

# Ventana Views



## SEPTEMBER

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

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### VENTANA LAKES CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM WITH THE CITY OF PEORIA

Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Will be held at the Yacht Club

FREE to all residents of Ventana Lakes

TRIBUTE TO MARTY ROBBINS NIGHT ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> AT  
7:00PM AT THE Y.C. TICKETS \$4.00 NEW ENTERTAINER A MUST SEE SHOW!!



### FALL DANCE

With Mike & Gary a great two piece Dance Band.  
Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to 9:30pm at  
the Yacht Club. Tickets are \$5.00 per person.  
B.Y.O.B. and if you will need ice bring something  
to put it in because the kitchen will be closed.



# SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

## Board Meeting

Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

Will be held in the Yacht Club.

Coffee Social for September has been **CANCELLED** due to remodeling kitchen. Any questions please call Tina at the Office at 566-6001.



## VENTANA LAKES CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM WITH THE CITY OF PEORIA

**FREE** to all residents here in Ventana Lakes. Come join us on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 6:30pm at the Yacht Club. Peoria Police Department will be here with Lieutenant Doug Steel, Police Patrol Operations and Functions. Detective Mike Carlow, Identity Theft. Officer Aaron Foote, Ventana Lakes Police Patrol. Ann Bowers and Julie Miller, Police Community Relations. Peoria Fire Department Tim Eiden. Peoria Animal Control and Sun City Elks along with Ventana Lakes Block Watch Chuck Schumm and Bob McDonald. Coffee, punch and cookies will be served. Don't miss out on this wonderful event!!

## MAZATZAL CASINO

Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> **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, September 11<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>



## HYPERTENSION SEMINAR WITH DR. SAMARASEKERA FROM ARROWHEAD FAMILY CARE

On Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the Yacht Club Arrowhead Family Care Center will be here and Dr. Sam with talk on Hypertension and answer all your questions regarding this topic. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend this informational seminar please call or come into the Management Office to sign up.

Dear Readers, Do you have any questions about your health? Maybe just curious about other medical issues such as "What is the flu?" "Why do people have allergies?" What is all the fuss about PAD (peripheral arterial disease)?

Here is a chance to get your questions answered.

My name is Nisal Samarasekera. I am a medical doctor board certified in Family Medicine. I have a private practice in Glendale. I am very excited to be contributing a column in your monthly newsletter called "Ask Dr. Sam". You can email me any medical question to [stzsam@arrowheadfamilycare.com](mailto:stzsam@arrowheadfamilycare.com) and I will post answers to questions that I feel are most relevant (or perhaps just unusual) in this column. You will of course be anonymous. So please submit your questions to the above email address.

I will also be holding a seminar on Hypertension. This will be an informal session on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 10:00AM at the Yacht Club. We will have refreshments and door prizes. We will also have a very qualified registered dietitian speak on "10 Super Foods To Help You Live Long". Please mark this on your calendar now and RSVP to Tina in the management office. Space is limited. I look forward to seeing you there. Don't forget to submit your "Ask Dr. Sam" questions.

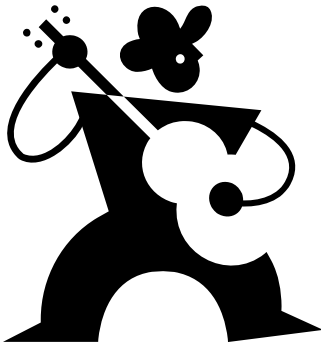
Nisal Samarasekera, M.D.  
MDVIP Affiliated Physician



## LAUGHLIN TURNAROUND TRIP

Thursday, September 18th  
\$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.



## TRIBUTE TO MARTY ROBBINS

On Saturday, September  
20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the  
Yacht Club. Tickets are  
\$4.00 per person and on  
sale now so please come  
into the Management

Office now and buy your ticket. You have never seen this  
entertainer before because he is new to the Valley!! His  
name is Lee Benson and he's coming from upstate New  
York. I have heard him play and I know you will enjoy this  
show very much. So hurry up and trust me on this it's  
going to be good!!

## TOWN HALL MEETING WITH THE CITY OF PEORIA

On Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Yacht Club from  
6:00pm to 9:00pm the City of Peoria will be explaining the  
upcoming Bond Issues on the November Ballots. This  
event is FREE to all Ventana Lakes RESIDENTS!!!

## KARAOKE WITH DARRELL AND JACK!

Come join a lot of talented Ventana Lakes neighbors at  
the Yacht Club at 6:30 p.m. Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.  
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 and if you will need  
ice bring something to put it in the kitchen will be  
closed. See you there!!



