

Ventana Views



LET'S FIGHT THE FIGHT AND RAISE THE MONEY!

Activity News from Tina Dunn, Activity Coordinator
Community News from Sue Alandar, Board President

Get the Trucks off Beardsley! Let's Rally Together

June 3 @ 6:00 p.m. --- Leaving from the Yacht Club

Carpool to Peoria City Council

Come at 6 pm for maps and a briefing on what to expect when we get there for the 7:00 meeting.
We must encourage the Council to ratify the bond package which now includes a TRUCK
ROUTE AWAY FROM BEARDSLEY ROAD.

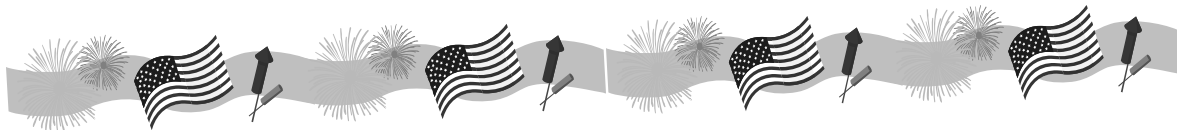


BREAST CANCER 3 DAY FUND RAISER
HOSTED BY
DARRELL AND IVY & GUESTS
GET THE SCOOP INSIDE THIS ISSUE!



Are you a member of the "Fun Bunch?" Want to plan a fun event? See page 6
and help us plan a fun event FOR the new VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

**Don't forget Memories from Memphis Dance and Delicious
Dessert Potluck Saturday June 21st at 7:00 pm at the Yacht Club.
Tickets only \$5.00!!**



**4th of July Barbecue Lunch and Dance tickets are on sale NOW
for ONLY \$6.00 per person at the Management Office!!**

JUNE ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY, JUNE 3rd at 1:00p.m. – The MINING BOARD is meeting at the Yacht Club. The Mining Board makes recommendations to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors on traffic. They need your input!

TUESDAY, JUNE 3rd at 6:00p.m. – meet to car pool to the City Council Meeting! (see first page)

BREAST CANCER 3 DAY WALK FUND RAISER- HOSTED BY DARRELL & IVY AND GUESTS

Saturday, June 7th at 7:00pm at the *awareness* **YACHT CLUB.** Tickets are \$5.00 per person. Darrel & Ivy and guests will be singing a VARIETY OF MUSIC THAT EVERYONE WILL ENJOY!! We will have RAFFLES and a BAKE SALE and goodies for everyone to enjoy. Don't miss out on the wonderful EVENT. Come help us SUPPORT THIS GREAT CAUSE!! Tickets on sale NOW at the Management Office!! Let's go Ventana Lakes. This is a "don't miss" EVENT!!!



BREAKFAST WITH SUN GROVE

Come and join us at the Yacht Club on Thursday, June 12th at 9:00am for breakfast compliments of Sun Grove Village Care Center at the Yacht Club. They will be providing a buffet style breakfast and some information about the services that they offer to the community. If you would like to stop by for some food, fun, and conversation on Thursday, June 12th at the Yacht Club please call the office or come in and sign up.

COFFEE SOCIAL & BOARD FORUM

9:00 A.M.

Saturday, June 14th at the Yacht Club. Tickets on sale at the Management Office for \$1.50 up until Friday, June 13th at noon or you may buy one at the door for \$ 2.00.



MAZATZAL CASINO

Thursday, June 12th and Tuesday, May 24th FREE!!! You owe it to yourself, to check out this UPGRADED casino, restaurant and buffet. Bus leaves the Yacht Club

at 7:45 A.M. **You must sign up at the Management Office.** In the past, the buses filled up quickly, so do not wait. **You receive \$10 upon arrival.** If your birthday is in that month you receive an additional \$10. Blackjack, Slots, Keno and Bingo. Ask for senior discount in the restaurant. **Return bus leaves at 3:00 P.M.** On the return bus you receive a free bottle of water and a scratch off ticket valued between \$4 and \$10 to be used on a future trip. **Here are the dates for the Mazatzal Casino Trips for the rest of the YEAR!!**

