

ASSOCIATION NEWS

President's Report

July 18, 2006

1. We have received the Auditor's Report for 2005. Copies were at the table when you came in. You can also pick up a copy in the Office. For those who read it, please do not think activities made \$73,000. The auditors did not include the fact that activities also spent over \$67,000. You will also note that we have around \$700,000 in the bank and are insured for only \$100,000. I believe these statements reflect our CDs, and we are protected by FDIC because we have our CDs in different banks, and at the time of deposit they were/are less than \$100,000.
2. The search continues for a Manager and Activities Director. Many resumes have been received, but most do not have the qualifications we are looking for in the manager position. However, the Board will be interviewing two applicants in the near future.

The two applicants for the activities position wanted a 9 to 5 position and the job requires flexible hours.

3. The Management Office has been painted, along with the privacy wall and pony walls, and gates. Painting the Yacht Club and pool fence are in progress. Painting of the Craft Room and outside bathrooms at the Rec Ctr are on hold until Verizon completes most of the ground work for their building. Anticipated is a lot of dust as Verizon begins construction.
4. Three pool decks are being painted. The Rec Ctr deck has been completed. Next week the Coves pool will be done. The following week the Yacht Club deck will be done. The North Park pool deck is in good condition and will be done when needed.
5. Some of you may have noticed that the curb outside the Yacht Club at the west entrance to the facility has been cut back. This was done to allow RVs and tour buses room to exit. In the past, the curb has been run over and broken. The problem with exiting hopefully has been solved. Should the east curb become broken from cars going over it, we will shorten this one also.

6. The Board has approved the hiring of a temporary part-time person for about 10 hours a week to help with typing, filing, etc. This individual will begin on Monday. Her name is Catherine.
7. Corrine has done a remarkable job with our in-house newspaper, which takes many hours to put together and often keeps her from her other duties. Her volunteer assistant is Nancy Greenland, who proofs the newsletter before it has been printed. Copies are available in the Management Office, Yacht Club and Rec Center, as well as on our website.
8. Bill Keitel continues to oversee any insurance documents that we receive, to be sure they are accurate. The Association policy was carefully reviewed by Bill and several other volunteers, to be sure what we asked for during our discussion with the insurance agent was included. In addition, homeowners with boat docks have been submitting copies of their umbrella insurance that covers docks. Also, all vendors/contractors have submitted copies of their liability insurance.

Vada Bowers has been working to obtain bids to redo some of the chairs in the Yacht Club. All of you who have sat on these chairs know how uncomfortable they are after an hour or so. The bids received are on the agenda for discussion. Vada has also been looking for replacement chairs for the Game Room.

Bob Della Pia continues to oversee our weekly invoices and CD investments. We had two CDs mature earlier this month, and one matures next week. Looking for the best rates takes time.

Chuck and I met with the three representatives from the Shores to continue dialog about the area behind homeowners who live along Lakes 1 and 2. A document was sent to our attorneys for further legal opinion.

9. For those of you with computers and email, you read my email about the problem in the exercise room with two pieces of our new equipment. One piece of equipment had the cable loosened. Another had nuts and bolts loosened. Bob was able to repair both. If this situation occurs again and equipment is made unsafe for use, we will be forced to lock the exercise room. The Association cannot afford to have equipment tampered with that creates a situation where residents could be injured.
10. The pool company has been doing a great job. There have been few problems, and everyone seems happy with the condition of the pools. Will is very diligent and stops in the Office during the week to review what he has done and to check on any concerns.

11. I am hoping that JND will begin to thin the trees marked with a pink ribbon next week.
12. There has been no new news from Verizon. The last information was that they were waiting for paper work to clear the City Council. This should be done around the end of July, if City Council meets during the summer.
13. When Verizon has completed their work at the Rec Ctr area, we will have the white stripes repainted for parking. We will also have the parking lines repainted at the Yacht Club at the same time.
14. As you know, there is no Board meeting in August. See you in September.

CC&Rs COMMITTEE

After many meetings and work sessions, the CC&Rs Committee is finished with the preliminary work of revising the CC&Rs and the Bylaws of the Ventana Lakes Property Owners Association. The next step in the process is to have the Association attorney review the work that has been completed. In the fall, the Committee will conduct a series of meetings for all residents, to explain any changes that were made, and any items which have been deleted as a result of the developer no longer being involved in the community. Following these meetings, residents will be asked to either approve or not approve the proposed changes in the CC&Rs and Bylaws.

Management Office

The Management Office will be **closed** on Monday, September 4th, for Labor Day.

Dates for Future Board Meetings

- Aug - no meeting planned at this time
- Sept 9 - 9:30 a.m., following the Forum at the YC
- Oct 18 - 1:30 p.m., YC
- Nov 15 - 6:30 p.m., YC
- Dec 9 - 9:30 a.m., YC

Dates for Future Work Study Sessions (these are subject to change)

Aug 30 - 3:30 p.m., MO
Sept 13 - 3:30 p.m., MO
Sept 27 - 3:30 p.m., MO
Oct 11 - 3:30 p.m., MO
Nov 8 - 3:30 p.m., MO
Nov 29 - 3:30 p.m., MO
Dec 13 - 3:30 p.m., MO

BLOCK WATCH FLASH

***** Important – Please Read**

Block Watch is a community partnership crime prevention program - residents in a community such as Ventana Lakes work together and with their local Police Department to reduce crime in their neighborhood.

