



# VENTANA VIEWS

## MOVING FORWARD

FROM YOUR BOARD: YOU HAVE OUR PLEDGE  
WE ARE WORKING HARD TO MAKE CHANGES FOR THE GOOD OF OUR COMMUNITY.  
STAY TUNED!

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**W**e're trying something new, and it won't be the last time! Each month we'll feature a different aspect of Ventana. Help by giving us info on your club or group or favorite activity, even your favorite restaurant. Read all about it inside this newsletter!

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# Communicating

## NEW COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

Hello, Ventana! My name is Sue Alandar. Thanks to President Chuck Hellquist (who decided we needed the new Board position), and a unanimous vote of the Board, I am now the Communications Director for Ventana. I'm very excited about this as I see it as a big step forward for our community. I'm working with others in a new Communications Committee, with charter members Chuck Schumm, Dr. Jim Williams, Darrell Smith and Manager Jack Donovan.

**Our first big project is this newsletter. It's our priority because it is our only certain method of communicating with all the residents of Ventana Lakes.** We have an excellent website and if you aren't on the e-mail list, we hope you can be added...but we know, thanks to staff and dedicated volunteers, that this newsletter will land in your driveway on or around the first of every month.

I'm doing the newsletter by myself this month, while Jack works on getting us a new Activities Director, and I'll be directing its development in future with the hope of making it an exciting new forum for our community. **Exactly what it becomes will depend on you and the ideas you can give our committee.**

Give us your ideas and comments!

*e-mail:*

VentanaCommunications@cox.net

*OR mail a letter:*

Communications Director  
VLPOA Management Office  
10874 West Chino Drive  
Sun City AZ 85373

*OR*

Drop by the Management Office and put  
your note in the new box labeled  
**COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE BOARD!**

## IF YOU HAVE A COMPUTER WITH INTERNET ACCESS

### DO YOU WANT E-MAIL?

If you haven't been receiving e-mails from the Manager, please send your e-mail to:

**[manager@vlpoa.com](mailto:manager@vlpoa.com)**

On the "subject" line, type in just as shown here:

**Here is my address**

Now just click "send." Your address will automatically appear in the Manager's e-mail.



## VENTANA LAKES WEBSITE

Webmaster Chuck Schumm has created a wonderful website. If

you haven't visited it yet you will find it has just about everything. You will find pictures of your neighbors at community events. You will find a map showing where your amenities are in Ventana Lakes. You will find forms that you can print out and use for architectural committee requests. You will find the CC&R's and all of the other documents that govern our homeowners association. And there is even more!

The website is easy to access and navigate. Do visit it frequently to stay informed about your community.

To visit the website perform these steps:

1. Open your web browser software.
2. Click once in the Address space (white space near the top of the screen) to highlight it.
3. Type-in: [ventanalakespoa.com](http://ventanalakespoa.com).
4. Now hit the enter key on your keyboard.

The Ventana Lakes website should now be displayed on your computer. You can navigate to the various pages on the website by clicking on a topic in the menu bar that runs down the left side of the screen.

# Board Business

## Your Board

### Name, Position, and Term End

Chuck Hellquist, President; March 2008  
Tony Fiore, Vice President; March 2010  
Bob DellaPia, Treasurer; March 2008  
Vada Bowers, Secretary; March 2009  
Sue Alandar, Communications; March 2010  
Rudy Simon, Director; March 2008  
Norman Steinberg, Director; March 2008

## Newest Board Members

### An Introduction

Two new members were appointed by the Board at the April meeting. **Norman Steinberg**, a hospital manager in New York and an HMO manager in Arizona, later served more than 17 years as part of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (detention, psychiatric department.) **Rudy Simon** has lived in Ventana since 1999 and was previously on the Finance Committee. He is a Mechanical Engineer with much management experience, having managed several manufacturing plants in West Virginia.

## May Board Open Meetings

### Agendas Will Be Posted

May's Study Session, when the Board sets the agenda for the regular monthly meeting, will be on Tuesday, May 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the Management Office. Residents are welcome to attend and listen, but there is not a discussion period.

The regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 16, 1:30 p.m. at the Yacht Club. The Board hopes residents will attend both meetings.

Agendas for all open meetings are posted no less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting, at the Management Office, Yacht Club, Recreation Center, Coves Pool and North Park Pool. The agendas are also e-mailed by the Management Office.

## Can You Help at Board Meetings?

We'd like someone at each Board meeting to greet everyone, answer questions, and explain the procedures to them (like how to submit a form to speak to the Board, and how to ask for an agenda item for a future meeting. Yes, things are changing!)