Thursday, July 10th & Tuesday, July 29th

Thursday, August 14th & Tuesday, August 26th

Thursday, September 11th & Tuesday, September 23rd

Thursday, October 9th & Tuesday, October 28th

Tuesday, November 18th

Tuesday, December 16th

Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 18th at 1:30pm at the Yacht Club

LAUGHLIN TURNAROUND TRIP

Thursday, June 19th \$10.00 per person pick-up time is 6:15 am at the Yacht Club!!! Edgewater Casino has free buffet for breakfast or lunch or \$5.00 off of dinner with player's club card. Movies on the bus, 9 other Casino's on the strip so what more could you ask for!! Sign up for a fun day trip!! Any questions please call Pat Blattner at 566-4914.

MEMORIES FROM MEMPHIS WITH DELICIOUS DESSERTS

Looking for a fun night in June you just don't want to miss!! This is it- On Saturday, June 21st at 7:00 pm at the Yacht Club. **PRESENTING Johnny Cash & Elvis Presley Singers.** They will be playing all the music we enjoy and love to dance TO!! Tickets are \$5.00 per person.

DELICIOUS DESSERT POTLUCK!!

If you would like to volunteer to bring a delicious dessert please let the front desk at the Management Office know what it will be when you're here buying your TICKETS!!!! Buy more than one ticket so you can bring your family and friends **THESE GUYS ARE GOOD!!**

KARAOKE WITH DARRELL AND JACK!

Come join a lot of talented Ventana Lakes neighbors at the Yacht Club at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 27th. It's only \$2.00 per person (you can pay at the door or buy tickets at the Management Office). You'll need to bring your own beverage and snacks. **See you there!!**

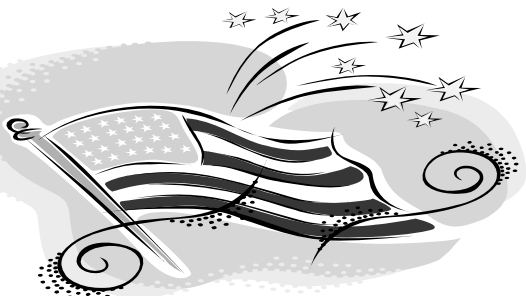
JUNE IS BUSTING OUT ALL OVER WITH MARY HOLLAND



Ice cream social in June with
Mary Holland on Sunday, June 29th at
2:00pm in the Yacht Club!!

This is going to be a nice afternoon social with your friends here in Ventana Lakes. We also welcome you to bring your family and friends from church to join us!! Tickets are \$4.00 per person so hurry in to the Management Office and buy your tickets NOW!!! If you have never heard Mary play the piano she is wonderful and you will enjoy her!!! SEE YOU THERE

COMING UP IN JULY MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY BARBECUE & DANCE

Come join us for a 4th of July Celebration you won't forget!! Friday, July 4th at 12:30pm at the Yacht Club. Wonderful barbecue beef sandwiches, chips and coleslaw along with drinks and dessert!! Entertainment by Wes Davey some patriotic and A LOT OF DANCE MUSIC for you to enjoy!! Tickets are \$6.00 per person. WHAT A DEAL!!

PRESCOTT FRONTIER DAYS AND RODEO (DAY TRIP)

Saturday, July 5th- Bus will depart from Yacht Club at 6:30am and return at 6:00pm. We need 10 or more residents to sign up from Ventana Lakes to have bus pick up and drop off here at our Yacht Club!!

Come with us to help celebrate Prescott's Frontier Days and enjoy the "Worlds Oldest Rodeo!" We'll travel to cool, beautiful, historical Prescott where we'll view the Rodeo Parade, then we'll stroll through the many arts and crafts tents on the



Courthouse Square and enjoy music, food, and fun in the beautiful high country weather. Finally, we'll travel to the Prescott Rodeo Grounds for fun and excitement cowboy style. All this for \$72.00 per person includes Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Rodeo Parade, Arts & Crafts Show, and Admission to the Rodeo, Bottled water & Snacks, Escort & Driver Gratuities. If you would like to get out of the heat and spend a fun day trip in Prescott please call Promenade Travel Services at 623-977-8800. Please let them know you are from Ventana Lakes so they can keep track of the number of residents that sign up!! We want the BUS to COME HERE!!

