



# SUNSCAPE WAY HAPPENINGS

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**Medical/Fire Emergency Call 9-1-1, say Pinal County so that the call is directed properly.**

## **SEASON END** - by JoAnn Bloemendaal

As the season draws to a close, it would be prudent to make sure your mail is handled properly. Make sure that the person forwarding your mail knows when to stop sending it to Sunscape. When you arrived at Sunscape, you signed in at the Welcome Center. When you leave you need to sign out at the Welcome Center. Let them know the date you are leaving and they will make sure any mail that arrives is forwarded to you. You may need to have them print out some mail forwarding labels. You pay only \$1 for 30 of them. When people sign in at the start of a season, they give a departure date. If yours has changed, please let the Welcome Center know so they don't check you out and have your mail returned to sender. If your Amazon delivery comes after you leave, you will pay the postage to have it forwarded. Registered mail is not signed for between May 15<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>. A little work on your part will result in the proper handling of your mail and a lot less frustration for you and the mail personnel.

## **PINAL COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE REPORT** - by JoAnn Bloemendaal

Sunscape is required by Arizona law to submit a report to the County Assessor's office each month to comply with Arizona's laws regarding taxation of personal property. Your help is needed to properly complete this report. When checking in for 30 days or longer with a 5th wheel, travel trailer or a motorhome, the Welcome Center is required to collect the RV's Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). Shareholders, if you are renting out your lot for 30 days or longer, tell the renter they will need to have the VIN of their RV available at check in.

If an owner has a new or used park model brought in or an RV that is going to stay permanently on the lot, the Welcome Center needs the VIN, year and brand name of the park model/RV.

If you sell your park model or permanent RV on the lot, the Welcome Center will need the VIN. Some are already on file, but take the VIN, year and brand name to the office when you do the transfer or give it to the new owner to do so.

Thank you for helping Sunscape comply with Arizona State Law.

## **WATER PROJECT** - By JoAnn Bloemendaal

Most people in the park now know that we have an problem with our water mains.... specifically they leak. Before talking about the project, let's look at the history. The water mains in questions are the ones placed during the first phase of the park's construction in 1986. A few years back it was discovered that the ground under the pavement on Indiana Street was wet. Last season people were discovering wet spots on their lots. Maintenance started repairing leaks as they happened but it was determined that the mains weren't properly placed for our current lot usage as they are 12' from the lot lines which puts them under park models. That's a safety issue for anyone working on the lines.

This precipitated an outlay of funds to repair the main that runs between Indiana and Wisconsin. The project took place over the summer of 2017 and the information gained from this project is being used to formulate a plan for the repair of the next main. During the project a new main was laid within the 5' set back and included new water service lines to each lot.

An ad hoc committee was formed to look at the data gathered during this

construction. The members of the cooperative voted this year to put aside funds to start repairs this summer. The park has asked an architect for a proposal on the main replacement and we should know more soon on how the project will proceed.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Election results are in. Neal Wehmer and Pat Olsen are our newly elected members of the board.

### **Board officers are as follows:**

President - Vern Beckstead  
Vice President - Bill Gernon  
Secretary - Helen Custer  
Assistant Secretary - Judy Wilson  
Treasurer - Pat Olsen  
ARC Chair - Robyn Moore  
Member - Neal Wehmer

### **Committee Liaisons:**

Activity - Pat Olsen  
Administrative Support - Bill Gernon  
Ambassadors - Judy Wilson  
Architecture - Robyn Moore  
Audit - Pat Olsen  
Communication - Vern Beckstead  
Election - Helen Custer  
Emergency Response - Neal Wehmer  
Finance - Pat Olsen  
Long-Range Planning and Property - Robyn Moore  
Management Team - Helen Custer  
Safety and Security - Neal Wehmer

## **SUNSCAPE SUMMERS**

Did you ever wonder what the weather is like during Sunscape summers? Yeah, you know it's hot and the sun shines a lot but did you know that the sun even shines on the north side of the buildings? So cover the tires on the north side of your vehicle and the windows on the north side of your park model.

Water is scarce in the desert so keep your vegetation watering to a minimum.