## New Policies Proposed – Need Your Input by May 5 Please!

**Two new policies** were read at the April Board meeting and may be adopted in May. The Board is requesting that residents comment on these policies by either dropping a note in the suggestion box at the Management Office, or e-mailing Sue Alandar at **VentanaCommunications@cox.net**

### First DRAFT Policy: (Amend) Code of Conduct

**(First adopted as #2003-02, amended and renumbered as #2004-20.)** *NOTE: Proposed changes to #2004-20 are overstruck to show deletions and underlined to show additions.*

Whereas the Ventana Lakes Property Owners Association Board of Directors is empowered to enact rules to enhance property values and promote a high quality of life in the community according to Sections 2 and 3 of the Bylaws, and CC&RS Article V, Section 3. (The Ventana Lakes Rules), and

Whereas, the Ventana Lakes Property Owners Association Board of Directors wants to encourage staff, board members, residents and guests, volunteers, committee members, club members, and vendors and contractors to interact with each other in a pleasant, respectful, and courteous manner, it has been decided to amend the Ventana Lakes POA Code of Conduct.

This code was first enacted on October 1, 2003, amended August 14, 2004, and reviewed and kept June 2006 as #2004-20, and is now being amended

by consensus of the Board on (date) as (number). It is to remain in effect until otherwise rescinded, modified, or amended by a majority of the Board. This Code of Conduct becomes part of the Ventana Lakes Rules.

Therefore, be it resolved that the following CODE OF CONDUCT applies to VLPOA staff, Board members, residents and their guests, volunteers, committee members, club members, and VLPOA contractors and vendors, hereinafter known as "person" or "persons," and is hereby adopted by the Board of Directors of the Ventana Lakes Property Owners Association.

**A. Code of Conduct.**

1. All persons are to be courteous and respectful of others at all times.
2. Residents are responsible for the conduct of their guests and their renters.
3. ~~All are not to~~ No person shall jeopardize or interfere with the rights and privileges of residents and their guests except in cases of safety concerns, or when maintenance is being performed.
4. ~~All are to~~ All persons shall refrain from profane, indecent, and /or abusive language or actions. Physical or verbal abuse directed at any person is forbidden.
5. Intoxication and illegal drug use is prohibited on Association Property. Weapons are forbidden on Association Property except when carried by peace officers.
6. ~~All are not to~~ No person shall harass or accost any ~~Resident, Guest, Board member, Staff member, Volunteer, Committee member, Club member, Vendor or Contractor~~ other person.
7. ~~All are not to~~ No person shall compromise the safety of ~~others~~ another person.
8. All persons may be held responsible for Association property.
9. ~~Physical or verbal abuse directed at Residents, their guests, Staff members, Volunteers, Committee members, Club members, Board members, and Vendors/contractors will not be tolerated.~~ (see number 4)
- 10-9. Residents and Guests ~~are not to~~ shall not discipline association staff members, committee members, volunteers, vendors, or contractors. ~~All concerns, issues, comments and or complaints are to be presented in~~

~~writing to the property manager and/or the Board of Directors.~~ (see B.1. below)

**B. Reporting violations of Code of Conduct.**

Any person who is subject to a violation of this policy, or who witnesses a violation of this Code of Conduct may report the violation to the Manager or to any member of the Board as follows:

1. The report shall be in writing, and shall be signed by the witness or complainant in order to be considered by the Board.
2. The report shall include the date and time of the violation and a description of the occurrence and the names of all persons that were involved in or witness to the violation insofar as is known to the person writing the report.
3. The Manager or Board member receiving a written complaint shall provide the original to the Board President as soon as possible, with a copy to each Board member.

**C. Notification of Complaint and Hearing.**

1. The Board President shall schedule a date, time and place for an executive session of the Board to provide the alleged violator the opportunity to be heard.
2. The Board president or the Board secretary shall send a letter to the alleged violator with a copy to the person who submitted the report. The letter shall include a copy of the written complaint and provide the alleged violator with the date, time and place of the executive session scheduled for hearing. The letter shall also include:
  - a. Whether the Board is requiring that the person reporting the violation to be present at the same hearing, along with witnesses named by the person reporting the violation. If it is required, the alleged violator shall also be advised they may bring witnesses to the hearing.
  - b. The statement that the alleged violator has the right to representation at the hearing by any person they choose, but that discussions shall be limited to the alleged violation only.
  - c. A notice that a written response to the letter must be provided to the Manager within a specified date no sooner than ten days of the date of the letter, and that the alleged violator may respond to the

complaint in writing or attend the hearing or both.