RISING COUNTRY STAR KYLE MERCER IS HERE AT VENTANA LAKES

What a blessing to have his GRANDPARENTS living here at Ventana Lakes!!

On Saturday, July 19th at 5:30pm at the Yacht Club come and join us for a fun and exciting evening out!! We will have sub sandwiches, chips and cookies for dessert. Lemonade and water will be available but if you would bring something other than that feel free to do so!! Kyle will be entertaining us around 6:45pm and his show will last for about 1 hour. This young man is going to be a STAR, he has been on Arizona Idol and he made the top 30 out of 1500 acts that performed at The Dodge Theater here in down town Phoenix. He has performed the National Anthem numerous times for the U.S. Naval Ceremonies and for the Arizona Diamondbacks at Chase Field. He will steal your HEART- Come into the Management Office now and buy your Tickets for \$5.00 per person.

TOURS AND MARGARITA'S (ALMOST)

Come and enjoy a slide show presentation of Cooper Canyon by Argonaut Tours and drink refreshing non-alcoholic Margaritas on Saturday, July 26th at the Yacht Club at 7:00 pm (BYOB if you want to make them real ones!) Please call or come into the Management Office to sign up for a fun evening. (FREE)

ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB

RoseAnn Fiebig, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance. RoseAnn mentioned that tickets were available for the June 5th meeting. The June meeting is open to members and their guests. The fees for this meeting are members - \$3.00, guests - \$6.00 and will include an Italian Dinner

and entertainment by the R&B Duo. Please call Gloria Trueax for tickets – 623-566-9066. The cut-off date to buy your tickets is Friday, May 30th.

RoseAnn then called table numbers and everyone enjoyed pizza, salad and ice cream. The pizza, which was delicious, was provided by Rosati's. As always, there was plenty of food and some folks went up for second helpings.

After dinner RoseAnn announced that the 50/50 tickets were still on sale. She also mentioned that there would be no more assigned seating for any of the meetings. Seating will be on a first come-first seated basis so if you want to sit with a specific group, please come early and get your tables.

Sadly there were many Members on the 'surgery' list: Vee Stendardo, Nando Palminello (who is recovering well and was at this meeting), Babs Fiore, Sharon Amoruso, Lenny Litzky, Faith SanFelippo, Elaine Sokolowski, Jay Verlotta and Carmella Fink. Please keep these folks in your prayers.

Tony DeMont graciously thanked the Board Members for all their work during this past fiscal year. Darrell Smith then called for nominations for the open Board positions. Since there was only one person who accepted the nomination for each position, following is the list of the new Board Members:

President	RoseAnn Fiebig
Vice President	Kathy Kopec
Secretary	Nina Scozzari
Treasurer	Gloria Trueax
Entertainment Coordinator	Joe Zeppetella

Darrell thanked RoseAnn for all her work and asked that more Members volunteer to help with our monthly meetings, especially in the kitchen.

Darrell then asked the Birthday folks to stand up – there were ten people celebrating a birthday during the month of May! However, there were no anniversaries.

Gloria Trueax gave the Treasurer's Report. Florence Cardinale announced that she will continue to plan the Casino trips for the Club and in fact is already planning one sometime in mid-October.

Then it was time for the 50/50 drawing during which eight prizes were given out.

There were 94 Members in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

FLYING SOLO SOCIAL CLUB OF VENTANA LAKES

"The Active Adult Community"

The Flying Solo Social Club is reaching out to offer **ALL Singles of Ventana Lakes**. We are striving to offer the **very best activities of our community and beyond**.

BE ACTIVE!! The sky's the limit!!