Established cactus, agave, aloe, palm trees,  
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(SUMMERS - continued from page 1 ) bougainvillea and oleanders do not need to be watered. Established citrus trees only need watered every other week. The sun deteriorates anything left outside, water hoses become brittle and start to leak. If you have a hose running to vegetation and it is leaking, the spigot may be shut off to stop the waste of water.

Maybe you've heard of the Arizona monsoon season and haboobs? The monsoon is the seasonal wind shift and the precipitation it produces from the uptake of moisture when the wind passes over the Pacific Ocean and Gulf of California. A haboob is a loose swirling wall of dust several hundred feet high which is typically followed by heavy rainfall. The monsoon season begins on June 15 and ends on September 30, but the storms peak between mid-July and mid-August. This wind and water can do damage to your property. Awnings get blown off, shingles go flying and skirting collapses. Couple this with intense sunshine during the summer and you'll see why vehicle covers deteriorate and become airborne. If you are going to cover a vehicle, buy a top quality cover and secure it very well. Better yet, see if a neighbor will allow you to park under their awning.

That wind also blows away items left outside. Fake flowers fly in the wind. Potted plants dry up and fall over. Grills can blow over. Please secure everything outside. The people that stay during the summer pick up and dispose of a lot of debris. "For Sale" signs break up and become part of the trash pile. Consider putting the signs inside the park model window or firmly attach them to a shed. Maybe just taking them down for the summer would be a good idea as the sun fades the contact information until it is unreadable. As a courtesy to the people that do stay, please secure your flagpole chains so they are not clanging when the wind blows. If your water heater door does not fit securely, it may blow open. Put a lock on it so dust doesn't have another place to enter your park model. If you have an awning, offer the use of the parking spot to someone that stays during the summer. This is a benefit to

them – a cooler car - and you – as a theft deterrent. If you do put up a chain across the front of your lot, please make sure it is at least 5 feet in from the road as this is a park requirement. Do you know that palm trees flower in June? Hundreds of tiny white flowers appear, and blow away, before the tree produces little berries. Make arrangements to have your trees trimmed at least annually so the dead fronds don't become a home for birds, rats and snakes. Dead fronds become airborne and can injure anyone they hit or damage property. Dried fronds are also a fire hazard.

It's amazing how fast the weeds can grow on your lot. Spray for weeds before you leave for the summer or have someone do it. Even if you do spray, weeds might still grow. Arrangements can be made with the park (ask at the Welcome Center) or local vendors to check your site all summer so weeds do not get out of hand. If you do contract with a vendor, tell the Welcome Center so they know not to go spray your weeds. It's always a good idea to make arrangements with someone who stays at Sunscape during the summer to watch over your property. Be sure to provide them with keys for access. That way you know if there's an issue that needs to be addressed. Be a good neighbor and secure your property for the summer.

### **GOOD NEIGHBOR REMINDERS**

One of the many small things we can do to be responsible residents of Sunscape is to lock down the buildings if we are the last ones out in the evening. Yes, it's hard to say if you are going to be the last one in the building but if it is 8 p.m. and no one else is around, maybe you will be the last one to use the building for the day. If that is the case, here are the steps to lock up the building.

#1 – shut off all fans

#2 – shut off all lights

#3 – lock the bathroom inside doors and all outside doors, except for bathrooms and laundry.

Granted, each building is different. If you are occasionally the last to leave, find out in advance how to lock down the

building by asking other residents or park staff.

"For Sale" postings that have been on the corkboard in the breezeway must be re-signed by the Manager or Activity Director every six months to remain on the board. "For Sale" and "For Rent" ads in the books residing on the table in the Clubhouse must be re-dated every 6 months to remain in the book

### **Committee and Board Communications**

Board and Committee agendas, meeting minutes and the ARF flowchart are posted in the Clubhouse. Those, the Sunscape Way and the Activity Sheet can all be emailed to you. Just sign up for Sunscape's mass email program. Go to the Sunscape website - [www.sunscapevresort.com](http://www.sunscapevresort.com) - and scroll to the bottom of the home page. There you can click on the request to sign up. Another page comes up with the sign up form. Just enter your name and email address and select what notices you want to receive. Activity Sheet, Sunscape Way and/or Sunscape News. What a great way to make sure you get current information from Sunscape! Please do not sign up with more than one email address as we are limited to the number of emails we can send out. Reminder to all committees: please make sure to post your current rosters, agendas and minutes on the boards in the CH kitchen hallway.

