

Ventana Views



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

SOME OF THE IMPORTANT NEWS IN THIS ISSUE--

Changing our CONTRACT --- *Meetings on the CC&R's...this affects ALL OF US!! This means YOU....SEE PAGE 9*

Community Poll on Pool Use! *What you submit here will be used in November Board Decision ...SEE PAGE 8*

Possible assessment increase of \$8 a MONTH for 2009...see page 10 and come to the BUDGET meeting on October 18 (Schedule on Page 10)

Architectural Rules under Revision- *how you and your neighbors paint, landscape, what you can do to your home and what you can't...see page 10 -- come to the meeting*



West Side Top Talent Show

Join us for a fun night of singing & dancing on **Saturday, October 4th at 6:00 pm**. Show will be held at the Yacht Club. Tickets are only \$2.00 per person. **Great talent for your community to enjoy!! Tickets may be purchased at the Management Office or at the door.**

Mollen Flu Shot Clinic here at Ventana Lakes on Thursday, October 9th at the Yacht Club from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. No appointment is necessary.



The J-Birds Oldies Dance & Tribute to the Stars of the 50's & 60's

Come and join us on Saturday, October 25th from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the Yacht Club an excellent show for just \$2.00 per person. You will hear music from The Drifters, The Everly Bros, The Platters, Chubby Checker and a whole lot more. See you there!!

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

DANCE WITH DAVE & LINDA



The first Friday of every month at the Yacht Club come and dance with Dave & Linda. Beginner Line Dance Lesson will be held first at 6:00 pm and go till 7:00 pm. Then from 7:00 pm to

10:00pm Open Dance for all of our residents to enjoy. Tickets sold at the door only for \$3.00 per person. If you like going out and Line Dancing with your hubby's or girlfriends then you will have a great time here at Ventana Lakes. See you there the first night is Friday, October 3rd!!

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 4th 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

Mollen Immunization Clinic is here at Ventana Lakes on Thursday, October 9th at the Yacht Club from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. No Appointment is necessary.



IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL FLU SHOT

Why is it important?

Influenza (the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccination each year.

Every year in the United States, on average 5% to 20% of the population gets the flu. More than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications and about 36,000 people die from flu.

Who is at risk?

Usually older people, young children, and people with certain health conditions, are at high risk for serious flu complications. Any Questions email Dr. Sam at stzsam@arrowheadfamilycare.com

**THE COFFEE SOCIAL AND FORUM
FOR OCTOBER HAVE BEEN
CANCELLED**

MAZATZAL CASINO

Thursday, October 9th and Tuesday, October 28th **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!!

Tuesday, November 18th

Tuesday, December 16th



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.

COSTCO

Will be here visiting with goodies again on Thursday, October 17th from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at the Yacht

Club. They will have some great coupons and some gift cards. If you do not have a Costco card this is a great time to sign up and get one. This is also a great time to renew your cards. So don't miss out 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 25th at 7:00pm to 10:00pm. 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 23RD 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 POTLUCK KARAOKE WITH DARRELL AND JACK!



Halloween Night Potluck & Karaoke if you would like to dress up and bring a dish to share we would love for you to join us for

a spook'in good time!! You do not have to dress up if you don't want to but we will be giving out some cool prizes for the best costumes!! Meet at the Yacht Club at 6:30 p.m. Friday, October 31st It's only \$2.00 per person you can pay at the door or buy tickets at the Management Office. See you there!!



COMING UP IN NOVEMBER MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

VENTANA LAKES ANNUAL YARD SALE



Saturday, November 1st from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Ventana Lakes Annual Yard Sale. We are asking residents who would like to participate to please come into the Management Office and contribute \$1.00 to help with running our ad in four Local papers. This is a great time to

get rid of all your odds & ends and at the same time fun to run around and visit your neighbors and see what little treasures you may find!! So hurry up and come in and sign up at the Management Office.

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH BOB & MANUEL

On Saturday, November 8th from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the Yacht Club come & dance the night away. Tickets are \$6.00 per person. These guys are good you will enjoy your night out!! Come into the Office and buy your tickets now!!



COME TRAVEL WITH US TO EXOTIC MOROCCO



Slide Travelogue Program by John Sybenga a don't miss fun night. On Friday, November 14th at 7:00pm will be held in the Yacht Club. We will enjoy popcorn and soda while we watch an awesome slide show!! Tickets are \$1.50 per person so come in now and buy your ticket.

