Oro Valley VISTO Newsletter November/December









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Oro Valley's Path Forward - The 2026 General Plan



Are you interested in OV's housing, growth, water supply, and more? Sign up for a resident working group to forge goals and actions that produce real results in your community. There's a topic for all interests.

Your voice is needed to make sure OV's next 10-year community action plan, known as OV's Path Forward, reflects what residents identified as their priorities and expectations for the future.

Resident working groups will primarily meet online, starting in January 2025. Don't wait! Click here to sign up for this unique opportunity to spark action in your community or visit OVPathForward.com.

JOIN THE HOUSING RESIDENT WORKING GROUP

- Kick-off in January 2025
- Commit to roughly 4-6 hours a month
- Most meetings will be online



OV Project Round-Up

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 or 520-229-4711.

Town Court Expansion: Phase 1 is complete. New attorney meeting rooms, a jury deliberation room, public restrooms, and an expanded lobby will improve efficiencies for both staff and the public. Phase 2 of the project has begun, with completion expected by late spring 2025.

Community & Recreation Center Entryway and Elevator: Accessibility upgrades are progressing at the CRC. The new elevator will be installed in November, and the front entryway is being lowered to accommodate all visitors. Completion is expected in early 2025.

Steam Pump Ranch Shade Structure: A new shade structure, equipped with lights, misters, and outlets, will be completed by early 2025. It will provide a great benefit for Farmers Market visitors, summer campers and many community events.

Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve: Town Council approved initial design plans for the Desert Ecosystem Restoration Project. Efforts to manage invasive plants, such as buffelgrass and Russian thistle, are ongoing, drawing from lessons learned from other regional restoration projects.

The Oro Valley Concert Series is BACK!

The Oro Valley Concert Series has been a cornerstone of our community for more than 20 years, and this year, it's better than ever!

This free concert series, presented by the Town of Oro Valley in partnership with the Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance (SAACA), provides local musicians with the opportunity to showcase their talents at various venues throughout Oro Valley, offering residents and visitors a diverse musical experience that spans genres from jazz and rock to country and classical.

Held at some of the town's most scenic and accessible venues, including Oro Valley Marketplace, Riverfront Park, El Conquistador, a Hilton Resort, Westward Look Wyndham Grand Resort & Spa, and Tohono Chul, this concert series brings the community together to enjoy live music under the beautiful Southern Arizona skies. Click here or visit www.saaca.org/ovconcertseries.html and book mark this web page so you'll always have quick access to the concert schedule!

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

NOW OPEN:

Hydra Jiu-Jitsu, 10861 N. Mavinee Dr. #155 Northwest Urgent Care, 10568 N. Oracle Rd. #110 Starizona, 12995 N. Oracle Rd. #181 Sunny Spa, 7883 N. Oracle Rd.

COMING SOON:

First Order Compounding Pharmacy, 7225 N. Oracle Rd. #104 **Oasis Nutrition**, 7927 N. Oracle Rd.

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NEW PODCAST EPISODE:

Bet: Oro Valley's future is in good hands



Join us for a discussion on the history of Oro Valley's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) with BASIS High School students and current YAC members Tanish Doshi (president), Nihar Goulapally (historian), and Allison Kuester.

Be sure to subscribe to the podcast on Apple Music, Google Podcasts or Spotify. Click here to listen directly on the Town's website or visit orovalleyaz.gov and search for PODCAST.



At the Town of Oro Valley, we're thankful to have residents who truly care about this community we love. Happy Thanksgiving!

Town offices will be closed for the holidays on the following dates:

Nov. 28 & 29

Dec. 24 & 25

Dec. 31 & Jan. 1

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

4th Annual Rockin' 4 Heroes Concert Sunday, Nov. 10

Gates open at 12:30 p.m.; music at 1 p.m. James D. Kriegh Park 23 W. Calle Concordia

Click here or visit **rockin4heroes.org** for more info and your free tickets. Please bring your own chair.



Arizona Heroes Memorial Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Saturday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m. Naranja Park, 810 W. Naranja Dr. Celebrate the completion of this

special memorial. Click here or visit

azheroesmemorial.org for details.



Oro Valley Festival of the Arts & Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration

Presented by SAACA

begins at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Tree lighting at 6 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Oro Valley Marketplace, 12155 N. Oracle Rd. This FREE holiday event is a seasonal favorite, featuring Christmas-themed performances, an appearance from Santa, and a meaningful celebration of the arts.

Second Saturday at Steam Pump Ranch Saturday, Dec. 14, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Steam Pump Ranch, 10901 N. Oracle Road Join us for a special holiday edition of Second Saturday, with holiday-themed activities and performances. Live music



SnOV: An Oro Valley Holiday Event

Sponsored by Lisa Bayless Long Realty **Thursday, Dec. 19,** 5 – 8 p.m.

Community and Recreation Center 10555 N. La Cañada Dr.

Enjoy SNOW in Oro Valley! This FREE event offers games, crafts, food and drinks (non-alcoholic and alcoholic) for purchase, plus holiday characters and a visit from Santa.

Hot Cocoa 5K 2025

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Race starts at 11:25 a.m. Steam Pump Ranch, 10901 N. Oracle Rd. Cost: \$35 in advance; \$40 on race day Start the new year off right with the Hot Cocoa 5K! Join us for a fun run or walk on a scenic path, with refreshments available after the race. Visit orovalleyaz.gov for details.