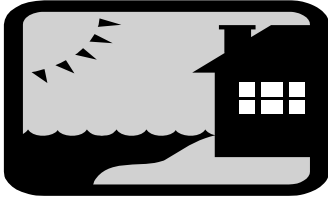


June 2007



Ventana Lakes Property Owners Association

VENTANA VIEWS

First of all I want to thank everyone who has taken the time to tell me they like the new format and ideas for the newsletter. I especially appreciate your suggestions. Please keep them coming!

Several residents submitted comments on the policy changes the Board was working on, and you'll see in the "Board Business" section of this month's newsletter that **the Board listened and changed them accordingly. We are truly moving forward to work with you and for you!**

Looking Both Ways

I mentioned last month that this newsletter is critical because it is our only sure way of reaching out to each and every resident. We're also trying really hard to make it a two-way street.

NEW ON THE AGENDA....The Board instituted a new item under "new business" called "future agenda items." This is the opportunity for residents to make policy proposals to the Board for discussion and consideration at a future Board meeting.

Because of the Open Meeting Law, the Board can't take action on anything that isn't already on the agenda. **This is to be fair to everyone involved** – what if it's something you wanted input on and never had a chance to talk about? But this way someone can go to the meeting, bring up an idea, and get it on a future agenda so that everyone else will know about it in advance so they can get in their "2 cents worth."

This new item is in addition to the question-and-answer period that the Board holds **after** the meeting is adjourned....an informal event (like the coffee forum) with no record kept.

From Sue Alandar, Communications Director

Coffee Forum

Saturday June 9, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Come and have coffee or juice and doughnuts with your neighbors! Some Board members will be available for an unstructured Q & A discussion during part of the get-together. Tickets or \$1.50 at the Management Office or \$2.00 at the door.

Scheduled Board Meetings

Working Session

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

1:30 p.m. Management Office

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

6:30 p.m., Yacht Club

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!**

NOW YOU DON'T NEED E-MAIL TO GET THE NEWS – JUST CALL!

We now have a new phone line that you can call to get the latest updates from the Management office. The **recorded message** will be updated every Monday, more often as necessary. Just call:

623 376-2353

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

President Report – May 16, 2007

The property on the South West corner of 107th and Beardsley will not be used for the Big BOY Toy storage unit. It has been sold and at this point we do not have any information on what is being planned. We will let you all know as soon as we know,

Since most of you are aware, Mr. McCord has circulated a recall petition against all Board Members except Sue Alandar and Mr. Bob DellaPia who cannot be recalled again during his term. If successful, Ventana Lakes would have a 2 member Board (Bob and Sue) not 7. Since 4 seats are open for the March election and the recall will cost our Association thousands of dollars, I personally requested Mr. McCord to abandon this costly and negative campaign. He has refused. He has even included new Board members who never even participated yet in a Board Meeting and Mr. Fiore who received the largest number of votes in the past election.

Mr. McCord was notified in writing in December during the election process, that due to requirements of our CC&R's and By-Laws, and I quote "In summary, the proposed Bylaw amendment will be presented to the membership at the upcoming annual meeting held in March 2007. If the amendment passes, the Board will be increased to seven members via appointment by the Board of two additional directors. These two appointed directors will then serve a one year term until the 2008 election, at which time a total of four directors will

be elected to serve such terms discussed above so as to preserve the staggering of terms." The only reference to electing additional Board Members was in Article 4 of the By laws and Article V Section 4 of the CC&R's which required 2 elected additional Board Members when in 1997 the developer no longer had voting rights as a Class B member. In Article 4 Section 3 gives the right to the Board to appoint new directors and Article XV of the CC&R's gives the Board the exclusive right to construe and interpret the provisions of the Declaration.

The Board had 3 options: 1. Use the appointment process as used in the past, 2. start an election process for the 2 new vacancies, or 3. wait until the 2008 election to fill the positions. A new election was ruled out to avoid additional costs and the time required. The new elected candidates would be on the Board less than 7 months. Waiting until the 2008 election was ruled out so that we could quickly create the 7 member Board. The appointment process was the best alternative to full the desires of the community for a 7 member Board and followed a long used process.