## FALL DANCE WITH MIKE & GARY

These guys are good and they  
play all over the valley and draw  
a nice crowd. They play a variety  
of music that everyone will enjoy  
and everyone can dance to! So

join us on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to  
9:30pm at the Yacht Club. Tickets are \$5.00 per  
person. This dance is B.Y.O.B and snacks and also if  
you would like ice please bring something with you to  
put it in as our kitchen will be closed!!

## COMING UP IN OCTOBER MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### WEST SIDE STORY

### TOP TALENT SHOW



Join us for a fun night of  
Singers and Dancers and  
Upcoming Rising Stars like  
Kyle Mercer & Naomi Emanuel  
& Sara Ambrose from the Idol  
in the Skye contest and others  
are from the West Valley on

Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. This is a show your  
Community has never seen, so don't miss out!! Tickets  
are \$2.00 per person. Will be held in the Yacht Club and  
light refreshments will be served. You don't want to miss a  
fun night so come in now and buy your tickets!!

## FLU SHOT CLINIC HERE AT VENTANA LAKES ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AT THE YACHT CLUB FROM 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

### ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, September  
4<sup>th</sup> See you there!!

**THE J-BIRDS OLDIES DANCE & TRIBUTE TO THE STARS OF THE 50's & 60's**



SEE: Buddy Holly, Fats Domino, Patsy Cline, The Big Bopper, Dolly Parton, Hank Williams.

HEAR: The music of

The Drifters, The Everly Bros, The Platters, Chubby Checker, & much, much, more!!! Dance the night away, or just sing along and reminisce to your favorite "Golden Oldies". Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Tickets are \$2.00 per person so get into the office and buy your tickets now this will sell out!! **B.Y.O.B & SNACKS** and just in case our kitchen is still closed and you would like ice bring something to put it in!! A light refreshment will be served.

**LET'S GET PREPARED SEMINAR**

CHANGE is all around us. It always has been! Do you know what to do if suddenly you are told to leave your home? What would you take? What would you need? Join other Ventana Lakers to see what is recommended for basic temporary stays. Preparedness is never a waste. On Thursday, October 23<sup>RD</sup> at 10:00am at the Yacht Club. A seminar about getting prepared if something was to happen!! I think this is something that might interest some of you. If you would like to attend this **FREE SEMINAR** please call or come into the office to sign up!!

Thanks, Norma J. Hamilton LCSW ACSW C-ASWCM

**HALLOWEEN KARAOKE PARTY WITH DARRELL AND JACK!**



Details coming up in October!!!

**VENTANA LAKES ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE**  
Unique, one-of-a-kind gifts and decorating ideas for yourself and everyone on your Holiday shopping list.

**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am to 2:00pm  
Ventana Lakes Yacht Club**

**Interested in being a vendor??  
Contact Vada Bowers or  
Joyce Lorentzen.  
Their phone numbers are in the  
Ventana Lakes Directory.**



**MAKE PLANS TO  
STAY HOME FOR  
NEW YEARS EVE &  
PARTY RIGHT HERE  
IN YOUR  
OWN YACHT CLUB**



This year get ready to buy your tickets early because this event will sell out. I booked a great R&B Duo who you will really like. The Italian Club had them and everyone loved them!! We will have Classic Catering providing an Elegant Dinner and they are wonderful!! Tickets are \$40.00 per person and will go on sale the 1<sup>st</sup> of November so watch your flyers and Newsletter. I am looking forward to spending another blessed year here with you!!

## ARIZONA FINE ARTS IN APPLIED PIANO, ORGAN, AND KEYBOARD

There is a musical adventure awaiting you at Ventana Lakes. We are planning a series of class lessons on the keyboard instruments (piano, keyboard, and organ) for those who have never been exposed to this area of music education. The location for the classes is Ventana Lakes Yacht Club. The cost of the lessons is \$60.00 for 5 lessons of 35 to 40 minutes each once a week. The music is \$5.00. Sequence classes follow each week 5-week session. The instructor has a University Degree in music and vast experience from classics to country music. Classes will begin in September, the date is to be announced. If you are interested in registering for these classes please come into the Management Office to fill out a registration form. Thank you Chris Hansen, Instructor.

## FLYING SOLO'S ACTIVE SINGLES OF VENTANA LAKES

We want to know you and you to know us too!!  
Come out come out wherever you are Fall is in the air!!  
Ventana Lakes Flying Solo's has lots to offer the singles of Ventana Lakes. We want to include you and your ideas. Being senior means we KNOW HOW to have fun!!  
So... Let's join forces!! We offer a variety of activities and are here for you and want to share your ideas too!!  
Your invited to our General Meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm were serving a salad dinner at the Yacht Club!!  
See our September bulletin boards for upcoming activities and call for details and join us!!  
Contact Shari at 594-5511 or Miriam 376-9301.