Let's get out and play!! We offer all VL Singles an invitation to join The Flying Solo Social Club and join in the fun, great camaraderie and a variety of activities to please all.

We offer **early morning and as well as later evening activities** to accommodate the early riser and those who stay up late. **Bring Your ideas to share at our next general meeting.** Who knows maybe one day we too will offer rides to the moon and back. Would you like that adventure? I would!!

We are on the way. We are offering **Star Gazing at the Challenger Space Center, June 14th, Saturday evening 7:30 PM, \$4 for Seniors.** It is a beautiful, wondrous adventure. It's right in our neighborhood. And we are going for ice cream, dessert and conversation. Such a deal and good company too!!

We are also going for **Cooler Evening Earth Walks around The Lakes.** We will meet at **8 PM on Tues** for more information call phone numbers below. The rewards are great; friendship with a common goal of healthy walking that makes for a healthy heart!! Plan to come walk with us.

On Thurs. **June 26th** we will be **Dining In** at **Dillon's Restaurant** in the cool air with something cool and frosty to drink at **5 PM., Thunderbird and the 101.** Members and perspective members come join in. And great food too!!

We Play **Croquet at 8 AM** (summer hrs) every **Wed. morning** with the VL Croquet Club on the **Croquet Lawn at 104th and Beardsley.** It's a fun way to heart start your day and give body and soul some gentle exercise. The weather is cooler and the skies are blue, **come out and play!!**

Lonesome? Just want to be with other people? On **Mondays June 2nd and 16th** we offer "**Drop In at the Rec. Center**". A **great place to make new friends** with the other singles of VL, watch TV, watch a movie, and play cards, games or swim. Come out and join us.

The 3rd Thursday Each month is **The Flying Solo Social Clubs General Meeting June 19th 6:30 pm at the Yacht Club.** Bring a VL single friend or neighbor. We are sharing desserts that night. So save room to share dessert with us. . **See you there!!!**

Be sure to buy your ticket for \$5.00 and come listen to a variety of music by Darrell & Ivy and Guests, a Cancer benefit, Sat June 7th at 7:00pm at the Yacht Club, Door prizes, Raffles, baked goodies to buy and more. Come join us. We will be waiting to meet you.

Come check us out! We are here FOR you!!! Do you have ideas for activities you would like us to offer? Do you have a special hobby or sport you would like to share? Suggestions become activities. We want to offer your interests as activities and adventures to our active singles of Ventana Lakes.

There is a lot going on. Come join us, **we are waiting to welcome you. Contact your Chairperson Shari Ford for further information contact Shari at (623) 594-5511**

NEWS OF THE VENTANA LAKES SHALOM CLUB

We are into our summer schedule of dinner meetings and will be in touch with members by phone or e-mail as to what plans have been made, and the exact date, time, place, etc., of the 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.

NEW GROUP FOR QUILTERS MONDAY EVENINGS

Do you work or have other commitments during the day but would still like to meet people that quilt? There will be a new group for quilters meeting in the Ventana Craft Room Monday evenings at 6:00 pm. Bring your machine or hand work along or any projects you are working on. We will chat and sew, share ideas or come up with some new ones. If you are new to quilting this would be a great group for you also. If you are interested in meeting with this group please contact Carol at 623-695-7707. There will be no charge for this group and all are welcome.

LINE DANCING!

SUMMER is here and so Ventana Lakes Line Dance Class ends after April 28th and will start up the first Monday in October!! Questions? **Call Audrey Fulcher at 623-566-2667.**

TAI CHI

Tai Chi for Beginners will continue into May on the 6, 13, 20 & 29 at 4:00 pm on Tuesdays at the Yacht Club. Call Mr. Kenneth Harper at 977-9179 for details. The regular Tai Chi classes will continue to meet on Monday at 8:00 am, Wednesday at 7:00 am and Friday at 5:00 pm in the Card Room.