Boards have used the appointment process in 1999 with Duane Lynn, in 2000 with William Cigoy, Don Matke and Vada Bowers, in 2001 with Don Holtzee, in 2002 with Bill Anderman, in 2004 with Chuck Schumn and Don Ziehi, in 2005 with Bill Keitel, and most recently with Mr. Simon and Mr. Steinberg. The fact that Mr. McCord came in 4th by one vote in the last election does not guarantee a seat on the Board when 2 additional vacancies occurred.

The Board in filling vacancies, request any resident to apply for that vacancy. The Board in an open meeting, interviews each candidate and each member votes based on what they believe the candidate can contribute to our community. Mr. McCord refused to be interviewed, disrupted two Board Meetings and then expected to be appointed by individual Board Members.

An attempt to recall 5 Board members at this time detracts from the positive work this new Board is trying to achieve, discourages our volunteers, and

serves no community purpose since in November/December open seats will be available for campaigning.

It has been stated that Maricopa Board of elections could do the recall for about \$350.00. This is misinformation. Postage alone is about \$700, copy cost about \$125, Paper and envelopes \$200, legal costs \$500; staff hours \$250; independent counters \$300; verification of signatures \$60 as well as many hours of volunteer time.

The Board has been quiet on these issues in the past, but 7 volunteers who work hard for all of you to keep Ventana Lakes in great shape financially, provide the best of amenities, improve our facilities and common area have the right to defend our Association from the few in our midst's who hurt our property values, force us to use your retirement income on their own agenda's and in my view negatively impact the harmony of our community.

I sincerely hope that our residents look at the facts and not reduce this community to a 2 member Board.

Thank you,
Chuck Hellquist,
President

DRAFT POLICIES CHANGED Board Listens to Residents; New Code of Conduct is Narrowed

Last month the Board proposed an amendment to the policy resolution on the Code of Conduct and a new Rule on Conduct at Board Meetings. These were both printed in this newsletter and published on the Ventana Lakes website. Many residents responded with their issues regarding these policies. All of it was reviewed by the Board at its working session on May 8, and a summary of all issues raised by residents – as well as the Boards' evaluation of each issue – was made available for review at its monthly Board Meeting on May 16. The Code of Conduct policy, as revised from the April draft, was also available at the meeting.

Several important changes were made to the April draft. First, the Board was concerned that a person may ignore a letter setting a hearing regarding a

violation of the Code of Conduct because that person does not realize what the ramifications might be. So the letter must be very clear what could happen if they do not respond. The policy now also allows a person to request an extension if they need to. And if a monetary penalty is incurred because of default (the person neither responding to the letter nor appearing to defend themselves at a hearing), the person is given the opportunity to appeal the penalty to the Board.

The Board also determined that the draft policy was too broadly written. It is not the intent of the Board to become the arbitrator of personal issues. The policy was revised to ensure that disciplinary action applies only in cases of misconduct toward management staff or at Board meetings.

The full text of the new Policy Resolution (now numbered 2007-01) follows. It is also posted on the Ventana Lakes website www.vlpoa.com under "Governing Documents."

VENTANA LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

POLICY RESOLUTION

2007- 01

May 16, 2007

SUBJECT: CODE OF CONDUCT

First adopted as #2003-02; amended and kept as #2004-20; amended on May 16, 2007.

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. 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 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. No person shall harass or accost any other person.
7. No person shall compromise the safety of another person.
8. All persons may be held responsible for Association property.
9. Residents and Guests shall not discipline association staff members, committee members, volunteers, vendors, or contractors.

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 toward a management

employee or at a Board meeting 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 alleged violator may request a delayed date of hearing to a

specified date agreed upon by all parties.

- e. The letter shall include a clear statement of the penalties that may be incurred and 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 receive 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.

F. Appeal of Default Hearing

1. If a monetary penalty is incurred in a hearing where an alleged violator did not respond to the Notification of Complaint and

Hearing under Subsection C above, the violator may appeal the penalty to the Board.