Residents who support the Block Watch program get to know their neighbors and serve as the eyes and ears for the community, reporting all suspicious activity to the Police Department. Block Watch supporters **do not** confront people or place themselves in any potentially dangerous situation. They **do** become active partners with the police by watching their neighbors' homes, thereby helping to make their community crime-free.

In Ventana Lakes, Block Watch is a community-wide approach with our Ventana Lakes neighbors working together with the City Of Peoria Police Department. Neighbors watching out for neighbors, who call the police if they see or hear anything that is suspicious. When in doubt, CALL THE POLICE!

If you see any crime in progress or an emergency situation, call 9-1-1 immediately. If you see or hear any suspicious activity, or you see a suspicious individual in the neighborhood, call the Peoria Police at the non-emergency number (623) 773-8311. The Peoria Police will investigate and take the appropriate action.

The Chairperson for the Ventana Lakes Block Watch is Chuck Schumm. Co-Chairpersons are Gerald Hamel and Bob McDonald. There is a Block Watch meeting for Captains and Co-Captains on the last Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Management Office. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome. If you would like to be a Block Watch Captain, please call Chuck and we will get you started.

We have experienced some crime recently through open or partially open garage doors. In the most recent incident, a bicycle was stolen out of a garage where the

door was left open with no one around. Always close your garage doors when not in your garage. If you open your garage door for ventilation, open it no more than 3 inches, so that a person cannot slip under the door into your garage.

Dogs

Please keep your dog(s) on a leash at all times, and remember to pick up after them. Please do not leave dog waste in the outdoor receptacles at the Yacht Club or Rec Center. The smell is overpowering.

Geese

Please **do not** feed the geese! They leave their droppings all around the property, and it becomes dangerous as well as unsanitary. AZ Law & Ventana Lakes CC&Rs prohibit feeding. Fines are possible.

Pool Decks

Be very careful when walking on the newly painted pool decks. They are slippery. We are told that they take approximately 90 days to cure. Extra sand was added to decrease the slippery surface.

Pool Keys

The pool keys will cost \$50 beginning September 1, 2006. Replacement keys will cost \$75. All fees are refundable upon return.

GROUPS & CLUBS

AEROBICS

The evening Aerobics class normally held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the Yacht Club pool will change to weekly from August 2nd to September 13th. However, the August 2nd class **only** will be held at the Coves Pool while the Yacht Club pool deck is being painted. This is a fee class.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Ventana Lakes residents and their friends are invited to join the Ventana Lakes Bowling League. Bowling begins in October at Mission Bell Lanes on 59th Avenue,

between Union Hills and Bell Road. The league bowls Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Join us for fun throughout the winter months. For questions or additional information, please call Lois Sims at (623) 376-2591 or Bill Kozlowski at (623) 362-2219.

BUNCO

Ladies - Join us on Wednesday, August 9th, at 6:30 p.m. for Bunco, a “no-brainer” dice game played at the Rec. Center. The cost is \$5, which is given back to you in the form of cash prizes. We have a great “break-time” table with snacks and desserts brought by the ladies on a volunteer basis - which we DO enjoy! For further information, check the Activities Contact List for phone numbers.

ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB

The first meeting of the 2006-2007 year will be on **Thursday, September 7th, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Yacht Club. Members are invited to “Idea Night.” Bring your suggestions for food and entertainment for the year ahead. The Club is now 128 members strong, so that should make for a wonderful idea base with all those varied experiences to share. There will be dessert and coffee provided, including something for those in need of sugar-free. As always, BYOB.

We welcome new members and associate members of Italian descent to join us for the 2006-2007 year, again sure to be full of food, fun and camaraderie, Italian Style. For information about the Italian-American Club, please call **Tony DeMont** at (623) 566-3894.

SHALOM CLUB

As has been our custom for the past several years, we will have no formal meetings during June, July and August. Instead, we will be getting together for dinner at local restaurants, usually on the second Thursday of those months. Members will be advised of details by phone. Similarly, members will be notified of the details of our first meeting of the New Year in September.

For more information about us, call Eileen Grossman at 623-566-0006 or Trudy Fleishman at 623-566-1970. And of course, new members are always welcome. Call Eileen or Trudy as above.

Shalom and good health to all.

WATER AEROBICS

We would like new members to join us! Our classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Rec Center Pool. If you would like more information, please contact Donna Garbarski at (623) 561-1532.

COMMUNITY NEWS & TRIPS

CRAFT SALE

The Ventana Lakes Craft Sale will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please call Joyce at (623) 544-9781 or Vada at (623) 825-9194.

Indoor Rental: A table and 1 chair is \$20. Additional tables may be available at the same cost. Your rack may be substituted for a table space if desired. You are not permitted to put anything in the aisles. Please contact me for the corner spaces at additional cost.