- d. The letter shall include a copy of this Policy Resolution.

**D. Response to Complaint and Notice of Hearing; Conduct of Hearing.**

1. If the alleged violator does not respond to the Notification of Complaint and Hearing by the date specified under C.2.c. above, the Board shall meet as specified in the letter and act upon the complaint based on the facts at hand.
2. If the alleged violator responds only in writing but does not attend the hearing, the Board shall meet as specified in the letter and act upon the complaint based on written comments only.
3. If all parties attend the hearing, the Board shall listen to all facts offered relevant to the alleged violation, and make its decision based upon those facts.
4. If the Board has evidence of prior violations of the Code of Conduct the Board may consider this in its deliberations.
5. The Board may take any of the following actions based upon the facts and its best judgment based on the severity of the violation:
  - a. Dismissal of the complaint.
  - b. A warning to the person who violated the Code of Conduct.
  - c. Any of the penalties named in section E following.
6. All parties shall received written notice of the Board's decision within five working days of the hearing.

**E. Penalties.**

1. Suspension of rights to attend any function of the Association for up to 60 days.
2. Suspension of rights to enter any of the Association Facilities for up to 60 days, but allowing a representative of the violator to attend public meetings of the Association or to enter an Association Building for the purpose of meeting with Board members or employees of the Association as reasonably required.
3. A fine up to \$500.

**Second DRAFT Policy: Rules for Conduct at Board Meetings**

1. For the purposes of this rule, a "Board meeting" is any meeting of the Ventana Lakes Board for which notice has been posted in accordance with law.
2. All persons in attendance at a Board meeting shall wait for acknowledgement from the President before addressing the Board. If persons shout or address the Board from the audience, the President will ask them to be seated and await their turn. If the person refuses to do so, the President may ask them to leave. If they refuse to leave, the person may be escorted from the meeting by a security officer, or the President may adjourn the meeting immediately for the safety of all persons in attendance.
3. Any resident who disrupts a Board meeting by failure to comply with the President's order, or by being threatening, profane, unnecessarily loud or rude to any person in attendance or to any member of the Board, is subject to disciplinary action as specified under the (*new*) Ventana Lakes Code of Conduct 2004-20 (*a proposed amendment is published simultaneously with this.*)
4. The President is in charge of all Board meetings and may determine the length of time that speakers may speak in order to efficiently make the best use of time.
5. Persons wishing to address the Board shall complete a form available at the entrance to the meeting, clearly printing their name and the agenda item number they wish to address. The form shall be given to the Manager or Board Secretary at the end of the Board's meeting table.
6. Persons wishing to address the Board regarding an item not on the agenda shall complete a form available at the entrance to the meeting, clearly printing their name and the subject on wish they wish to speak.
  - a. If the subject matter is operational and can be handled by the Manager without Board approval, the President may give the form to the Manager at the end of the meeting rather than giving the subject unnecessary meeting time.
  - b. A person may request that a specified subject be placed on a future agenda for Board discussion,

but the Board may not and shall not discuss any subject which is not on the agenda of that day's meeting, unless it is an operational matter which cannot be delayed.

7. The Board resolves to treat all persons in attendance with respect, courtesy and professionalism in order to set the tone for the Board meetings of Ventana Lakes. To this end, Board members may speak only after obtaining permission of the President, and shall not respond to any resident's comments or questions without obtaining such permission. Board members may express differences of opinion and in fact are expected to do so, but only in a professional and thoughtful manner.

*Again, the preceding policies are DRAFTS ONLY and the Board is asking for your comments. Please provide them by using the Communications Box in the Management Office or e-mailing [ventanacommunications@cox.net](mailto:ventanacommunications@cox.net)*

## President's Report

First, my thanks to **Lois Owen** and **Bill Keitel** for their service to Ventana Lakes during the past several years. We all owe them a debt of gratitude for their hard work and support of our community.

**The property on the southwest corner of 107 Avenue** (where the water tower is) may become a condo storage area for Big Boy's Storage (recreational vehicles, boats, etc.) I will schedule a meeting with the owner of this property and the Architectural Committee to determine how best to influence the design and colors of the buildings. We will keep everyone informed as this progresses.

