

Manager's Report

December 19, 2009

1. Our Oleanders are beginning to exhibit Oleander Leaf Scorch, a disease caused by a bacterium, carried by insects known as "sharpshooters". The condition has come to Greater Phoenix from California, where it was first noticed in the early 1990's. The insects feed on the Oleanders, especially the water-conducting tissues of the plants. The bacteria are carried in the mouth parts of the insect and are deposited in the water-conducting tissues of the Oleanders. There is no known cure for the condition, and we are beginning to see the effect of the disease on our plants. The sharpshooters are year-round insects, and there is no available pesticide treatment to rid them from the Oleanders. Both Valley Crest and Arizona's Finest Property Care (Gardens landscapers) are aware of the condition and will cut back the affected plants where they are found. Both landscape companies check for water availability when they see affected plants, and will continue to do so prior to cutting back.
2. We have recently had an inspection of our swimming pools and spas. As there was a problem with the South facing gate at the Yacht Club pool, the Maricopa Inspector closed the pool pending repair of the gate. The gate has been repaired, and we are trying to get the inspector back to confirm the repair. We will, very soon replace the posts and pickets at that gate to ensure that the problem does not reoccur. In the meantime, we will heat the North Park pool for adults and for children. That pool should be ready for swimmers today.
3. The pump for the jets at the North Park pool spa has ceased to function, and will have to be replaced. This should be completed next week.
4. We are still awaiting the inspection of the supports for the solar array at the Yacht Club. The work has been completed by HelioCol, and the delay seems to be on the part of the City of Peoria.
5. Kudos to the volunteers who strung lights at the Recreation Center. They are festive and attractive. Also kudos to our Activities Coordinator, Tina Dunn, for the decorations at the Recreation center and the Yacht Club. Both buildings look terrific.
6. We have ordered new parts for the Rec Center flag. The parts will be available next week.
7. The Management Staff wishes to extend to all residents a very Happy Holiday and best wishes for the New Year