Outdoor Rental: A table and 1 chair is \$20. Additional tables may be available at the same cost. Your rack may be substituted for a table space if desired. A 10 X 10 space for your tent is available at \$35. Please contact me for any other arrangements.

GAME NIGHT/DESSERT POTLUCK

On Saturday, September 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the Yacht Club, there will be a game night. Come and join us for some of those fun TV game shows and great desserts. Coffee will be provided. Tickets are \$1.00

KARAOKE

Come out and have fun! Try your talent singing. Friday, August 25th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Yacht Club is your opportunity to show your talent. Admission is \$2.00 per person. BYOB & Snacks.

PIZZA/POOL PARTY

There will be a pizza/pool party on Saturday, August 26th at 5:30 p.m. at the Yacht Club. Five Star will be bringing the pizza and salad. BYOB. There will be water volleyball and a movie after dinner. Tickets are \$6.00. Any questions, please call Vada Bowers at 825-9194.

AUGUST LADIES LUNCHEON

Come One, Come All! We invite you to join us on Wednesday, August 9th at 12:30 p.m. at the *Shanghai Grill*, located at 9044 W. Union Hills Drive, Peoria (behind Walgreens on the northeast corner of Union Hills & 91st Avenue). This restaurant is family owned and operated. They prepare various Asian cuisines, including Vietnamese, Thai, Japanese, Chinese, Korean and Singaporean. The specialty of the house is Honey Garlic Chicken, or try their most popular lunch entree, Cantonese Style Chow Mein. For dessert you'll want Fried Banana - deep fried banana stuffed with white chocolate and topped with caramel and whipped cream. We will order from the menu and receive separate checks. Everyone is welcome. PLEASE INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS! Be sure to call the Management Office (566-6001- talk to a real person, do not leave message on the answering machine) to add your name to the reservation list. If you need a ride or further information, please call Sharon Crafton, 566-3191, or Camille Willcoxon, 566-4792.

CLIFF CASTLE CASINO

On Tuesday, August 29th, a bus will leave the Yacht Club at 8:00 a.m. Departs from the casino at 3:00 p.m. Trip is **FREE!** \$10 will be given by the casino to each guest upon arrival. Please sign up at the Management Office by August 28th.

LAUGHLIN TURNAROUND

On Thursday, August 17th, we'll again have a bus going to Laughlin. However, the Flamingo Casino is under new ownership and is no longer accepting bus tours. We'll now be dropped off and picked up at the Edgewater Casino, next to the Flamingo. The cost of the trip is still \$5.00, but no meal is provided. We are sorry for these changes, but they are not our doing. You still have your choice of Casinos, Movies, Shopping Mall, etc. once you are there. The bus leaves at 6:15 a.m. from the Yacht Club. Please sign up at the Management Office by August 16th.

LIPIZZANER STALLIONS

On Sunday, August 27th at 2:00 p.m., there will be a show at U.S. Airways. These horses are not only great performers; they are part of history. It is believed that the forerunners of the Lipizzan were bred more than 2,000 years ago in Carthage. The resulting breed, the fabled Andalusian of ancient Spain, is a blend of Arab, Barbary and Oriental bloodlines. Lipizzans are the royalty of the equestrian world, where throughout their history they have been the choice of the nobility and the military aristocracy. Come see why these animals have been prized for centuries.

Price is \$69.00 per person, and includes: Premium ticket, Deluxe Motor-Coach, Professional Tour Guide, Cold Bottled Water, Driver & Guide Gratuities. If you are interested, sign up at the Management Office. Board the bus at 12:30 p.m. at Sun Village Community in Surprise.

COMMITTEE CONNECTION

Pool News From "Splash"

Now that the hot weather is finally upon us, it has been noticed that more residents are using the pools. As a reminder, residents cannot give their homeowner's badge to guests or visitors for their use. These badges are non-transferable. Guests or visitors must obtain a visitor's badge from the Management Office to use any of the facilities, if they are not escorted by a homeowner. This rule will be strictly enforced, and visitors will be asked to leave the facility.

The North Park Pool is the pool designated for children. The rule states that children from 4 to 18 years of age can use the pool. They must be accompanied by an adult. No child less than 4 years of age is allowed in the pool area (inside the gated pool area). Consult the VLPOA pool rules for additional information regarding the pool. This is the only pool that has a timeframe. The hours for children are from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily.

It is every resident's responsibility to assure that all the pool rules are followed. These are our pools, and we need to assure that the integrity and quality of the pools are maintained. We have a limited number of pool monitors who cannot be at the pool all the time, so we need your help.

If you would like to become a pool monitor, please contact the Management Office.

POOL GOERS

If you see something that is in violation of the pool rules, you are encouraged to call the Management Office during regular working hours at 566-6001. The office will call one of the pool monitors on duty.

WEEKLY GROUPS SCHEDULE OR CONTACT LIST

If anyone has changes/additions to make to the Activities Schedule or Contact List, please call the Office or email Chuck Schumm at cschumm@cox.net so that we can update the lists on the website.

GROUPS CONTACT LIST (changes)

Bridge - Change to Budd Duncan..... 825-6219