**An update on The Shores:** Based on significant research and reviewing past documents, a majority of the past Board determined that the property was private property and should no longer be maintained by the Association, though no formal Board action was taken. A letter however was sent to the Shores Committee last year indicating that the property between the lake and the owner's walls would be noted as private property at the October Board Meeting and that in January (90 days later) the Board would stop maintaining such property. The Board did not take any action in October and at the

November Board Meeting we were notified that a legal suit had been filed to have Ventana Lakes maintain the property indefinitely. The property continues to be maintained at this time.

The Board responded in general terms to the legal suit during the past month so as to not have a default judgment occur against the Association. Within 60 days, both parties will respond in detail to the suit, then in about 120 days, the court will review the briefs and see if a negotiated solution is possible. If not, a trial date in Superior Court will be scheduled. That date would be most likely no earlier than next summer, a year or more from now. I have questioned our legal counsel and have determined that should the Board decide not to maintain the property during this time, most likely and justifiably the Shores Committee would request an injunction. The Court would most likely agree to injunctive relief until a trial occurred. Therefore, the Board will continue to maintain the disputed property for at least the next year and a meeting has already occurred between our Landscaper, our Manager, and Mel Millsap of the Shores to ensure that this occurs. The issue is now off the table for the Board and the Association for at least a year, except for responding to the legal questions or unless an alternative solution can be agreed to by all parties. I personally hope this Board will be able to find a permanent solution and avoid further litigation expense for both parties. I will therefore schedule a meeting during the next few weeks with the Board and Shores Committee in Executive Session to discuss the legal points and determine any mutually agreeable alternative options. In summary residents of the Shores do not need to be concerned about maintenance issues for at least a year.

### TO CONTACT THE BOARD

E-mail:

[VentanaCommunications@cox.net](mailto:VentanaCommunications@cox.net)

or

call the Management Office 566-6001

or

Drop by the Management Office and put your note in the new box labeled COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE BOARD

# Management Says...

## GUEST PASSES EASIER AND CHEAPER!

**Effective May 1, 2007**, guest passes are available for a charge of only **\$1.00** at the Management Office (they were formerly \$5.00.)

This charge will **not** be refunded to residents, as it will no longer be necessary to return the passes to the office. They will simply expire and should be discarded.

Guest passes will be issued for a **maximum** of 30 days. If the pass is lost, it will not be replaced; the resident will have to purchase another pass.

The \$1.00 charge covers the cost of making the pass. The expiration date will be VERY large as they let pool monitors and other residents know yours is a permitted guest. Do remind them to wear their pass if you are not accompanying them, as required by your Association's policy.

## Manager's Report from Jack Donovan

**Lake motors.** The 3 motors feeding water to Lakes 2, 8, and 7 have been greased. The motor on Lake 2 was refurbished and placed in the vault by Navajo Pumps, but wired backwards. Navajo was contacted and they corrected the wiring problem, but the motor is noisy, and is running 20' from a resident's bedroom. The Board has approved purchase of a replacement at approximately \$4,200 plus installation, and we will store the present motor as a back-up.

**Landscaping.** We are in the peak growing season, and I have instructed Scapes to replace plants and trees, which were lost in the freeze. We will also need to replace 5 palm trees at a cost of about \$1,000.

**Water coolers changing to reverse osmosis system.** We have been using a water company that

supplies us with bottled water. The coolers are located in the Management Office, Recreation Center, Billiard Room and the Quilting Room. Each bottle weighs about 50 pounds, very hard to handle and to store. This service cost about \$117 per month. The Board has approved a reverse osmosis with no charge for installation, no charge for yearly maintenance (twice yearly), and no charge for emergency service. The cost will be \$147 per month.

**Verizon Tower.** The work near the Recreation Center is nearly finished and they have removed the power unit. They have extended the brick work, on the South side from the already existing bricks to the concrete walkway. They have put granite in the area adjacent to the tower and have cleared the area of their construction materials. We are asking them to remove the grass immediately to the East of the area they have re-done, and replace it with appropriate stone.

**Skylights.** We had quotes for the roof skylights in the Recreation Center (which, by the way, did not leak during the last storm). Dave Bracken has suggested that instead of removing the skylights and closing them off, that we remove both skylights, seal one off, and make the other one a leak-proof trap door. We will ask both bidders to re-bid

**Wind Screens.** We had bids for placing windscreens around the tennis and pickle ball courts. The cheapest quote was for \$3,500 (no way!) One of our residents has suggested that we buy windscreens on-line and ask volunteers to hang them. The cost of the on-line screens ranges from a low of \$1,424 to a high of \$1,995. Shipping is not included.

**Lakes.** As it is moving into an AZ summer, aeration at Lake 4 and the placement of a water feature on Lake 3 will become priorities. This will require the cooperation of APS, Hatfield Electric and our maintenance group.