Looking forward to seeing you there!!

ARIZONA BROADWAY THEATRE'S OWN TOURING TROUP WILL BE PERFORMING AT VENTANA LAKES

Arizona Broadway Theater has a group called Bits & Pieces. They will be here on Friday, November 21st at 7:00 pm this event will be held on our stage in the Yacht Club. This is something you should really enjoy. Bits & Pieces will perform for you small pieces of the different plays they have had at their Theater and some upcoming plays as well. This event will last approximately 1hour. We will enjoy a nice dessert after the play is over while visiting with the cast. Please sign up for this fun evening. Tickets will be \$7.00 per person and well worth it!! Come into the Management Office and buy your tickets NOW!!

VENTANA LAKES FALL FISHING DERBY

Our annual Fall Fishing Derby is on Friday, November 28th will be held on Lake 3 & 4. We will meet at the Rec. Center at 8:45 am and then travel together to the Lakes. We will fish from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Adults are \$6.00 and Children are \$4.00 (4-15) separate prize list. Purchase tickets at the Management Office or at the Derby. This is a great day to spend with a grandchild or even your son. Don't miss this!! Get in here and buy your tickets NOW!!



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

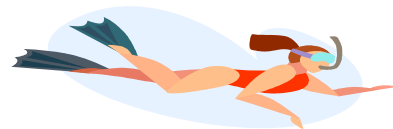
**Saturday, December 6th
8:30am to 2:00pm
Ventana Lakes Yacht Club**

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



MAKE PLANS TO CELEBRATE NEW YEARS EVE 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 1st of November so watch your flyers and Newsletter. I am looking forward to spending another blessed year here with you!!



POOL NEWS FROM SPLASH

OOPS, I am sorry that this newsletter was not ready for the September delivery. I was on holiday with my darling wife, Carol, attending her 50th high school reunion in long

Island, N. Y. I misread the schedule for the submittal of the news letter, I think?

Hope everyone has been enjoying the pools during the hot weather. I am sorry to say that there are still some residents who are still using the old Arizona Shower technique. That is jumping into the pool without taking a shower to wash off some of their body sweat, body oils, lotions and other impurities. A quick shower doesn't hurt and it is quite refreshing before going into the pool.

Recently some of our neighboring cities have experienced some problems with their pools. Having to close the pool because of certain impurities in the water. This should be a wake up call to all of us. I know, some of you say that this can't happen to us. Are you sure? So that's why it benefits all of us to take a quick shower to wash off any impurities that maybe on our bodies to maintain the pristine quality of our pools. And don't forget to take a shower before leaving the pool to wash off those nasty pool chemicals. These chemicals have a tendency to dry out your skin and make your hair brittle. Thanks to all of you, who are taking a shower before entering the pool. I have noticed that a majority of you are taking a shower before leaving the pool. GOOD JOB.

NOTE: It has come to my attention that there are still some people, who are bringing glass containers to the pool. I believe that these are guests of some of our residents, who don't know any better. SO, PLEASE, if you see something like this, DON'T hesitate to call the office or one of the pool monitors. Broken glass at a pool can be very dangerous the pool area needs to be shut down and thoroughly cleaned. And if it gets into the pool, the pool itself needs to be drained and cleaned. This may take up to a week.

Sooo, please no glass in the pool area. Since this newsletter will come out after Labor Day. I hope you all had a great Labor Day weekend and enjoy the rest of the warm weather and our pools..

Thank You

John Bateman

Pool Monitor Coordinator

ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB

The first meeting of the Italian-American Club of Ventana Lakes for the year 2008-2009 was held on Thursday, September 4th 2008, with 79 members in attendance. RoseAnn Fiebig, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. She then welcomed all the members; introduced three new members and called for any summer anniversaries and birthdays so we could acknowledge them with applause and cheers.

The first meeting is always a member's only organizational and business meeting and after these matters were taken care of, delicious Italian pastries from My Daddy's Bakery were served.

Because the kitchen is being renovated, each member was asked to bring their own choice of beverage, including water, and many thermoses of coffee were donated by members so we could enjoy it with our dessert. A variety of delicious flavors were available and RoseAnn thanked all who made this possible. All the members enjoyed the first meeting of our club and we encourage more members to attend our monthly meetings.

Please mark our next meeting on your busy calendar. It will be Thursday, October 2nd, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. and guests are invited. Entertainment will be presented by the R & B Duo, and sub sandwiches and dessert will be served, as the kitchen will still be unavailable for our use. Tickets for members cost \$5.00 and guests \$7.00. and please bring your own beverage.