WHAT HAPPENED? NO "RULES OF CONDUCT AT BOARD MEETINGS?"

Maybe you'll recall that other long rule published last month. Well, after adopting the changes to the Policy Resolution on the Code of Conduct (see previous), the Board reconsidered the "Rules of Conduct at Board Meetings" in light of the comments of a resident who felt that new proposed policy sounded very unfriendly. With the more formal policies now in place it also became unnecessary. The majority agreed, so:

THIS IS WHAT YOU WILL BE SEEING ON THE BACK OF BOARD MEETING AGENDAS

Welcome to the VLPOA Board Meeting!

We encourage your participation!

- To speak on any agenda item, please fill out one of the forms at the same table where you found this agenda. If there is no one there to give it to, give it to someone at the end of the Board table in the front of the room.
- The Board is subject to the Open Meeting Law and **cannot** discuss any matter that is not on the agenda. You may however request that an item be placed on a **future** agenda for discussion.

Please wait your turn to speak!

- The President will call on you when it is time. Generally speakers are given three minutes each, to ensure everyone gets a turn.

Please be kind, courteous and respectful to others! We are all neighbors here.

If you disrupt this meeting, the President will ask you to wait your turn.

- If you continue to be disruptive, you will be asked to leave. You will be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to **Policy #2004-20 Code of Conduct** as amended by the Board on May 16, 2007.

Caring Neighbors

In Deepest Sympathy...



We are saddened to report the passing in May of Ventana Lakes residents Mr. Tony Voss, and of Mrs. Shari Holtzee, Beloved wife of Mr. Don Holtzee.

When A Neighbor is Lost

Whenever a neighbor is lost, we would be glad to let the community know if the family wants us to do so. Our Management Office will post a card listing arrangements on our bulletin boards and send out e-mails when requested.

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS



I MUST SAY A SPECIAL THANKS to the volunteers who help get this newsletter out to you. In May several ladies helped assemble including **Fran Quinn, Florence Cardinale, Lois Kay Bacon, Fran Quinn,**

Judy Howell, Cathy Huffman, Susie Smith, and Dotty Kraft...many of these ladies are members of the Ventana Red Hat Vixens (and you thought the Red Hats couldn't do anything but giggle!)

Then there are those who delivered the newsletter...including **Bob McDonald**, who does a HUGE job, delivering to an entire third of Ventana Lakes (he's been doing it for ages, give him a hand!) -- **Vern Bacon, Norm Steinberg, Rudy Simon, Cathy Huffman, Jim Alandar, Susie & Darrell Smith, Gail Hellquist, and Dottie Kraft.**

Hearts and Hands

Volunteer Group of Ventana Lakes

WANT TO FEEL YOUR BEST? TRY HELPING OTHERS....This wonderful group does so much, and you can be a part of it!

- transportation to a doctors office or hospital
- temporary food shopping
- picking up medication
- minor house repairs for frail or elderly
- sending get well or sympathy cards to a friend

The group won't be meeting again until October, but please call 623 566 6001 and leave a message and phone number if you can help.



Thanks! For Painting the Billiards Room

A sincere thank you to the following volunteers for painting the Billiards Room:

- John Griese**
- Harold Huffman**
- Sam Cavaliere**
- Tim Willems**
- Nick Dann**
- Tony DeMont**

Clubs & Groups

ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB



The Italian American Club of Ventana Lakes had 93 members in attendance at our Pizza Party nominations night to elect new officers. The current officers have served for many years and were thanked by the Club for their dedication and hard work, plus given a gift by president **Tony DeMont**.

Members enjoyed a variety of pizzas, salad with Italian dressing and rainbow sherbert for dessert. The officers elected for the 2007-2008 year, with terms to begin September 2007 were:

President - **Darrell Smith**
First Vice President - **RoseAnn Fiebig**
Second Vice President - **Susie Smith**
Secretary - **Nina Scozzari**
Treasurer - **Gloria Trueax**

Plans have been 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 of beef brisket, pulled chicken, cowboy beans, coleslaw, honey-buttered biscuits, Dutch-oven peach cobbler, lemonade and Hi-C, and coffee. This great BBQ will be followed by music and dancing courtesy of the "Gold Ridge Gang," an area five-piece band. Another beautiful basket designed by **RoseAnn Fiebig** will be raffled off. Members' tickets will be paid for by the Club. Guests are invited and tickets are \$10.00. Remember to BYOB if you wish something different than listed above.