When I arrive each morning, I visit and inspect the Recreation Center, Yacht Club and one of the other pools. I try to visit one of the lakes each day, and have started an inspection of lakes with the **Lake Committee's Chairman, Tim Willem.**

**Mosquitoes.** We recently had a mosquito expert from Maricopa County hang a mosquito trap on a tree at Lake 9. The MC expert assures me that between the wind across the lake, the aeration on the lake and the fish in the lake; it is highly unlikely that mosquito larvae will hatch. If you see mosquitos around your lake property it is likely that they are hatching in standing water. **Please do check for and dump out any source of standing water.**

**Activities Director.** We have interviewed two candidates for the position of Activities Director, and have one more to go as of this writing. The Board will interview the selected candidates and then we will make a decision.

**A word of thanks** to the Board and many residents who have been helpful and understanding while we have been extremely short-handed in the Management Office.

## Telephone Directories

The 2007 Telephone Directory has been completed it is 23 pages long, double sided **and is available in the Management Office. The cost to residents is \$2.50 per copy.** We will sell only to residents displaying their badges.

## Graffiti

**Call the HOTLINE: 623 773-7094**

The Peoria Independent dated April 4th carried an excellent article on "graffiti", entitled "Reporting graffiti stops the spread." According to the article, Peoria has an effective team approach to dealing with graffiti. The city can remove graffiti on city property, and on private property with the owner's permission. They have a Graffiti Hotline that can be reached at 623-773-7094.

The problem with graffiti is widespread, and can only be stopped with the community's assistance. So, if you see graffiti, please call the Hotline, someone will call you back to verify the information, and they will take it from there.

**The Office will be closed  
Saturday May 26 & Monday May 28  
For Memorial Day**

# POOL NEWS

Since we had some great weather in the middle of March and in April coinciding with spring break for the kids, we have seen a great number of guests and kids taking advantage of the Yacht Club Pool. Unfortunately, some problems have been observed. **There are important rules that must be followed.**

Children are to behave in an orderly manner while in the pool. Remember that while this is the pool designated by the Board for use by children this year, our residents can still use the pool. Care must be taken when these folks are using the pool so that they aren't overwhelmed by frolicking children.

**If you move the pool furniture for your pleasure, please return it to where you found it.** This is not being done. Since we aren't really a resort (nice as our pools are), we don't have any hired help running around putting the furniture back where it belongs. So please tell your guest to return furniture where they found it.

**Do not allow young children to play in the spa!** Also, **there have been glass bottles found within the pool and spa areas.** This too is a violation of the pool rules and is a big safety issue. On one occasion glass was found around the spa and in the spa The spa and the pool had to be closed to clean up the problem.

It is the home owner's responsibility to inform their guest of the **pool rules** and ensure they follow them. If these violations persist, it may become necessary to require home owners to accompany their guests while at the pools to ensure the rules are followed.

Our volunteer pool monitors cannot be at the pool all the time, so **we need your help.** If you see a violation of the pool rules please call the Management Office at 566-6001. If the office is closed, call either of the following pool monitors:

**John Bateman 566-3150**

**Laura Miller 825-2593**

I have been informed that while the North Park and Cove pool will not be heated, however, the spas will be heated May 1.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND  
ENJOY OUR POOLS! Thank you.**

**John Bateman, Pool Monitor Coordinator**

# Keeping Ventana Beautiful

## Thanks to Howard and Bill: Lakes and Maintenance

No words can truly say how much we owe to our wonderful volunteers who give so much of their time and devotion to our community.

The Board extends a special thanks to **Howard Penn**, who has chaired the Maintenance Committee for many many years, and to **Bill Barton**, who has run the Lakes Committee. We know the rest of Ventana joins us in our big thank you!

## New Committee Chairs

**Dave Bracken** is now chairing the Maintenance Committee, (though we doubt he'll spend much time in a chair!) He is at 972-2722.

**Tim Willems** has taken over leadership of the Lakes Committee. 376-9804.

## Maintenance Committee Report

During April, the Maintenance committee completed the following items:

- 1) North Park Pool  
Replaced two photo cells for parking lot lighting.  
Replaced several bulbs.
- 2) Coves Pool  
Removed gas grill and gas line.
- 3) Marquee sign @ 106<sup>th</sup> and Beardsley  
Cleaned photocell eye and replaced two bulbs.
- 4) Management Office  
Key box lock replaced.  
Faucet replaced.  
Front door lockset replaced.