We welcome new members of Italian Descent to join us for another year full of fun, food, and camaraderie, Italian Style. For tickets to attend the October meeting or more information about the Italian-American Club of Ventana Lakes, please call RoseAnn Fiebig at 623-376-9037.

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 October, 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

Welcome back Snowbirds!! Come join us in our activities, one and all singles of Ventana Lakes. Make new friends and renew old acquaintances. No need to be down or lonesome. Come out with the Flying Solos'. Find a pal and buddy up and enjoy with us. We offer a variety of activities to get YOU out and have a great time too. Check the bulletin Boards for details of this month and next months activities and JOIN US!!

Our General Meeting of the Flying Solo Social Club is always the 3rd Thursday of each month. We are meeting Thursday, September 16th at 6:30 pm at the Yacht Club. We are serving cake, coffee and ice tea. We look forward to meeting you there. Give yourself an opportunity and join us.

Thank you to our Board who work especially hard giving their time on our behalf to bring the very best to the singles of Ventana Lakes each month. We are beginning to form our plans for the holidays. We would like to include you!! **Contact Shari at 594-5511 or Miriam 376-9301. Come out and join us. See you there!!**

NEWS OF THE VENTANA LAKES SHALOM CLUB

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 16th at 6:30 pm in the Craft Room. We will be in touch with members by phone or e-mail as to the exact date, time, place, ect. 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.

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

Come and enjoy Water Aerobics at 8:00 am at the Rec. Center on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Any questions call Doris Cavaliere at 566-3829.

MEN'S BOCCE

Men's Bocce at the Yacht Club at 7:30 am 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 will be delayed this year due to instructor having surgery. I will keep you posted on starting date so watch your Newsletter and check your email!! Thanks Tina any questions?

Call Audrey Fulcher at 623-566-2667.

TAI CHI

Tai Chi for Beginners will continue on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm 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

October Coordinator will be **Pauline Stewart** any questions please **call 566-0533.** Bridge Club meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 pm in the Card Room.

CANASTA

The Canasta group meets Monday at 12:15 pm in the Game Room and Tuesdays at 6:15 pm 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.

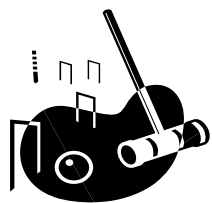
BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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 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. **Just come out to the Croquet Court at 8:00 am or 9:00 am 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 11:30 am to 3:30 pm 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. The bowling season runs October thru April at Brunswick Lanes on 59th Avenue, between Union Hills and Bell Road. The season will begin October 8th and continue thru April 22nd. 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 or Bill Kozlowski. 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.

BLOCK WATCH IS NEIGHBORS' WORKING TOGETHER

The Block Watch Crime Prevention Meeting held in Ventana Lakes on 9/11 was great. We learned some good crime prevention tips. Here are a few...

Support Block Watch and work together with neighbors to prevent crime. If you see anything suspicious dial 911 and have the police investigate. Neighbors' working together is the best deterrent against crime.

Always keep your garage doors closed, and keep the door between your garage and house locked. Crimes in Ventana Lakes are largely crimes of opportunity. Don't give a thief the opportunity they are looking for by keeping your garage door open.

Always park vehicles inside your closed and locked garage. If you must park outside, park in your driveway with windows closed and doors locked.

We recently had a window broken-out with a ladies purse stolen at around 12:30pm from a locked vehicle parked in the driveway of a home on 106th Lane. The ladies purse was sitting in full view on the front seat. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle even if you have locked the vehicle.

Keep house doors locked, and secure your windows so they cannot be opened more than 3 inches. Windows that slide open can be secured by cutting a piece of PVC pipe and placing it in the sliding channel to prevent the window from opening more than 3 inches.

When you are away from home make it appear that someone is home. Turn lights on at night with a timer, turn a radio on, and have a neighbor pick up papers from your driveway.

Prescriptions drugs should be stored in a secure place, out of reach of grandchildren or any other person who might abuse these drugs. When disposing of prescription drug containers remove your name and other personal information from the container to protect yourself against identity theft.

We have experienced several cases of graffiti in Ventana Lakes lately. If you see graffiti report it to the Management Office at 566-6001. Block Watch has formed a Graffiti Busters group who will remove graffiti quickly when reported.

