

Manager's Report May 20, 2009

1. Both the Yacht Club and the Rec Center are being heated by solar energy. The average temperature at both locations is 86-88 degrees. A leak in the Y/C solar array was promptly repaired, and there are no more problems.
2. We have had a final inspection of the Yacht Club kitchen, and it has passed with flying colors. The kitchen has been awarded a gold seal based upon the cleanliness and layout of the kitchen.
3. Sun City Awnings will begin work on the Bocce court awnings next week. They will replace a section of the awning on the North court.
4. We have added 6 new chairs in the Billiards Room at the Y/C. Our thanks to the volunteers who unpacked and assembled the chairs. The next question is what do we do with the old chairs, and I am open to suggestions.
5. The landscapers are cutting back the bushes on the Beardsley median, from 104th to 111th Avenues, in order to improve the safety of cars entering Beardsley from the South or the North on any of these Avenues.
6. We had one of our vendors install a new railing that leads down to the retention basin on 103rd Dr. in the Gardens. The old railing represented a hazard to anyone walking down into the basin.
7. We have installed a new scale in the men's room at the Rec. Center.
8. Several sections of lakes walkways have been replaced, as they represented a hazard to residents walking the lakes. If in your walks you see sidewalks that appear to represent a hazard, please contact the office.

Operational Matter:

1. Bids to provide arbor services to Ventana Lakes. We have over 1,800 trees on our property, and we feel the need to have a professional arborist to evaluate and service those trees. We placed RFPs to 6 companies, 4 of which responded. The bids were:

	<u>Tree Health Analysis</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Emergency Rate</u>
Arizona's Finest Property Care, LLC	\$8,100	\$27.50*	\$175 + \$35**
Murphy's A-1 Tree Service	\$100/hour	\$200/hour	\$300/hour
Native Resources International	\$7,200	N/C	N/C
Valley Crest Tree Care Services	N/C	\$160/crew hr.	\$210/crew hr

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The bid that makes the most sense is that of Valley Crest Tree Care Services, due to their commitment to analyze our arbor needs at no charge to the Association. Their Tree Health Analysis plan is very complete, and includes a four year tree management plan.

I recommend that we accept the Valley Crest quote.