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 or **Darrell Smith** at (623) 376-0372.

FLYING SOLOS

We invite everyone who lives in Ventana Lakes to join our meetings and social outings. There is a general meeting the 3rd 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 **Stuart Anderson's Black Angus Restaurant** located at 7606 W. Bell Road in Glendale.

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

NEWS OF THE VENTANA LAKES SHALOM CLUB

We are going into our summer schedule of dinner meetings. The June dinner meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 14.

We will be in touch with members by phone or e-mail as to what plans have been made, and will provide the exact date, time, and restaurant where we will be meeting.

If you have any questions please call **Trudy Fleishman** at **623-566-1970** or **Eileen Grossman** at **623-566-0006**.

New members are always welcome. If you are thinking of joining our group or would like to find out more about us, Eileen or Trudy would love to hear from you.

Shalom and Good Health to All.

Getting FIT!

CHECK IT OUT!

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
Aerobics (Monday nights)	Candy Jacobs	602 993-5104
Water Volleyball	Tuesday 6 pm Yacht Club	Just Come!

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

LOCAL SUCCESS STORY

Elaine Voight was retired from a career in sales management when she walked into Curves one day, just to check it out. On the spur of the moment. And ended up working there to get a free membership. And liked it so much that she jumped at the chance to **buy** it on – of all things – April Fool's day!

It's her first business and she is in love with it. It's the Curves just north of Walgreen's, next to the Urgent Care Center on Lake Pleasant Road. Like the old TV show, it's the place you go where "everybody knows your name." I can't believe how Elaine and all her staff can remember everyone's name. It's like a club just for gals, almost a family. Their members range in age from 10 years old to 87, and the employees – coaches who are always on the line to help you and answer questions – range from 19 to 62.

At Curves there is always someone to help you. You can work as hard as you are **able** because of the kind of equipment they have, and not hurt yourself. **AND it only takes 30 minutes for a good workout!**

Here's the ad – **you can get a free week and just try it out.** Be sure and mention you are from Ventana! I've run into a lot of Ventana neighbors already – it's actually fun, and you'll be amazed how much better you will feel!

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FEELING GOOD - LOOKING GOOD



NEW: BEGINNERS TAI CHI

During the **month of June**, a **Beginners Tai Chi class** will be held in the **Game/Card Room** at the Recreation Center on **Tuesday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** **Kenneth Harper** is the contact person. His phone number is: **977-9179**.

Reportedly, Tai Chi may result in a lower incidence of shingles and help to improve balance and overall health. This class will provide a great opportunity to come and see "what it's all about..."

Please note that the **regular Tai Chi classes will continue to meet** at the **Game/Card Room** at the Recreation Center as follows: **Monday mornings at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. and Friday evenings at 5:00 p.m.** **Kenneth Harper** is the contact person. His phone number is: **977-9179**.

Read this Letter From a Neighbor About Tai Chi!

On page 11 of the (May) Ventana Views, I saw the article requesting real time information about anything we as residents of Ventana Lakes think is important.

After much physical suffering with Fibromyalgia for some 5-7 years, & a very painful Nov/Dec of 06', I re-read the Ventana news paper in great detail & the yearly events available here in Ventana. Mid January found me attending my first session of Tai Chi under the direction of Mr. Ken Harper, the facilitator of the Ventana group. I attended the classes, listened intently, spent an hour Mondays 8 am., Thursday 4 pm. Fri. 5 p.m.

It is now some 3-4 months later. The simple Tai Chi movements, and gentle stretches have removed most of my muscle pain pressure points. The group is a wonderful way to get into touch with the mind, and in my case the physical pain relief that I had never experienced the previous 5-6 years. I have not visited my rheumatologist since last December, and the pain injections are a thing of the past. I am most grateful to be living in Ventana Lakes, & a special thank you to Mr. Ken Harper for shepherding this group in an experience of Good Health & Mental relaxation. What a relief to have the tools to stop the muscle pains.