Block Watch needs Captains. If you don't have a Captain on your street and want to volunteer please call Chuck at 825-4517. For up to the minute crime reports, prevention tips, and more go to www.vlpoa.org and click on the "Block Watch" link.

VENTANA LAKES GRAFFITI BUSTERS

Effective Saturday, August 30, the Ventana Lakes Graffiti Busters are in place. This is a newly adopted function of the Block Watch Program, and the members are Chuck Schumm, Bob McDonald, and Lyle Riemer. All reports of Graffiti should be phoned into the VLPOA Management Office, and then the office should contact one of these men. If the graffiti can be painted-out with a can of spray paint we will have it painted-over within a few hours after being reported. If the graffiti is larger, we will immediately phone it into the Peoria Graffiti Hotline. When Graffiti is reported callers should describe clearly where the graffiti is located, what it is painted on, and the color of the Graffiti if possible. More on the Ventana Lakes Block Watch Graffiti Busters can be found here:

http://vlpoa.org/Block_Watch/Pages/Graffiti_Busters.htm

Community News

by Sue Alandar, Board President

COMMUNITY POLL SWIMMING POOL ISSUES

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CHOICES AND DROP THIS PAGE OFF AT THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE!
THESE WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING!

1. Two pools only will be **heated** during the winter; one will be the designated children's pool. The Recreation Center Pool would be added to the rotation for heating, although it will always be adults-only.

YESI AGREE WITH THIS

NOI DO NOT AGREE; THE RECREATION CENTER POOL SHOULD ALWAYS BE HEATED, AS IT IS NOW.

2. Currently children may use the designated pool between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. It is being proposed to change the children's use hours to between 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

YESI AGREE WITH THIS

NOI DO NOT AGREE; THE HOURS SHOULD STAY THE SAME

The Board set a lot of extra meetings during its September Board Meeting, as the summer comes to an end and people return to Ventana. Not the least important will be our first **budget meeting**.

We are faced with rising costs, and I have to let you know that one of the reasons is because of the dwindling number of volunteers in our community. As an example, we have had to hire people to remove dead fish from the lakes, and clean debris from the fingers of the lakes after the monsoon storms, something traditionally taken care of by our volunteer Lakes Committee, which is dwindling in size if not in spirit.

It isn't just a matter of people quitting because of past disagreements. So many of us are growing older and just can't do as much as we used to, and there just don't seem to be as many newcomers to step in and take their place. This is something we are all going to have to work on, and to do that we must all continue to foster the sense of community that is so important to us.

I call on everyone to welcome new neighbors, invite them to activities, let them know they are important to Ventana Lakes. Volunteering is a reward in itself, as it brings you new friends and a feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction. Especially after we retire, that is necessary to keep our spirit happy, and that helps us stay healthy.

RUNNING FOR THE BOARD

I am really hoping that some of you will think about **this** volunteer job—running for the Board! We have three seats coming up for election very soon. I know that at least one and very likely two of our Board members will not be running again. There is still so much to be done -- we need your help to serve Ventana Lakes. **Please think about it!** – or talk to neighbors you believe qualified. We have such a great pool of wisdom to draw from here! – *Sue*

SUMMARY OF SOME SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING ACTIONS TAKEN

IT (Information Technologies, computer software assistance) contract issued to Chuck Schumm (reduced cost plus recommendations on electronic records management for community)

Maintenance contract awarded to Advantage Fitness Products (first time maintenance contract on exercise equipment; will be monitored for cost and benefit efficiency)

Pool temperatures – Heated pools will be maintained at a temperature between 85-88 degrees. The Manager is NOT authorized to change this policy.

UPDATING THE CC&R'S TO THE 21ST CENTURY YOUR INVOLVEMENT IS IMPERATIVE

After years of deliberation and comparison with the documents of other communities by the Ad Hoc CC&R's Committee, the proposed changes to the CC&R's and Bylaws will be presented at the following meetings to be held at the Yacht Club. We will go through the documents highlighting the changes being recommended by your committee and reviewed by our attorney. Copies of the new documents and approval forms will be distributed. You will be able to accept or reject each of the Articles, or the entire document, signing and returning the approval forms at the end of the meeting or returning them to the CC&R's & Bylaws Box in the Management Office after you've had time to study them further. It will be most

helpful if your forms could be completed and returned by November 21, 2008 to ascertain what, if any, additional steps need to be taken by the Ad Hoc Committee to obtain the required 75% approval.

