

2023 December Grounds 1672 Total Grounds Hours

12/1/2023 32/1704 Total Grounds Hours

Mark Koruga, Lee Blahnik, George Anderson, Bob Muldoon, Mike Mitchell, Mike Seipel, Dick Bierman, Bob Fillion, Jim Clausen, Bill Studer, Bruce Grieshaber, Dave Koch, Rick Dow, John Kangas, Brent Gordy and Jim Owen had another good morning. Dick and Bob M. stayed at the shed and worked on the Christmas decorations. The rest of us went back to the Cefiro Park and continued to trim those trees. We cut up and piled a bunch of fire wood. Took two loads to the dumpster blew off the sidewalk and called it a day. Some of us will be back on Tuesday. Then Mike M. took Miguels tractor to the wash to work of some rock issues. Mark, Bob M., Lee and Jim O. joined him and helped with the rock issue. More to do their on Tuesday. A Really Big Thank You for all of your help.

12/5/2023 30/1734 Total Grounds Hours

Mark Koruga, Lee Blahnik, George Anderson, Don Kelly, Jim Clausen, Bill Studer, Brent Gordy, Rick Fillion, Rick Dow, Mike Mitchell, Mike Seipel, Dawn Weber, John Kangas, Dick Bierman and Jim Owen had another busy morning. Mark loaded the quad and is going to take it to Tucson. Mark and Lee finished the irrigation at the entrance to the Springs. Mike Mitchell, Rick Dow, Brent, John and Don did some major rock work in the wash. The rest of us finished up our trimming behind Bill's house. We took a big load of fire wood to the dumpster and had Felix finish picking up our Trimmings. Remember we are not going to work on the Christmas Week or the New Years week. A Really Big Thank You for all you do for the Springs.

12/8/2023 26/1760 Total Grounds Hours

Mark Koruga, Brent Gordy, Bruce Grieshaber, Lee Blahnik, George Anderson, Rick Dow, Bob Fillion, Dick Bierman, Mike Seiple, Jim Clausen, Don Kelly, Mike Mitchell and Dave Koch had a busy, productive morning. The Grounds crew focused their efforts on the bushes and trees growing along the interior of the frontage road wall in preparation for painting of the wall in early 2024. The Oleander bushes along the entire length of the wall were significantly cut back to facilitate the upcoming painting project. Mesquite and Palo Verde trees along the wall, especially those with branches hanging over and nearly touching the top of the wall were trimmed. Several loads of branches were transported by trailer to the area near the dumpster. Fallen branches on the side of the wall facing the frontage road were trimmed and placed into piles for chipping next Tuesday. What we can't chip will be turned over to the Felix crew for removal to the landfill. Last Tuesday, Mark Koruga transported our Honda quad, by trailer, to Musselman Honda in Tucson for service. In addition to a badly needed replacement gear-shift, the aging squad will also receive 4 new tires and a new seat. The quad should be back in the Springs and ready to go in about a week to 10 days. Meanwhile, we're using Mark's quad to fill in. A Really Big Thank You for all of your help. (Lee Blahnik reporting)

12/12/2023 22/1782 Total Grounds Hours

Mark Koruga, Lee Blahnik, Brent Gordy, Bruce Grieshaber, George Anderson, Rick Dow, Mike Seiple, Don Kelly, Mike Mitchell, Gary Moe, and Dawn Weber had another productive morning. Mark Koruga arranged for Green Valley Rock to deliver a large load of gravel to Perry Park where the crew used wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes to spread the gravel along the edges of the sidewalk in multiple locations. Over the years, weather has seriously eroded the old gravel to the extent that there were 2 and 3 inch drop-offs, creating a walking hazard for park pedestrians. As a result, the overall appearance and safety of the park has been much improved. There are a couple of areas along the sidewalk that could use some topsoil to bring the edges up to grade. Since the chainsaws weren't used today, Gary Moe remained back at the shed and spent the morning putting a sharp edge on the majority of the saws. The Felix crew picked up the brush piles near the dumpster as well as most of the branches piled along the frontage road wall that were cut last Friday. The remaining piles along the

wall can be chipped or moved this coming Friday. As always, Thank You Everyone for your hard work. (Lee Blahnik Reporting.)

12/15/2023 18/1800 Total Grounds Hours

Mark Koruga, Lee Blahnik, Bill Studer, George Anderson, Rick Dow, Don Kelly, Dave Koch, Dick Bierman and Gary Moe worked hard just to stay warm on what was probably the coldest morning, so far, this season. Dick Bierman started the morning by making adjustments to the Christmas display near the main gate. He then joined the crew in moving a trailer load of large rocks, from a rock pile near the water tower, to Perry Park where the rock was installed to supplement existing rock along drainage areas. The crew then returned to the walking path between the Springs and the Greens to load several piles of loose branches and debris into the trailer. After that, the crew went along the wall on the frontage road and topped of the trailer with more branches and firewood. One small pile of branches remains for Felix to pick up next Tuesday. The trailer was then driven to the dumpster which had just been emptied by Republic Services, and unloaded. The quad is still at Musselman Honda being serviced. Mark said he'd call and check on its repair status. As always, thank you everyone for your hard work. (Lee Blahnik reporting).

12/19/2023 26/1826 Total Grounds Hours

Mark Koruga, Lee Blahnik, Rick Dow, Don Kelly, Mike Seipel, Dawn (Thank You for the delicious cookies) Weber, Gary Moe, Bob Muldoon, Dick Bierman, Jim Clausen, Dan Ridder, John Frederickson and Jim Owen had another busy morning. We split up this morning. Mark, Bob, Mike, Dick, Lee and Jim O. spent the morning removing the suckers that were growing over the wall at the Springs entrance. We took a load of trimmings to the dumpster. Then we joined the rest of the crew who were behind Blue Fox trimming some trees and doing some weedwhacking and other cleanup issues. We took another load to the dumpster. We looked over Blue Fox and decided that we need to spend some more time trimming and doing some other cleanup issues. So it looks like we will spend at least one more morning behind Blue Fox. So Friday we will return to Blue Fox if it isn't raining. A Really Big thank You for all of your hard work.