# OroValley VISTO Newsletter January/February 202

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## Exciting developments at Steam Pump Ranch



On December 10, the Town cut the ribbon on the Garage Restoration Project at historic Steam Pump Ranch. The restored garage building includes a reception area, a community/conference room and offices which will be occupied the Town's Recreation and Culture Division staff. Now that staff is onsite, the property will be open to the public Monday through Friday during normal business hours, in addition to various special events and Saturdays during the Heirloom Farmer's Market. Restoring the garage is a fulfillment of one of the goals for the Steam Pump Ranch master plan which was also identified as a priority by Town Council, staff and the Historic Preservation Commission. This project also included improvements to the Pusch House building, which is a public museum operated by the Oro Valley Historical Society.

## General Plan 2026 is just around the corner



We need your help! Preparation is underway for the Town's next General Plan, which is a community-driven, 10-year policy document that guides Town decisions and departments. Extensive public outreach was conducted over three years for the current Your Voice, Our Future General Plan, which resulted in an action plan that resonated with the community and was ratified by 71% of the voters. The next 10-year General Plan will be on the ballot in 2026, and the first step in the process is developing a Public Engagement Plan to ensure that Oro Valley residents have opportunities to share their input on Oro Valley's future. We are inviting residents of all ages to help us identify the best ways to engage our community through a brief survey. For a link to the survey, please visit orovalleyaz.gov or check us out on social media. Questions? Contact Milini Simms at 520-229-4836 or msimms@orovalleyaz.gov.

## NARANJA PARK EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE



A very exciting milestone in the Naranja Park Expansion Project was recently reached. The Walkway Project between the existing south and north multi-use fields is complete, and construction fences have been removed. The Mass Grading Project is also complete. In the new year, crews will start construction on multi-use fields five and six, working to install irrigation, drainage and lights. This construction will make way for grass to be planted in May/June, which means we anticipate the fields to be open for play as soon as Fall 2023! Along with construction of fields five and six, crews will also begin underground utility work to support future park amenities. That work involves installing items like electrical conduits, water lines and irrigation.

## 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.

# 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:

- Pima Heart & Vascular 12115 N. Oracle Rd. (relocation)
- Pure Poke 7315 N. Oracle Rd. #105

#### Click here or

visit **orovalleyaz.gov** and search for **DINE** to see a list of Oro Valley restaurants!



#### Second Saturdays at Steam Pump Ranch

10901 N. Oracle Rd. 10:30 a.m. to noon

Enjoy the Heirloom Farmers Market, crafts for kids in the Heritage Garden and live music.

January 14 – Music by *FebboFuentes* February 11 – Music by *Nancy Elliott* March 11 – Tucson Fiddle Contest

#### Cruise, BBQ & Blues

Hosted by the Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance

Oro Valley Marketplace, 12155 N. Oracle Rd. Saturday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This annual classic car show includes live music and tasty BBQ! Purchase your \$5 ticket at the door. Ages 10 and under are free.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Off the Vine Wine Festival at Steam Pump Ranch

10901 N. Oracle Road Saturday, Feb. 18, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This annual event is hosted by the Arizona Wine Growers Association. For tickets and event details, please visit www.offthevineaz.com.

#### **<u>Riverfront Park Classical Concert Series</u>** In partnership with the Southern Arizona Arts &

Cultural Alliance 551 W. Lambert Lane

Sunday, Feb. 19, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

This is a free event. Please bring chairs or a blanket to sit on.

Music by Tucson Desert Harmony Chorus



<u>SAVE THE DATE! Spring Break Camps</u> March 13-17, 2023

- Spring Break Camp SPF at the OV Community & Recreation Center
- Nature Camp at Catalina State Park

Spring Break is just around the corner, so keep an eye on OV Parks and Recreation's social media or <u>click here</u> to visit **PlayOV.com** for camp details and registration!