### **REMINDER TO SHAREHOLDERS**

A reminder to cast your ballot for the Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws regarding Director Meetings. Your vote is your voice and an important way to make choices for the future. Remember, if you don't vote it becomes a "no" vote. So make it count!

### **"Act of kindness"**

'Thank you' to the person who puts our paper up on our step each morning. Your kindness is appreciated. Keith & Marilyn Cornish Lot 62

**A Life Transition**

By Hal Pullin

I remember the moment when I become the parent and my mother became the child. She had a severe angina attack at 3 am but did not push her lifeline button until 8 am. Always an independent women, she was raised not to ask for what she needed. She didn't want to bother anyone. Had she pushed the button at 3 am, it would have notified her neighbor, my brother, and called 911.

The transition, the switch occurred when I insisted she agree to pushing the lifeline button when she had symptoms. I told her that my siblings and I needed to know that she would keep herself safe, or we would move her to a home. She agreed.

I write this to promote a discussion of how do we, as neighbors and friends all living in close community, know how to respond to the aging needs of our neighbors. I suspect we have many residents, like my mother, who have difficulty asking for what they need. Having nosy neighbors is probably a good thing. A daily, "How are you doing?", is a very good thing.

**THE WASHER TALKS** - By JoAnn Bloemendaal

**Help! Someone has interrupted my cycle again! Just when I was taking a break from all my gyrations in the previous cycle, someone opened the door to see how their clothes were doing! Don't they realize that just shuts me down like they had hit the power switch? Now all I can do is sit here and wait for the repair guy to come reset me.....ho hum. Oh, wait.. No one ever turned in a repair request to the Welcome Center?! Don't they realize I can't get back to work until I'm reset? Oh well,,, I suppose I can take a break. Oh while I have you, do you know that powdered detergent clogs my lines and the sewer plant is complaining about the bleach you put in me? Then there's my neighbors, the dryers. Some of them just need a more forceful push to make them close properly.**

**VIP CARDS -- WHAT ARE THEY?**

That is a question I'm asked a lot!!

They are a money maker for the Sunscape Singles Club. They are put together for use at different restaurants and places of business in or near Casa Grande. Some are a "one" time usage but most can be used many times as long as the card is valid, which this year is until September 30, 2018. For the Sunscape Singles, Mary Anne Brunner and I acquire them from "Gordan" in Casa Grande who also makes them for schools and others in our area to sell. A big plus of the cards are several freebies such as a hair cut for new customers, free pizza from Little Caesars and free car washes from Rainmaker (new owners) Car Wash south of the Safeway store. The card costs \$15.00. We get a percentage of what we sell and have a bank account with our Sunscape bookkeeper. When the Sunscape Singles donate monies, we have a check made out to the recipient of our funds. This last Christmas we donated to the Open Hands Veterans Outreach Program in Coolidge and have donated to Sue Ross in Casa Grande. She has a Christmas dinner and what we donate to her helps her buy salad makings and the dinner rolls. For the first few months of the season (October - December) the Welcome Center helps us by selling the VIP cards, which we certainly appreciate. So, on behalf of Mary Anne Brunner and myself, THANKS to all who have bought the books and we hope you all do so again next season starting in August. AGAIN THANKS, Elaine Anderson, lot 7, and Mary Anne Brunner, lot 491.

**Notes from Town Hall and Board Workshop meetings of March 6 2018.****By Hal Pullin, Communication Committee**

While there is always a ton of good information exchanged during both these meetings, I pick and choose what to write about. Any opinions, or perceptions expressed, are purely my own.

I want to encourage you to attend these

meetings and to have a well informed voice. It is my opinion, that in absence of correct information people will too often assume the negative.

The election committee reported that we will have two board openings for the 2019 election. The last day for applications is December 3, 2018. We had 83% of membership vote in this last election which was 399 owners. Unfortunately 19 ballots were not counted do to lack of a lot number. The highest year on record was 2014 with 87%.