BALLROOM DANCING

Classes are held each Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Yacht Club. If you would like information please call **Mr. Kenneth Harper at 977-9179.**

LADIES BUNCO

Ladies, Join us for an evening of Bunco! This is a no skill dice game which provides a fun night and a chance to win

some prize money. Cost is \$5 per person, and we share delicious snacks brought by the players.

Games are played on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Next game is June 11th.

For more information, please call

Eileen DeMeloitz at 566-2095.

VENTANA LAKES BRIDGE CLUB

June Coordinator will be Mary Jane Engstrom; any questions please **call 362-2769.** Bridge Club meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:00pm in the Card Room.

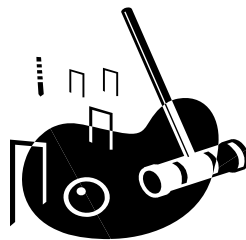
BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Ventana Lakes Bible Study Discussion Group is an interdenominational group that uses the expository approach to Bible study. The group has been organized over ten years. Meetings are held every Monday morning in the Game Room at 10:00 A.M.

Thank you, Drexel L. Pope – 623-566-3860

VENTANA LAKES CROQUET CLUB

Most of you played this fun filled non-strenuous sporty game when you were kids. Come on all you men and women and **RELIVE** those fun days with your neighbors. Come meet with us on Wednesday mornings at 8:00am at 104th Ave Beardsley you can park on Pontiac Dr. and if you are not an early riser join us a little later for maybe the second game!! If you're not sure if you want to play, then just come out and watch us have fun and you'll want to be a regular player too. We have a really great Croquet court that has real beautiful maintained grass to play on. **Call 602 - 920-2310 if you are interested or have any questions.**



QUILTERS

We have more room for Friday afternoon quilters. We meet 11:30am to 3:30pm and we do have a teacher Ruth Gordon is her name. Even if you are a new quilter or old please come and share your day with us. We have lots of fun call Dixie Powers at 623-566-3664 or Dee Stillson at 623 - 561-9338. Thank you.

ZUMBA FITNESS

Come dance your way to a fitter you with exciting and unique Latin moves and rhythms!! Class is held every Monday at 10:30am at the Yacht Club. Brenda Thomason

is the instructor and she is wonderful. Classes are \$6.00 for drop- INS and if you decide to come back you can purchase a punch card for \$25.00 for 5 classes and \$40.00 for 10 classes. Hope to see you there!! If you have any Questions you may call Brenda Thomason at 623-214-9495.

EVENING WATER VOLLEYBALL

Men and Women all are welcome to join us for a fun night in the pool!! Every Tuesday Night at 6:30pm at the Yacht Club. Any questions call Dave or Lori Schuld 561-2665.

What really happened- Barbara Campbell shared a story at the April Coffee Forum about our Board Vice President, Darrell Smith. Darrell heard the emergency vehicles and looked out his window and saw his neighbor Barbara Campbell on the sidewalk he then went outside to see how he could help, emergency personnel had arrived on the scene and had the situation under control so Darrell offered to put the dogs in the house and meet Barbara at the hospital where he waited 4hours and then brought her home!!

Community News

by Sue Alandar, Board President

MAY BOARD MEETING

If you missed the May Board meeting, you may want to go to the Ventana Lakes website www.vlpoa.org, go over to the menu on the left side and click on "agendas and minutes" and read the minutes. You can also read the minutes at the Management Office. What follows is a bare summary, available this month because the meeting was early enough in the month to get it into the newsletter.

THE GARDENS is currently involved in negotiations with the Board relating to specific common areas about which there are conflicting governing documents. The Gardens tract declaration indicates that the common areas in the Gardens should be maintained (paid for) by the Gardens. Other Association documents indicate that the Gardens common areas should be maintained (paid for) by the Association. Legal counsel has advised that the Association is responsible.

The areas in question were maintained by the Gardens until 2007, when the Association assumed financial responsibility for their upkeep.

The current negotiation is at the request of The Gardens to be reimbursed for the cost of maintaining the common areas prior to 2007. They state that this was at a

cost of tens of thousands of dollars; however, they are negotiating a settlement of \$40,000. This amount would be transferred from the Master Association Reserve fund to the Gardens Reserve fund.