## NEWS OF THE VENTANA LAKES SHALOM CLUB

We are continuing our summer schedule of dinner meetings through the month of August. We should be resuming our regular meetings at the Craft Room on the evening of September 14<sup>th</sup> and will be in touch with members by phone or e-mail as to the exact date, time, place, etc., of the meeting. We urge you to attend this important meeting, as plans for the coming year will be discussed. 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.

## ATTENTION VENTANA LAKES MEN GOLFERS

We have two Golfing Groups here in Ventana Lakes that are open to our home owners free of membership charge to play golf at the Arizona Traditions Golf Course. One group meets on Monday and the other on Thursday for a 7:00am tee time. These are shot gun tee off times and we pay the golf fee at the same rate as Arizona Tradition home owners. If you have any questions please call Jerry Caldarelli at 566-8606. Hope to see you in the tee box.



## WATER AEROBICS

Starting Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Rec. Center at 8:00am Water Aerobics. Join us we have a great class. Any questions call Doris Cavaliere at 566-3829.

## MEN'S BOCCE

Men's Bocce will commence again on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Yacht Club at 7:30am if you have any questions please call Jerry Caldarelli at 566-8606.

## 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!

Ventana Lakes Line Dance Class ended April 28<sup>th</sup> 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 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. For more information, please call Eileen DeMeloitz at 566-2095.

## VENTANA LAKES BRIDGE CLUB

September Coordinator will be Phyllis or Alex Sapyta any questions please call 566-2098. Bridge Club meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:00pm in the Card Room

## CANASTA

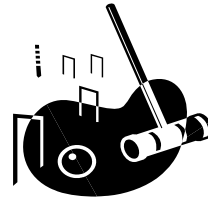
The Canasta group meets Monday at 12:15pm in the Game Room and Tuesdays at 6:15pm in the Rec. Center. We play Contract Canasta which is easy to learn and fun to play. Contact Celeste at 566-5858, Dorothy at 566-0799 or Maryann at 362-5162.



## 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 104<sup>th</sup> 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. **Just come out to the Croquet Court at 8:00am or 9:00am every Wednesday ready to have a lot of fun playing or watching. We are all beginners and enjoy taking the time to teach new players how to play this fun-filled game. Any questions call 602 - 920-2310.**

## 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.



## BOWLING LEAGUE

Ventana Lakes residents and their friends are invited to join the Ventana Lakes Bowling League. Our annual meeting is Monday, September 29th at 12:00 noon at the Yacht Club. The bowling season runs October thru April at Brunswick Lanes on 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between Union Hills and Bell Road. The league bowls Wednesday mornings at 9:00am. Join us for fun throughout the winter months. For questions please call Lois Sims at 623-376-2591. Hope to see you there!!

## VALLEY VIEW COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

F.Y.I. we know food prices are outrageous but possibly you could consider some of those super sale items for the Food Bank. Often times these items are things we do not need but someone else could really use them. We have a drop off can in the Management Office and at the Rec. Center. Thank you Tony & Evelyn DeMont.

A very special Thank You to all our wonderful neighbors and friends who helped in making The Kyle Mercer performance such a success!! The full house attendance was awesome!! Kyle really appreciated the opportunity to perform at Ventana Lakes and we would like to thank Tina and all the residents who helped set up and clean up and a big thank you to Ken Hunstad for running the sound equipment. Kyle is currently performing at the Skye Restaurant on 83<sup>rd</sup> and Bell Road as a semi finalist in the Idol in the Skye contest. Also, having won the local level of the Colgate Country Showdown he will be performing on September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Yavapai County Fair for the State Title!! We are holding our breath and will keep Tina informed.

Thank You Again  
Bob & Sue & Cunningham Family

# Community News

by Sue Alandar, Board President

**D**on't you just LOVE Arizona in the summertime? Wait -- where is everyone? Actually, we had a good turnout for the July Board meeting (there wasn't one in August), despite the number of empty houses around the neighborhood. Though we didn't print a newsletter for August (save money, few delivery volunteers, less recipients home to receive them.) remember that you can always read the minutes of the Board Meeting on the web page at [www.vlpoa.org](http://www.vlpoa.org). If you don't have a computer at home, there is one in the office for you to use to see all the great pictures and other information on our web page -- and you can always just ask to see the written minutes too. *This is your community!*

## NEWS FROM THE CITY!

We had both Mayor Bob Barrett and Vice Mayor Cathy Carlat as guests at the beginning of the July Board meeting. **Some information they shared:** Our new nearby Peoria Library will be done in February 2009! The "Beardsley 101" connection begins construction this year. A new hospital at 99<sup>th</sup> and Yearling will begin construction in the Spring of 2009 And the Rose Garden drainage ditch will be done in August!