Light bulbs replaced with CFL energy saving bulbs.

- 5) Yacht Club  
Billiard room lights were replaced.  
Window treatments were replaced.  
Women's inside toilet was repaired.  
Women's outside rest room light was repaired.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May22 at 9:30 a.m.** at the Management Office.

--- Dave Bracken

## Ventana Needs Your Help! Landscape Maintenance Contract

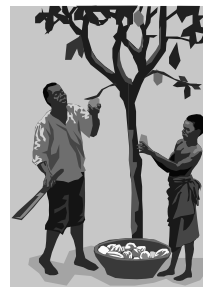
The Board is asking for VL volunteers with experience in writing bid specifications and/or professional landscape maintenance contract experience to serve on an *ad hoc* committee to develop bid specifications for use in our community's upcoming **landscape maintenance contract bid request**. This will be a time intensive but short-term project. **If you can help please send a description of your experience as soon as possible to:**

[ventanacommunications@cox.net](mailto:ventanacommunications@cox.net)

or write

VLPOA Management Office  
Attn: Communications Director  
10874 West Chino Drive  
Sun City AZ 85373

## Dead Trees and Shrubs?



### The Bad News Is....

If trees or shrubs in your yard still are not showing any green after that bad freeze in January ...they're dead. They need to be removed or replaced.

# Clubs & Groups

## Italian-American Club

The Italian American Club of Ventana Lakes had 135 members and guests in attendance at our "Spring Fling" on April 5, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at the Yacht Club. There a variety of appetizers were served, including pizza puffs, pigs-in-a-blanket, Polynesian meatballs, fried cheese sticks, pepperoni, assorted cheeses and crackers, pretzels and fruit salad. Entertainment was provided by the Onstage Dance Academy. They performed assorted styles of dancing and as always, were very enjoyable to watch. They are one of our favorite repeat performers. **RoseAnn Fiebig's** very pretty and talented granddaughter, Courtney, is part of this troupe. Vanilla and chocolate ice cream cups were served for dessert, along with sugar free items for those who needed them. In our raffle, a large singing Easter bunny was won by **Carol Watson**. Two Easter baskets, designed by **RoseAnn Fiebig**, were also raffled off and the large basket was won by **Bill Keitel** and the huge basket by **Pauline Gerard**.

Members are reminded that nominations for new officers will be held on May 3, 2007. The current officers have served for many years, and new officers are necessary for any group to stay vitalized and current. Tickets for pizza, salad with Italian dressing and dessert will be \$3.00. This is a Members Only meeting. Remember to BYOB.

Plans have been nearly finalized to make our meeting on June 7, 2007, a real "Grand Finale" of the 2006-2007 year. A new caterer has been selected for a special catered dinner followed by music and dancing courtesy of the "Gold Ridge Gang," and area five-piece band; and then a great dessert. Come see what we have in store for you. Guests will be invited, so watch for prices and times TBD soon.

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



## Ladies Luncheon NEWCOMERS WELCOME! INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS!

**OLE'.** *It's Cinco de Mayo time!* We may be just a couple of days away from it, but please join us on Wednesday, May 9th, 2007 12:30 PM at the **3\*\*\*MARGARITAS** Family Mexican Restaurant, 5171 W. Bell Road, Glendale. As you travel east on Bell Road, **3\*\*\*Margaritas** is on your right (south side of Bell Road) - just before 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue. As is usual for most Mexican restaurants, their entree's offer a wide variety from tacos and enchiladas and tostadas to Mexican Stir Fry, and even veggie enchiladas (and Hamburgers and cheeseburgers for those so inclined)! **COME JOIN US!** We will order from the menu and receive separate checks. Everyone is welcome. **This is a great way to meet people if you are new to Ventana Lakes! Please invite your neighbors!**

**NOTICE:** From now on you **MUST** call Sharon or Camille to sign up to attend the Ladies Luncheon. The Management Office will only take reservation sign-ups for those activities which require payment for tickets. Please call:

**Camille Willcoxon at 566-4792**

**OR**

**Please leave your name and phone number on  
Camille's answering machine  
(Sharon will be unavailable)**

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS WILL BE OUR LAST LUNCHEON UNTIL THE FALL.** We will resume our luncheons on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please look for the time and place in the September Ventana Views.

# Clubs & Groups 2



## Flying Solos

We invite everyone who lives in Ventana Lakes to join our meetings and social outings.

There is a general meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Yacht Club. We have an assortment of speakers and entertainers. Bring your own beverage, and we usually provide snacks or dessert. Please join us and have fun with the **new friends** you'll meet!