At the May meeting a possible resolution on this matter resulted in a tie (there were only six Board members present) and the matter will be back on the agenda at the June Board meeting (June 18, 1:30 p.m., Yacht Club.) The proposed draft resolution is available on the website www.vlpoa.org and at the Management Office for your review. It does include a proposed transfer of \$40,000 from the Master Association reserves to the Gardens reserves in addition to the Association's maintenance of these common areas. This is obviously a difficult and controversial issue.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM IDEAS PLEASE!

Also at the May meeting, the Board began discussion of a new Volunteer Program for Ventana. How can we define volunteers? We have those who serve on Committees, and who put in many, many hours of service. **Without these people, we would be paying much higher assessments** to review requests and make inspections for architectural and landscaping changes, to pay for clerical assistance, to repair our facilities and common areas, and to maintain our lakes and fish – and even more. Then we have those people who pitch in and help when they are needed for cleanup or special maintenance or decorating – and even more.

There's yet another category – those who organize fun events for everyone else, maybe on a regular basis, maybe once a year, and maybe only once in a lifetime.

This is what's great about belonging to a Community, getting involved. **This last category, the fun bunch** -- those who know how or want to put together a fun club or event – or just be part of putting something together-- I'd like you to send me – by note or e-mail – ideas on how we can celebrate our volunteers. **Like picnics, or barbeques, and how they could be organized. AND...how we could have some fundraisers to do it! With your help, we can get started this fall!** E-mail ventanacommunications@cox.net

DO YOU OWN A BUSINESS?

At its May meeting, the Board adopted a policy making it clear that Ventana Lakes homeowners are eligible to compete with other vendors when a Request for Quotation (RFQ) is issued by the Management Office.

If you own a business that provides a service that you think Ventana Lakes may need, and you would like to

be notified if an RFQ for such a service is issued, you need only to **register with the COMMUNITY MANAGER** to get on the RFQ list. Give your business name, contact name, address, phone number, fax number and/or e-mail address and the type of business you offer.

A copy of the RFQ form can be made available for you to review upon request. Any resident who bids on a project will have to follow all procedures, meet all qualifications, and be held to the same level of responsibility as any other contractor.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE -- Remember, if you don't have access to the internet from your home, you can access the Ventana Lakes website from the Management Office. **There is a computer set up there specifically for the use of homeowners.** It's easy to use and you can check out not only the minutes but see pictures taken at our activities, pore over our financials, and much much more. It's a gold mine of useful information, literally at your fingertips. Come try it out!

MAY 12TH PLANNING MEETING

From 11:05 a.m. to 3:50 p.m., the Board spent that Monday identifying issues, concerns, and projects, tasking Board Members with project responsibilities, and organizing them in priority order so the Community will be aware of all the things happening at Ventana Lakes and who is responsible for the overall project completion.

You'll be seeing more about this in forthcoming newsletter issues. But the minutes are available for you now.



**Trust is a series of
Tasks Completed and
Promises Kept**

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

We tried using a "timed" agenda in May, and it worked well enough that we are going to continue the practice. While we do like to give everyone a chance to speak, our meetings were turning into marathons, which is hard on everyone. So if an item is taking too much time, it will have to be closed for action, or tabled to a later date.

Swimming Pools will be back on the agenda in the fall. One homeowner is asking for a change in hours for children to use the pools, from noon until 6 pm. This will not be discussed until September or later, when more people are back for the season.

PLEASE GIVE YOUR COMMENTS - ARCHITECTURAL RULES STILL UNDER REVIEW!

You should already have a copy of the current AC guidelines, if you have picked up a copy of the "Community Rules" or "Supplement to the Directory" from the Management Office. If not, you can NOW pick up a copy of the **VENTANA LAKES COMMUNITY AND ARCHITECTURAL RULES** (dated April 24, 2008) which contains **both the current and the proposed changes.** Alternatively, you can go to the website at www.vlpoa.org and view them or print them out from there.