If you can't attend a meeting at your designated time, please feel free to attend any other meeting. **But, please, do attend a meeting.** Your approval of the revised documents will affect the future of your community

If you cannot attend the Session you are scheduled for you may attend any other meeting!!

If you will be out of town during the entire process, please call Judy Mabie at 566-5937 or Vada Bowers at 825-9194.

If your last name begins with:

THIS INITIAL	Your meeting time is:		
A, B, N	Monday	October 20	1:00 pm
C, D, Q, I	Tuesday	October 21	9:00 am
E, F, G, O	Friday	October 24	1:00 pm
H, K	Tuesday	October 28	6:30 pm
J, M, U	Wednesday	October 29	9:00 am
L, P, V	Thursday	October 30	6:30 pm
S, T	Friday	November 7	9:00 am
W, R, X, Y, Z	Saturday	November 8	9:30 am

THINKING ABOUT BEING A BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE?

Pat Bracken, Election Committee

The election for new Board Members will be on March 3, 2009. There will be three (3) seats available –each will be for a three (3) year term.

Candidates wishing to have their name on the ballot must submit a **Declaration of Candidacy** indicating that they would like to seek a seat on the Board of Directors for Ventana Lakes. A **Declaration of Candidacy** is a written statement indicating your desire to be a candidate. The Candidate may or may not include a digital resume (CD or e-mail) not to exceed 350 words to be printed unedited (except for font) in the **Ventana Views**.

Submit your Declaration of Candidacy and /or resumes to manager@vlpoa.org. The material will be refused if it attacks another person in any manner.

Candidates wishing to have resumes printed in both the January and February Ventana Views must submit the information no later than Friday, December 12 at 4pm. To have your name on the ballot, information will need to be received by January 15.

Further information about dates for Meet the Candidate Sessions, deadline to have your information only in the February Ventana Views, and other pertinent information will be in future issues of the Ventana Views.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS and TREASURER COMMENTS

By Moe Frenette, Treasurer

As your Treasurer and Architectural Committee Member I would like to take this opportunity to stress the importance of attendance by all concerned VLPOA members of the following important meetings:

A special meeting for the **2009 budget** is scheduled for Saturday October 18 at 2:00 pm. This meeting is a concern of every resident on a personal financial level. As you are aware the expenses have been rising at a high rate due to the state of our national economy. The VLPOA master budget had a \$3 per quarter increase in 2007 and no increase in 2008 due to the availability of previously saved funds. Those saved funds were used up in 2008. This means all of our expenses must come directly from our revenues which are mostly assessments. In order to maintain our current level of service, the VLPOA master budget will need an assessment **increase of \$24 per quarter** for 2009. At this time no increase is projected for the Gardens.

A special meeting is scheduled on Saturday 10/25 at 2:00 pm for the review of the **Architectural Guidelines and Procedural Rules**. The Board of Directors would like to seek comments from all concerned VLPOA residents. These guidelines have a direct impact on each VLPOA resident from house paint color, exterior home improvements, and yard improvements. If not done correctly it could result in a visible unsightly improvements

being added to your neighbor's property. Please attend this special meeting and express your concerns.

A special meeting is scheduled for the review of **Garden's fairness issues** on Saturday 11/01 at 2pm. This is an issue that affects every VLPOA resident. The issues that will be discussed at this meeting have a direct impact on **both the Master and Gardens budgets**. A favorable decision for the Gardens may result in an unfavorable financial impact for the Master budget (a favorable decision for the Master may be unfavorable for the Gardens). The final budget will not be drawn up until after this special meeting. Please attend this meeting as this affect all VLPOA residents.

The certified audit for 2007 is nearly complete. We have hit a serious roadblock of the CD verification process due to not having the availability of the CD signors (past Board members). We have CD's in many different States with many different banks with different past board members as signors. We are diligently attempting to work through this roadblock.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

*PLEASE NOTE: THE BOARD IS NOW HOLDING OPEN
WORK SESSIONS ON MONDAYS AT 1:00 THE WEEK
BEFORE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETINGS*

All Meetings are in the Yacht Club

PLEASE COME

Oct 6, Monday 1:00-3:00 pm Work Session
Oct 15, Wed. 1:30 pm Regular Business
Oct 18, Sat. 2:00 pm Budget Meeting
Oct 25, Sat. 2:00 pm Architectural Rules
Nov 1, Sat. 2:00 pm Gardens/Master

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