## THE RUMOR MILL

No one's been fired! All of our fine office staff is still with us, for which we are all very grateful. We did finalize a contract with our Community Manager. The contract is through the end of this year, as the Board has decided to put all of our employees on a calendar year evaluation schedule, in coordination with our budget year. This contract sets forth the basic job responsibilities and skill and knowledge requirements and is the basis for future evaluations and also any for future hires.

Next: our review of the Architectural Guidelines is NOT a review of the Committee.

Our Architectural Committee meets every Monday at 10:00 a.m. and looks at all the requests that are put in by the people of this community to make changes to their homes and lots. In addition to this, they go out and meet with people and talk to them and look at their property and give them advice.

They put in an enormous amount of time doing this to help us all keep up our property values and keep Ventana Lakes looking beautiful.

The Board is not, I repeat not, reviewing, criticizing, or sitting in judgment upon the members of our Architectural Committee. It has been our sole purpose to review the **Guidelines**. This is something that is being done by most homeowners' associations nationwide to ensure that the guidelines are fair, reasonable, and that they meet the criteria established in the CC&R's – because if they don't, they are not enforceable.

Does this mean we think the committee has done a bad job? No. It just means the Architectural Guidelines have never been reviewed, just as our CC&R's had never been reviewed. The CC&R's have now been reviewed by a Committee and have gone to the Attorney before they can come to the community for approval.

The Board is trying to make sure the entire package is the best that it can be, and that it is something our entire community can rely on. The ability to enforce our guidelines is the ultimate point. While most of us understand and willingly comply with the CC&R's and the AC Guidelines (we agreed to do so when we bought our homes here, and they protect our property values) there are always the few who will not. We must determine, since the Legislature has weakened the laws regarding violations, **what is important enough for us to pay legal fees to enforce?** Because when people won't willingly comply we will have no choice but to pay a lawyer to help us. **We have to be willing to pay the cost, and be sure it's important to our community, when it becomes necessary to force someone into compliance with our guidelines.**

Here's what is *not* rumor. We have some great people in Ventana Lakes. **Our volunteers.** In case you don't know them, here are the members of **our Architectural Committee:**

**Pam Barker - Moe Frenette - Ken Hunstad  
Bill Keitel - Joyce Lorentzen  
Laura Miller – Jim Miller**

## SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

This meeting, on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m., will have many items of interest to the community and I hope to see many of you there.

## SPECIAL MEETINGS

At the September meeting, we are also going to be **scheduling special meetings** for subjects of special importance that need more time than a regular business agenda could allow. This includes reviewing the final draft of the **Architectural Guidelines** with written input from the community, and establishing the **2009 budget**, and **2009 assessments**. These meetings **will probably occur in October**, which will be a very busy month for the Board, as it is also when we are hopeful most of our friends and neighbors will be back from their summer sojourns!

## ABOUT THOSE ASSESSMENTS

We already know they will have to go up next year. Now, sadly, we realize that one of the reasons is because we have to face facts: we simply cannot rely on volunteers to do as much as we have in the past.

Running a community the size of ours takes a lot of work. We have our wonderful volunteers who do SO much...our **Maintenance Committee** is a prime example. If we had to hire people to do all the maintenance work they do around our facilities we would all pay a lot more. The same goes for our **Lakes Committee**.

**BUT...**there are less and less people stepping up to the plate. As an example, we are now paying to get dead fish removed from the lakes, something that used to be done by volunteer residents. All these things add up.

## BAD ODOR IN THE AIR? HERE'S WHAT TO DO BY JOE MCCORD

There have been several incidents of strong odors wafting into Ventana Lakes from the west recently. These could be coming from the waste water recovery plant along 111th Avenue or from another, privately owned facility, near Beardsley Rd. And 112th. Most of the complaints have come late in the day, around 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. The waste water plant manager Ray Trehan has asked that Ventana Lakes residents call him on his cell phone **(623) 764-2966** whenever they detect an odor so that he can track down the source. Trehan said there are two distinct types of odors, those which have a strong ammonia smell while the other is more of decaying plant matter. He would appreciate being told which odor is noted, plus the time and date. Armed with this, he can track down the source and take a remedial action.

As a result of the recent incidents, stronger chemicals have been applied in an effort to eliminate the odors. Trehan also noted that a higher water usage later in the afternoon causes more water to flow into the plant and, therefore, more odors might escape at that time.