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**ANTHEM COMMUNITY COUNCIL RECEIVES AWARD OF DISTINCTION FOR LANDSCAPING EFFORTS**

**Anthem, Ariz.** – The Anthem Community Council makes the preservation and improvement of the community's landscape and amenities a top priority each year. That commitment was recently recognized by the Arizona Landscape Contractors Association, which granted the ACC an Award of Distinction.

TJ Winzeler, ValleyCrest Operations Manager, presented the award to the ACC Board of Directors and CEO Jenna Kohl at the Board's meeting Jan. 28. ValleyCrest nominated the ACC for the award, which Winzeler said is the equivalent of a silver medal from the organization. Organizations can only be nominated every two years, and Winzeler said he plans to nominate the ACC again when eligible and hopes to see the community receive the top prize, an Award of Excellence.

ValleyCrest is the ACC's largest third-party contractor, responsible for the landscaping of all ACC-owned property, including parks, sports fields, common areas and more.

Part of keeping the fields and playing surfaces looking their best involves short-term closures to re-sod and repair fields from extremely heavy use and to aerate the soil to promote healthy turf. In developing the field renovation schedule, ACC staff and ValleyCrest consider seasonal turf maintenance needs, weather conditions and the timing of various sports activities in an effort to minimize the impact of field closures on youth and adult sports. However, due to the growth of sports programs and the high demand for field space for practices and games, some inconveniences are unavoidable in order to maintain and sustain high quality sports fields.

For a schedule of sports field maintenance and closures, visit [OnlineAtAnthem.com/sports-fields-renovation](http://OnlineAtAnthem.com/sports-fields-renovation).

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