning is currently underway for the 50th Anniversary Parade on Saturday, April 6th, and a special community celebration at James D. Kriegh Park on Saturday, April 13th!



SCAN ME

Visit www.orovalleyaz.gov to learn more about everything we've got in store to celebrate this year! We'll be adding more content, events and resources to the website in the coming weeks, so be sure to visit early and often to stay up to date.

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



In comparison to other similarly sized towns, is OV traffic light, just right, or congested? Where are bicycle improvementes needed? Should having a highly visible police force, low response

times or disaster preparedness be OV's highest priority to keep the community safe?

These are just a few of the questions the community is being asked on OVPathForward.com. Your participation is critical. Register now to participate online or attend a community event to share your ideas.

OV's Path Forward is a 10-year plan that will reflect the community's vision and goals. Everyone's voice is needed to shape OV's future.





**OVPathForward** 

## Thank you, volunteers!



At last month's annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception, Oro Valley Town Council and staff had the opportunity to recognize the men and women who serve on Town boards, commissions, committees and other OV volunteer programs. Since not everyone was able to attend, we wanted to publicly offer a heartfelt THANK YOU to the more than 200 Oro Valley residents who volunteer THOUSANDS of hours of their time each year to ensure that Oro Valley remains a community of excellence.

#### **NARANJA PARK EXPANSION PROJECT**







The Naranja Park Expansion project is on schedule for our planned spring 2024 Grand Opening.

Park improvements are becoming more visible with construction of the mid-field ramada and the progress of the splash pad. The shade canopies at the maintenance area, in addition to the splash pad shade sail foundations, columns, and equipment enclosure, have each been successfully installed. Roadway work continues with the paving of the parking lots completed in December, as well as the planned paving of Musette north to Tangerine in the month of January. Landscaping and irrigation work is also underway along Musette, including drainage improvements to control erosion from runoff.

## THIS IS ORO VALLEY

NEW PODCAST EPISODE

In this month's podcast, we speak with Innovation & Technology Director Scott Zufelt about why he became interested in Information and Technology and how we can stay cyber safe. Be sure to subscribe to the podcast on Apple Music, Google Podcasts or Spotify. Click here to listen directly from the Town's website or visit orovalleyaz.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

- Brian's Bike Shop, 11015 N. Oracle Rd. #141
- CrossFirst Bank, 7981 N. Oracle Rd. (formerly Canyon Bank)
- Oracle and Magee Dental, 7921 N. Oracle Rd.
- Pima Eye Institute, 1884 N. Innovation Park Dr.
- Verizon, 10580 N. Oracle Rd.

## **Upcoming Events**

#### MOVE Across 2 Ranges Hiking Challenge

Feb. 24, 2024, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. MOVE Across 2 Ranges is a partnership between Marana and Oro Valley Parks and Recreation with support from Summit Hut!

This event begins in the beautiful Tortolita Mountains (Wild Burro Trailhead) and concludes in Catalina State Park.

\$40 registration includes: access to packet pick-up party, event t-shirt, entry fee into Catalina State Park, entry in raffle and meal & drink tickets at after party.

For details and registration, visit www.move2ranges.com.

## Oro Valley Hiking Series: Hike at Arizona Trail

Saturday, Feb. 3, 7 to 11 a.m. American Flag Ranch Trailhead, Passage 12 (Northern Trailhead) in Oracle, AZ

Whether you are looking to dip your toe into hiking for the first time or are a seasoned hiker looking to get some more miles under your belt, the Oro Valley Hiking Series is here for you. Our guided hikes are the perfect way to spend time with your friends, make new ones and explore new trails in Oro Valley and surrounding areas.

For details and registration, visit playov.com.

#### **Second Saturdays at Steam Pump Ranch**

Saturday, Feb. 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Steam Pump Ranch, 10901 N. Oracle Rd.

Stop by the Farmers Market and the Makers Market for everything from local produce to artisan goods. Then enjoy free crafts for kids and tours/activities.

#### <u>Valentine's Parents Night Out at Steam Pump</u> Ranch

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 6 to 10 p.m. Steam Pump Ranch, 10901 N. Oracle Rd.

Drop off the kids and go enjoy your Valentine's Day evening. We will treat your kids to a movie, games, crafts, pizza and snacks.