Ventana Lakes is a Very Good Place to Live!!

Joyce Livengood

Resident of Ventana Lakes

(Thanks Joyce!)

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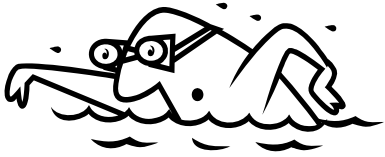
Welcome, Ventana!

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

*Sandra Ashley
Owner*

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Getting Around



Pool News from SPLASH...

Starting in May, a new procedure has been implemented for the issuing of a guest pass. A guest pass will be issued for 30 days with an expiration date printed on the guest badge. At the end of the expiration date, the badge will no longer be valid. Guests will be required to display this badge when using any of the facilities. There will be a one dollar non-returnable fee for the guest badges.

Please review these pool rules with your guests:

When using the pools, the guest badge has to be displayed on the guest or with their belongings for verification by the pool monitors and residents.

Children under the age of 4 years old are not allowed in the pool area. It does not matter whether they are in an infant bed or a carriage or being held by an adult, they are still not allowed in the pool area. The pool area is defined as all of the area inside the fence that surrounds the pool and spa.

Note: A resident informed me that on Easter Sunday afternoon, a family came to the Yacht Club pool with an infant. The resident informed them that infants are not allowed in the pool area. The resident did the right thing by informing them of the rule. However, the family paid no attention to what was said. After a short while the woman with the baby left, only to return wearing a bathing suit and with the baby. The resident stated that since it was Easter Sunday, she didn't want to call any of the pool monitors and disturb their Easter Sunday.

Residents need to adhere to the rules and have the responsibility of informing their guest of the rules and ensuring that their guests obey the rules. **Failure to comply with these rules may result in the property owner (resident) being denied pool privileges for up to 60 days and /or a fine of up to 150.00 dollars.**

I myself, have two grandchildren below the age of 4. I would love to bring them to the pool but rules are rules.

Pool furniture. I have made mention of this before but it needs to be repeated again. Residents and guests are moving the pool furniture around for their pleasure but are failing to return the furniture where they found it. This makes for an unsightly scene when someone else comes to the pool. So please return the pool furniture where you found it. These are our pools and everyone should try and keep them as neat and orderly as possible.

Due to the limited number of pool monitors, residents are asked to call the office during regular working hours if they observe any violations of the rules.

The office will notify one of the pool monitors on duty. If the office is closed, please call one of the pool monitors listed below.

John Bateman-----566-3150
Laura Miller-----825-2593

Pool monitors' names and phone numbers can also be found inside the phone box at the pools or on the bulletin board under the pool rules.

Thank you,

John Bateman, Pool Monitor Coordinator



THIRTY-DAY GRANDKIDS?

As summer comes – we all love our grandkids and want to see them. But please remember this is an adult community, and there is a 30 day limit on their visit. We must all be cognizant of this because we do not want to lose our protected status as a “retirement” community. This is what Ventana Lakes was built for and our activities and amenities are established accordingly.

Keeping Ventana Beautiful

Landscape Committee

All of the frozen trees and plants in the common areas around lakes 3 through 9 have been replaced. Scapes has planted 8 trees and 9 plants this week in the Gardens and has fertilized all of the grassy areas.

The Rose Garden and 107 Avenue project (The Texas Gas Co Pipe Line. Replaced one tree and 90 plants and 21 tons of river rock and 100 tons of ¾" gravel and replaced 1" and ½" and ¼ " irrigation lines as needed. This will be completed by the end of May.

The Recreation Center cell phone palm tree tower. The Landscape Committee has recommended to the Board to replace the grass and brick dividers with ¾ inch rock and three trees. This will blend in with the (planned) new landscape from 106 Avenue to 104 Avenue on the north side of the Beardsley sidewalk and will save money and maintenance cost.