On the last Thursday of the month, we get together in various restaurants for a social gathering at 4:30 p.m. to eat and be merry. This Thursday we'll be meeting at **Carrabba's Italian Grill**, located at 14043 West Bell Road in Surprise.

If you are new to Ventana Lakes, or just want more fun in your life, please visit us. We are a caring club and try to help each other and remember special occasions.

### CONTACTS:

Brenda H. 623 215-8687

Yvonne K. 623 566 3353

## Ladies Bunco

Join us for a fun filled "No Brainer" Dice Game, **WEDNESDAY, MAY 9th, 6:30 p.m.**, in the Recreation Center. Cost is \$5.00, which is returned to you in prize money. Enjoy a delicious snack/dessert table, supplied by the ladies on a voluntary basis. **YUMMY!!!**

### QUESTIONS??

Celeste Manor - 566-5858

Diane DellaPia - 566-9753

## Shalom Club

We meet the third Thursday of each month in the Craft Room to discuss our activities for the next month. We invite all our Jewish neighbors to join us!

### For more information call:

Eileen Grossman

623-566-0006

## KARAOKE WITH DARRELL

Darrell Smith has been hosting Karaoke at Ventana Lakes for three years now, and it is **LOADS of fun...even if you just want to sit and listen...and the dance floor is always open!**



Come join a lot of talented Ventana Lakes neighbors at the Yacht Club at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 25. It's only \$2.00 per person (you can pay at the door). You'll need to bring your own beverage and snacks. See you there!

## Transitions Affect Newsletter Is your Club or Group Missing?

**I must apologize if I have left out any important announcements that you were expecting in this newsletter. We are in a process of transition, and I can't be sure everyone knew where to send their information.**

Ventana Lakes has wonderful people and some great groups and clubs. We're hoping that you will take a minute and tell us about your favorite, so that it can go in the next newsletter. We especially want real-time information about our people, groups, clubs, activities...anything you think is fun or important. And don't hesitate to send in inquiries or suggestions for new clubs and groups. (Am I the only one who loves to grow roses?) Drop a note in the Communications Box in the Office or e-mail me:

[ventanacommunications@cox.net](mailto:ventanacommunications@cox.net)

# Getting FIT!

## WATER VOLLEYBALL

Come join us at the Yacht Club pool  
Everyone welcome!

Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 pm

For information call:

**Carl or Carolyn Mitchell** 623-566-8572

or **Dottie Kraft** 623-572-6848

## PICKLE BALL

There is an instructional video for residents to check out for 24 hours at the Management Office. Also, for check-out are paddles and balls to play Pickle Ball. The Management Office will have handouts of the rules of the game and a list of players. For more information, residents can call the Management Office or one of the following residents:

**Jackie Wray** at 362-1305

**Gail Hellquist** at 516-2752

**Tim or Sheila Willems** at 376-9804

**Burrie Steward** at 566-1730

**Sally Woods** at 376-9188.



## AEROBICS

Candy Jacobs Negley has been leading aerobics classes in Ventana Lakes since 1993, when Lennar Homes hired her to provide this important amenity. If you like jazzercise, you'll love her class! It's a full 45 minutes of motion, with another 15 minutes of floor exercises and stretching. Not sure if you'll like it, but want to try? **The first class is always free!**

Classes are on Monday and Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center's Exercise Room. You can just show up or call Candy at 602 993-5104 for more information. Come join a bunch of fun guys and gals!

## TAI CHI

Tai Chi is already known as a good low-impact exercise for older people. Now a study suggests it offers benefits beyond improving fitness and balance.

Researchers found older people who performed the slow, graceful movements of tai chi had a better immune response against the shingles virus than those who only got health education.

It's unclear how tai chi, an ancient Chinese martial art that has become increasingly popular in the West, affects the immune system. But health experts were encouraged by the positive results.

Tai Chi is available at Ventana! It is held at 8:00 p.m. on Monday at the Coves Pool, and at the Game Room on Wednesday at 7:00 a.m., Thursday at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Friday. For more info call:

**Ken Harper** 977-9179

## MORE ACTION AVAILABLE

See the Activity Group Schedule or Call

Ballroom Dancing	Ken Harper	977-9179
Bocce (Couples)	Domenick Lopano	398-8868
Bocce (Men's)	Jerry Caldarelli	566-8606
Chi Energy	Ken Harper	977-9179
Horseshoe Club	Larry Rudy	566-0822
Low Impact Aerobics	Carol Boyer	566-4983
Tennis – Co-Ed	Bill Cigoy Carolyn Piska	566-2194 566-3633
Water Aerobics	Doris Cavaliere	566-3829

And don't forget – When it's too hot to walk, we have a wonderful **Exercise Room** in the Recreation Center!