To provide your **written** comments on the current rules or the proposed ones, **either drop them off at the Management Office** or e-mail them to me at ventanacommunications@cox.net.

GOING AWAY FOR THE SUMMER?

You've probably already stopped your newspaper delivery. However, it is a fact of life that there will always be things dropped in your driveway, whether you are there or not. That includes the *Ventana Views*. We do not have the funds (insert here: we do not want to raise your assessment high enough) to put in on a "subscription" basis so that it is only delivered when and where you need it. We rely on the good will of volunteers who take time out of their own busy lives to get it to every house in an assigned area. Some of them may know you are gone and skip your house, others may not.

But whether or not we like it, there are surely going to be advertising circulars and other items left in your driveway while you are gone. Your HOA cannot take care of this for you, but a friendly neighbor can. We watch out for each other on our street: exchange emergency phone numbers, pick up driveway trash (extra *Ventana Views* are taken back to the office) and follow our Block Watch captain's advice about reporting unusual activity. (Check our website www.vlpoa.org for more. That's what COMMUNITY is about...and communities existed long before HOA's. Have a great summer!

R.I.P. TREADMILL

Jack advised me this month that one of the treadmills is not repairable, and replacement would cost about \$5875.

Having researched this in the past, I know you can get treadmills for far less, but you cannot put the "home" type treadmills into heavy use areas like our exercise room; they don't last a month, so it is not cost-effective. We have to get the

good "industrial" type that last and come with the kind of warranty matching their use. There is no money in the budget to replace the treadmill at this time. We will put a replacement into the budget for next year.

Sue Alandar
Board President

SCHOOL BUS IS OKAY

We have some homeowners watching their "grandkids" before and after school, so there's a school bus doing pickup and delivery on our public streets around 110th and Oraibi. They aren't living here. All is well.

QUESTION & ANSWER

Don Lorentzen wants to know how a resident gets our landscaper to remove weeds in the common area growing in the ground cover and plants?

ANSWER: Jack Donovan says you do it by letting the Management Office know about it. They issue a work order and ask the landscaper to tell us when the work is completed. The Manager is dependent on vigilant residents like Don, and CareScape recognizes that the trimmers don't necessarily look at a bush and realize that there is a weed growing up through the bush.

ELKS IN THE NEWS

At the recent AZ Elks Association convention in Tempe, quite a few awards were won by the Sun City Lodge. Three of them were awarded to current Ventana Lakes residents: Sally Woods, Lecturing Knight, received 1st place scores in Initiation Ritual Ceremonies. Tom Woods, Tiler, received 1st place for overall Youth Activities Program. Ed McDonnell, Inner Guard, received 1st place and overall "Best in State" Drug Awareness Program (for the sixth consecutive year).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Dave Bracken reports the Maintenance Committee has had no major projects for the past month, and they are enjoying the time off. Most problems are minor and are usually repaired in one or two days.

Their next meeting will held at the Management office at 9:30 AM on June 10, 2008.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

Ken Hunstad reports the Committee processed requests for fourteen house paintings, thirteen landscaping issues, three concrete walkways/driveways, and five awnings/security doors. Further, they completed twenty-three inspections, four home resale inspections and four follow up inspections.



POOL NEWS FROM SPLASH

Just a reminder to our residents and their guest who bring children to the Coves Pool:

Children are to behave in an orderly manner while in the pool. While this is the children's pool as designated by the Ventana Lakes Board. Our residents in the retirement community can also use the pool. Care must be taken when these folks are using the pool.

The last issue of "SPLASH" stressed taking a shower before using the pool or spa. This issue will focus on an article that I read in the Arizona Republic.

Does anyone know what an 'Arizona Shower' is? The article states that it is when someone jumps into a pool without taking a shower however that doesn't necessary mean it's a good idea. The article goes on to state "You know those signs you see at pools telling you to take a shower before getting in the pool. That's to prevent your old dead skin cells and loose hair and other stuff that you use on your body from going into the pool. The article also goes on to say that you should take a shower after you use the pool to wash off the chlorine and other pool chemical. The chlorine levels in swimming pools are about three or four times higher than tap water. That amount of chlorine can make your skin all itchy and make your hair kind of brittle. Shower to rinse some of that chlorine off your skin and out of your hair."