More work to be completed by the end of May: Back flow project; Lakes 3 through 9 sidewalk repair project; and the removal of two large trees at the west end of the pickleball court.

Lake 9 north end pump house the myoporom plants around the unit will be removed and replaced with twelve oleander plants to reduce the motor hum.

Scapes will clean the fingers on lakes 3 through 6. In June bottle trees will be dropping leaves and pods in all areas.

The Landscape Committee would like to thank Scapes (Brad) for all of the extra work they have completed.

Landscape Committee Meetings are held at 1:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Management Office.

Submitted by Bill Barton, Co-Chair

Lake Committee

Lake #1 was treated with aquacides. Lake #2 has a noisy motor. We checked the electrical cages and cement pads. Lakes 3, 4, 5 and 6, we put in river rocks by the sidewalks in very steep areas. There are now signs by the water falls to designate which lake is which.

The water feature (fountain) on Lake 3 is being repaired and discussed. Dead trees are being removed from the immediate lake areas. On Lake #7, the middle head of the water feature has been sealed off so the water does not shoot so high into the air and wet the windows and fences on adjoined properties.

Volunteer homeowners are stepping forward at Lake 8 to take care of immediate concerns by their properties. This is happening at a few other lakes as well.

On Lake 9, the sidewalks are being ground down (leveled) to prevent tripping.

Important! All lakes are being treated weekly to keep the algae in check. All sidewalks marked with yellow paint by lake areas will be ground down and attended to.

Submitted by Tim Willems, Chair

Maintenance Committee

At the Recreation Center, we repaired low voltage lights and replaced a GFCI outlet. At the Management Office, a GFCI outlet was also replaced (battery charger circuit), and we rebuilt a bookcase. A pantry door lock was reattached at the Yacht Club.

Several projects are being discussed and will be completed in the near future. The next meeting will be held on June 19th at 9:30 a.m. at the Management Office.

Submitted by Dave Bracken, Chair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chapel Service has been cancelled until
July 7, 2007.
For more information please
call 602-234-6508.

HELLO FROM YOUR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR!

During the last two weeks, I've had the opportunity to acquaint myself with many aspects of Ventana Lakes and have had the privilege of meeting many of you either in person, on the phone or through e-mail. In this short time, I've even had the privilege of working with some of you on a recent project!

I want to thank you and let you know that I appreciate your warm reception and kindness very much!

I believe the next step as your Activities Director is to learn what types of activities you would like to do the most! -- I'd like to hear about the types of activities that are important to you and to our Ventana Lakes Community!

On **Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 1:30 pm**, there will be an **Activities Meeting** at the **Yacht Club**. **All are welcome and invited**. I hope you will come and participate at this meeting.

As so many of you know, great friendships can be built as a result of spending time planning and working together on a common goal. Let's work together to develop a well-rounded activities calendar that will meet the needs of as many homeowners as we can.

Refreshments will be served!

Thanks and I hope to see you there!

Shelley La Bonty, Activities Director



Javelinas in Ventana?

Resident Ray Gonella sent a photo of a javelina to President Chuck Hellquist and says residents need to watch out when they put out their garbage cans at night. This javelina was at his neighbor's house. His neighbor called him to see what could be done. Peoria Police could not do anything. They would, if someone was hurt. Ray got into his car and chased it down Serria Pinta to Escuda. across Escuda down 110th for two blocks and then to 111th; up 111th to Beardsley and then to an open field. He says he felt like a cowboy wangling cows. He got him out of Ventana Lakes before someone got hurt. He got out of the car around 11:30 p.m. and took the picture. Ray says the javelina came after him but he got back into the car. It was the first Javelina he had seen here in our community in nine years.

Block Watch Info You Can Use!

Now that gasoline prices have risen be aware that there are those out there who may siphon gasoline out of your vehicle when it is parked outside, particularly overnight. Always park your vehicles inside a locked garage if possible, and use a locking gas cap.