One of the interesting exchanges had to do with continuing Town Hall meetings during the summer. Several people spoke up as to just how vital these meetings are for the summer people. Not only does this enhance a sense of community, but also enhances the protection of our properties. Manager Mary Kerr made the point that the park does not shut down in summer. Robyn Moore discussed some very important information, from his research of Arizona state law, as to what can happen to ones property if they don't leave a will. The state can take your property. Please leave a will. Simple "do it yourself" forms are available at office supply stores like Office Max.

Another important exchange dealt with the question of needing a large amount money, lets say for a major sewer or water emergency, in a timely manner. What would we do? (Please be mindful that this is just an example, as I don't want to be responsible for the next big rumor). What if we needed \$500,000 and the Board could not borrow money in a timely manner? In that case we may need to assess each lot \$1000. Assessing the lots may not be the best choice, so the Board has asked the Administrative Support Committee to research and educate us as to what it would mean to borrow money. The Administrative Support Committee has set up a series of educational meetings to inform us. Please attend so we will all be on the same page as to facts, not opinions. For the third or fourth time that I can remember, it was clarified by the Board that there is no preconceived agenda to borrow money and that borrowing money can only come from a vote of membership. We do not need to be in panic mode but think of this as a discovery process.

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 Board of Directors President, Vern Beckstead, discussed a new proposal from the company that provides defibrillators. The good news is they will provide 4 new defibrillators this year while we would pay for only two this year and the remaining two in 2019. This means the Club House, the Community Center, and Activity Center will each have one, plus one for the emergency golf cart. They are easy to use and come with step by step auditory instructions. Remember the life you save might be mine.



Our new cooks, Scott and Annette Tammaro are from northern Minnesota, near Bemidji. They have been married for 30 years, and have one son, Tony, who lives in Bismarck, ND. They owned a family style restaurant in Lake George, MN for about 7 years. They sold in 2003, and in 2004 they started their concession business, Top Hawg, and are now entering their 14th year. They built a new home in 2004, and from 2004 to 2012 they had 19 foster children. They have many foster grandchildren, and keep in touch with many of the kids through Facebook and at numerous Minnesota county fairs. It has been their goal for many years to spend winters in a warmer climate, and they landed in our park in December. This will be their pilgrimage for years to come, and they are thankful for all of the new friends that they have made here.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

If you ever have a question about a bylaw, rule or regulation, you can pick up a current copy of these documents in the Welcome Center or go to the Sunscape website and look under Park Administration then Forms, Information.... This is also where you can find ARF forms.



OK, so you saw this face in the November edition of the Sunscape Way but do you know who she is? She's your new Activity Director! Barb Underly and her husband, Jim have been in and out of Sunscape for the past 6 years. They were previously shareholders but sold when they decided they were going to roam more in the winter. Originally from Indiana, Barb and Jim have traveled extensively in the United States. They love the park and its people; so say "Hi" the next time you see them.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Communication Committee is looking for help with many projects. First off we need someone that stays in the park during the summer to write a short weekly/monthly email to members to help everyone keep up on what's happening in the park. Secondly, assistance is needed to make sure our website is current and relevant to members and people looking for a winter home. Thirdly, we are hoping to update the Sunscape History book. Please let us know what you think it should include.

Lastly, we are looking into creating a digital archive of Committee and Board meeting minutes. We are looking for minutes in digital form from any meeting prior to the 2017/2018 season. If you can help with any of these projects, please email [communications@sunscapevresort.com](mailto:communications@sunscapevresort.com)



Hello Fellow Sunscapers! Some people call me "whirlwind" others may use "trouble" or "the new cleaning lady". I'll probably answer to any of them, but my name is Deb. I'm the newest member of our maintenance staff. My husband Steve and I enjoy leaving the snow and cold of Colorado for a few months every year. I'm thankful for the opportunity to work here at Sunscape. I get to meet friends, earn a little money, get some exercise, and it keeps me out of trouble! Your kind words make the job easier. It is nice to be appreciated! I try to take pride in my work and strive to help make our park one we can all be proud of and enjoy. I look forward to seeing you next season!

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