To recap the above: Take a shower before going into the pool and spa. Rinse off with another shower before leaving the pool. A little soap will also help.

Please return pool furniture where you found them, and don't forget to roll down the umbrellas after use. If you see something that is in violation of the pool rules, please call the management office during regular working hours at 566-6001. The office will call one of the pool monitors who are on duty.

Or call the following pool monitors: If one is not available try another.

John Bateman 566-3150

Laura Miller 825-2593

Note: A special thanks to Joe Teixeira and Ed Schroeder for a great job in rebuilding the tables at the Cove and North Park pool. The tables look great.

Thank you.

John Bateman, Pool Monitor Coordinator

BLOCK WATCH

Keep Your Mailbox Empty

June 1, 2008

By Chuck Schumm

Crime continues to remain low in Ventana Lakes with no major recent incidents, but as we have said in the past, crime does occur from time to time. In mid April, the office received a report of two mailboxes being broken into, one in the 10900 block of Tonopah, and the other on Ventana Drive. This is a reminder that we all need to remove our mail from our mailbox daily, and if you are going to be away for some time, have a neighbor pick-up your mail or have your mail stopped by the post office. Residents are now receiving tax return checks, and the Economic Stimulus checks sent out by the government. Thieves know that these checks are in mailboxes, so they break-in trying to steal some extra cash. The best way to protect your mailbox is to keep it empty.

One other potential crime issue that may be coming our way is thieves siphoning gasoline out of your vehicles. With the price of gasoline going up and up, it is becoming valuable. Keep your vehicle in a locked garage, and use a locking gas cap if you can.

Please report all crime to the Peoria Police Department. If you see anything or anyone that may be suspicious on the street, call the police at 623-773-8311 to have the situation checked-out. We recently had an opportunity to talk to a Peoria Policeman while he was in Ventana Lakes, and he said he had just spotted two men placing advertisements on resident's doors. When the men saw the officer, they hightailed it out of the community. The officer suggested that the men might have been casing the community because they departed so rapidly after spotting the officer. Don't forget, call the police if you

suspect anything or see someone or something suspicious.

Block Watch had one other incident where a resident called to report that a garage door was left open and no one appeared to be living in the home. Our advise, call the police to investigate.

Remember that crime in Ventana Lakes is more crime of opportunity then anything else, so don't make it easy for a criminal to steal your property.

Keep garage doors closed and light your home at night. Pickup advertising and newspapers from a neighbor's driveway or front door, if they accumulate, because they are not home. And most of all watch out for each other and call the police if you suspect that something is not right.

If you know of a crime in Ventana Lakes please contact Chuck Schumm at 825-4517. To stay informed about crime in our community go to www.vlpoa.org, click on the Block Watch link, and then click on Crime Incident Reports.

We still need Block Watch Captains North of Beardsley. If you would like to volunteer as a Captain call Chuck.

COYOTES AND OTHER WILDLIFE



As we live in an area bounded by open fields and undeveloped property, we are frequently visited by a variety of wildlife. Recently, we have had Javelinas in a number of resident's backyards, and we have had coyote sightings all over the community. Please avoid the Javelinas when you see them; like most wildlife, they are at their most dangerous when cornered. We have recently had a case of coyotes coming over a resident's wall and attacking their dog. If you let your dog out in your backyard, please go out with him/her, this should keep the coyotes at bay.

Please, Please, Please do not throw food for the ducks or geese in the lakes. Food thrown in the lakes causes problems, as this material becomes a pollutant and adds to the expense of keeping the lakes clean. If you must feed the wildfowl (which you shouldn't be doing), feed them on the shore. By the way, did you know that bread fed to ducks will eventually cause the birds to develop colitis, and result in their deaths?

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