Always always call the police if you see or suspect anything suspicious. **Don't call Block Watch, call the police.** We have had reports of residents who saw a car drive around the community slowly with two men looking in open garages. The resident suspected they may be thieves looking to steal something out of an open garage door but never called the police. **Always call the police and let them investigate the situation.** Call 911 if you see or hear anything suspicious. Keep your garage doors closed if you are not in your garage.

We need more Block Watch Captains north of Beardsley. Call Chuck Schumm if you can volunteer as a Captain.

June Events & Trips

VOCALIST MARY HOLLAN TO APPEAR JUNE 15

We are proud to announce that local vocalist/pianist Mary Hollan will perform at the Yacht Club at 7pm on Friday, June 15th!

Mary has performed from Los Angeles to New York, sharing the stage with well-known entertainers Chubby Checker, Mary Wilson of the Supremes, the Coasters, the Drifters and many more.

No matter where she sings, Mary leaves a lasting impression of excellence through her true heartfelt performance.

Come out of the heat and join Mary Hollan for some 'cool' summer songs and enjoy some ice cream, fruit and beverages.



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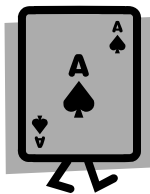
Join us for a fun filled "No Brainer" Dice Game! This isn't a club – anyone can join us!

WEDNESDAY, June 13th at 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 or
Diane DellaPia 566-9763.

COME PLAY BRIDGE!

The Ventana Lakes Bridge Club meets at 1:00 p.m. every Thursday in the Game/Card Room at the Recreation Center.



The Bridge Club Chairperson for June is Mary J. Engstrom at 362-2769.

CASINO TRIPS

Laughlin Turnaround

Thursday, June 21, 2007

Destination: Edgewater Casino. \$5.00 per person. Movies on the bus. This is not a monitored trip, so you are welcome to visit any of the other nine casinos on the Strip. Pick up in front of the Yacht Club at 6:15 a.m. Please sign up at the Management Office. Your contact is Celeste Manor 566 - 5858.

Mazatzal Casino

Thursday, June 14, 2007

and

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

These trips are FREE!

The bus leaves the Yacht Club at 8:00 A.M. both days. You receive **\$10 upon arrival**. If your birthday is in the month of June you receive an additional \$10. Try your luck at \$3 Blackjack, Slots, Keno, Bingo at 12:45 P.M. and Poker on Thurs. Ask for your 10% senior discount in the restaurant.. The bus leaves the casino at 3:00 P.M. On the trip home, you 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

More FUN Stuff For June!

Ceramics Workshop



Welcome to Classes!

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon (later if necessary).

Wednesday evening, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

We are in the Craft Room

(first building by the tennis courts).

We have a certified Teacher, Nancy Kincaid, with years of ceramic knowledge.

Cost per class is **only \$4.00.**

For information contact **Karen Suran 561-1690**

Rosemary Chambers 566 8704

Classes are **full of fun and companionship** and class projects!



KARAOKE WITH DARRELL

STOP SINGING IN THE SHOWER! Well, not really, but you can sing with your clothes on, too. Darrell Smith hosts karaoke at Ventana Lakes, and it is great fun for everyone.

Even if you don't sing, you can hear some great music, **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, June 29. 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!



MORNING WATER AEROBICS

Water Aerobics will be held at the **Coves Pool** every **Tuesday through Friday at 8:00 a. m. All welcome!**

SUMMER EVENING POOL AEROBICS



From June through August this summer there will be a Wednesday evening water aerobics class available to all residents. It will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Coves Pool; it will be taught by Candy Jacobs who teaches the evening aerobics class at the Recreation Center year round.

The first class is free if you have not attended before! Thereafter, each class is \$4.

CHALLENGER SPACE CENTER

Find out what light is made of, how magnetism works, and finally understand Einstein's ideas!

All of this and more, much more, is offered every Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Challenger Space Science Center on 83rd Avenue (next to Sunrise Mountain High School). Or show up at 1:00 p.m. and take a guided tour of the Center (including a simulated space ship blast-off) before the 2:00 p.m. presentation. Senior prices are only \$4.00. Bring the grandchildren, too, for the same \$4.00 price. They'll remember it for a long time, and so will you.