

Lá Solana Condominium Association

City Property Management Company

November 2008 Newsletter

Updates from October's Board Meeting

The Board of Directors approved the following items at the October 15, 2008 Board meeting:

- Minutes from the May 21, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting
- Financials for May, June, July, and August and September 2008
- Approval of the 2009 Budget with no increase for Lá Solana except for dues for the master association of 6%. SCG has proposed a 4% to 6% increase, which the Board has not yet approved. If the full increase is not approved, then it will create excess funds that can be applied to our operating budget.
- Authorizing management to continue with 4-week CDARS at a rate of 2.37%
- By a 4-1 vote the Board approved to discontinue the purchase of cookies for the clubhouse. Elaine Hall cast a "No" vote.
- Approval of granite in the retention basin behind Building #7
- Approved the expenditure of 6 new banners for the front entrance of the complex from DeSigns Incorporated at a cost of \$1,345.38
- Approval of All City Towing contract for removal of illegal parked vehicles
- Approval to amend the following changes to the Reserve Study: a) a one time expenditure for the retention area; b) update the date when the movie system was replaced; c) add \$5,000 for the repairs of the compactor

The Board also agreed to continue the Newsletter to go out quarterly. The newsletter will be placed on the website and only mailed to owners upon request. Copies of the newsletter will be available in the clubhouse.

Meeting Announcement

You are invited to attend the next Board meeting for Lá Solana.

Date:
Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Time:
11:00 am

Location:
Clubhouse

~ No December Meeting ~



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Reminders



According to the U.S. Postal Service, any mail left in a mailbox after a 10-day period is sent back to the sender. Be sure to notify the post office if you are going to be away for any length of time. It is not the responsibility of the post office to know when mail should or should not be left in a mailbox after the 10-day period.



La Solana Resident Directory – We are in the process of updating the Resident Directory. Please let us know if you have changes (i.e., new phone number, cell number, out-of state address, email address). If you do NOT want to be in the directory, please contact JoAnne or Judy in the clubhouse at 623-214-5532. If you have changes, complete the Resident Directory Form on the website and fax it to us at 623-214-8832, or email the changes to us at lasolana123@hotmail.com. Deadline for changes is November 28, 2008.



If you turn on the switch for the compactor, please be sure to turn it off. We are having people walking away and leaving the compactor on. This causes unnecessary stress on the ram that could eventually damage the cylinders. Also, please do not place furniture, computers, televisions, large pieces of wood furniture, etc. In the compactor as it causes the compactor to jam and does damage to the unit.

Coffee And The Bible

If you enjoy reading the Bible and want a better understanding of it, plan to attend the Coffee and Bible group every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the clubhouse card room.



Please Do Not

Please DO NOT place cardboard boxes in the recycling bin behind Building #7 without breaking them down. We are finding large TV boxes, computer boxes, etc. being placed in the bin. Putting items this large in the bin causes only a few items to fit before it has to be picked up and emptied. Also, it is making other residents have to take time to remove the items and to cut the boxes down. Please be courteous of your fellow neighbors. No one should have to break down your boxes. Your assistance in this would be greatly appreciated.



Website Update

If you haven't had the chance yet to review the new website, please do so. The site includes: Photo Gallery, Rules & Regulations, Bylaws, Floor Plans, Community Amenities, Site Map, Architectural Submittal Form, LáSolana Resident Directory Form, Sun City Grand Residential Community Directory Form, etc.

If there is something you would like to see on the website, please contact JoAnne or Judy in the clubhouse at lasolana123@hotmail.com. They will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

**In case you missed it, the new website is
www.LaSolanaHoa.com**



A Need To Know — Parking Your Car

It was noted at the meeting that we are having some problems with rodents chewing on vehicle wiring. The reason rodents are attracted to and chewing on your engine wires is because automobile manufacturers have discovered another way to save money. Not only do soy products taste good, but it's cheaper than traditional plastic. That's right! Many auto manufacturers are making the covering for engine wires from soy based products and mice and other rodents love the smell and taste of soy.

A big "thank you" goes to Mary Iglehart, Unit #2109 for all of the research she has done on the subject. During her research, Mary discovered several websites that address this issue. Just type in "rodents love to eat engine wires" and you will find several links to reference. Following are some suggestions in dealing with this problem:

- "Mothballs" - Tied up in small packages and placed under hood.
- "Mice Kill" – These pellets have to be placed in a small container (like a jar top) and placed under hood. They can be purchased at Safeway for \$1.99 (for small box); add some double stick tape to secure container.
- "Liquid Fence" – Cost \$11.98 at Home Depot. It is a "Ready for Use Deer and Rabbit Repellent" – environmentally safe. We do want to stress that pellets should NOT be placed anywhere but under the hood. They could prove to be deadly to our dogs and cats.

This topic was addressed at the recent Board of Directors meeting on October 15th. It was determined that the association is not responsible for the cost of the damage to residents' vehicles or solution to the problem. It was suggested that residents contact their car manufacturer to deal with the problem or research the internet for other solutions.

Social Activities

AVI Resort Casino Trip, Laughlin, Arizona – November 16th & 17th. Fun trip with plenty to do. Trip includes: Deluxe Motorcoach, snacks, juice, movies on board, lodging, and one buffet. The trip is currently sold out through Lá Solana, but the tour company still has a few seats available. Anyone interested in going, should contact Lucy at Travelin Tours directly at 623-561-5389 or 623-974-4913. Be sure to mention you live at La Solana and will be departing from this location.

Thanksgiving Potluck - Monday, November 24th at 4:00 p.m. Sign up dates are: Wednesday, November 12th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and Thursday, November 13th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. This a great chance to meet your neighbors. At time of sign up, you will be given the opportunity to choose the category of dish you wish to bring. We have a surprise activity planned for those who wish to stay after the dinner. Will you be one of the "prize" winners?



Fundraiser

As you may recall, at our Annual Meeting held on February 13, 2008 one of our homeowners, Barbara Bowman #3207, graciously offered to donate an original watercolor featuring LáSolana and to raffle it off as a fundraiser for LáSolana. The artwork, valued over \$400, is now on display in the front foyer of the clubhouse. Tickets are for sale for 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00. Please see one of the office coordinators to purchase your tickets. The raffle will take place at the 2009 Annual Meeting. Total proceeds from the sale will be donated towards the purchase of additional patio furniture or replacement of furniture cushions.

We want to thank Barbara for the time, effort and expense she has put into this project. Let's get behind her and make this fundraiser a great success!



Artist Profile

Barbara Bowman was born and raised in Eastern Canada and moved to Alberta in the 70's. She graduated from the University of Calgary with a Bachelor of Education with a minor in Fine Arts. She first painted in acrylics, but since retiring from teaching moved to the more challenging media of watercolor inspired by Mary-Leigh Doyle at Swinton's Art School. Barbara has participated in numerous art shows and is a member of the "Painted Ladies Art Group." Whether portraits, plants, animals or landscapes, her watercolor paintings are infused with intense colors and detailed textures. Barb says, "my motivation comes from the world around

Sun City Grand Community Resident Directory Forms

The Sun City Grand Community Resident Directory Forms are available in the clubhouse office. Deadline to get in the SCG Directory is December 31, 2008.

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