**IT'S YOURS—USE IT AND FEEL GREAT!**

# Getting Around

## Dog Parade Is a Winner!

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ventana Dog Parade was especially successful this year thanks to the wonderful efforts of volunteer **Phyllis Zubick**, who went out and asked local businesses to donate prizes. And what prizes we had!

There was a \$30 gift certificate from **Coco's**, 16 free appetizers from **TGI Friday's** in Surprise, a Shark cordless sweeper from **Ace Hardware**, a free large pizza from **Pizza Hut** at 99<sup>th</sup> and Bell, two beautiful umbrellas from **Compass Bank** at 99<sup>th</sup> and Beardsley, and two windshield sun shades from **Wells Fargo** (inside Basha's.) Not only that, but Phyllis put together a "doggie bag" of treats for every pup in the parade!

Also volunteering as Judges were **Madelyn Frenelte** and **Susan DeFriese**. Phyllis, Maddie and Susan had a difficult time picking winners, but the prizes went to **Candi Wisniewski (JR.)**, **Bernice Szydelko (Daisy)**, **Kathy Klouther (Max)**, **Lois Parrinello (Licorice)**, **Al Jones (Pete & Maggie)**, **Judy Howell (Jeter)** and **Bob Cunningham (Katie)**.

## Speaking of Businesses...

You'll notice advertising in this month's newsletter. Not much – we are just starting out. But we want to accomplish a couple of things. One, the obvious, is to support publication of the Ventana Views. We think Ventana Lakes deserves a really top-notch community newsletter!

The other purpose is to **introduce you** to some local businesses you may not have discovered yet. Once a month, we'll feature a place recommended by a Ventana resident. So if you know of one...please let us know!

E-mail: [VentanaCommunications@cox.net](mailto:VentanaCommunications@cox.net)

Or drop a note in the "Communications" box in the Management Office.

## A Great New Salon

"**SPLIT ENDZ**" is a brand new full-service salon located at 8996 Union Hills Drive. The owner, the friendly and talented **Sandra Ashley**, has struck out on her own after years with another Sun City shop, and she's sure to be a success. Sandra and her staff are caring and her styles are fashionably up-to-date.

Wait until you see the salon. It's done with wonderful taste in an Egyptian style, soft golds and blacks. You'll feel like Cleopatra (or Anthony.)

It's in the mall at the northeast corner of 91<sup>st</sup> and Union Hills (where the Hair Barn used to be.)



*Perms \* Color \* Highlight  
Cutting \* Manicures  
Acrylics \* Pedicures*

*Monday - Saturday 9-5  
Evenings Monday - Wed.  
8996 W. Union Hills #104*

**623 533-5161**

*Welcome, Ventana!*

*Bring in this ad  
to receive \$5 off your service*

*Sandra Ashley  
Owner*

**SPLIT ENDZ**  
*Full Service Salon*

# May Events & Trips



## MEMORIAL DAY

Monday May 28

Memorial Day  
Service

Flag raising begins at 8:00 a.m., followed by a short program. The Board will be serving you an **omelet breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at the Yacht Club.**

**Tickets for the breakfast are \$6.00 and may be purchased only at the Management Office.**



## May Coffee Forum

**Join us on Saturday, May 12, 9:00 a.m. at the Yacht Club.**

Coffee and Doughnuts and Conversation!  
\$1.50 per person or \$2.00 at the door  
Sign up at the Management Office  
by Friday, May 11th by noon

**Board Meeting Follows**  
(NO charge to attend the Meeting!)

## CASINO TRIPS



### Laughlin Turnaround

Thursday, May 17, 2007

Destination: **Edgewater Casino.** \$5.00 per person. Movies on the bus. Pick up in front of the Yacht Club at 6:15 a.m. Please sign up at the Management Office.

### Mazatzal Casino

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

and

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

**These trips are free!**

The bus leaves the Yacht Club at 8:00 a.m. both days. These trips are **FREE** and you receive **\$10 upon arrival.** If your birthday is in the month of May, you will receive an additional \$10. The Casino has Bingo which starts at 12:45 p.m. The bus leaves the Casino at 3:00 p.m. On the trip home, you will receive a bottle of water and a scratch off ticket valued between **\$4 and \$10** to be used on a future trip.

**Sign up at the Management Office!**