

Notes From the Board

I can't believe it is time to welcome Fall and all friends and neighbors back "home" to LaSolana. The Summer seemed to pass very quickly this year. However, it is so nice to see the heat leave and people starting to return.

June started off with our pool being drained and acid washed. Ray's crew did an excellent job and we were able to re-open it one day earlier than expected. All of our palm trees were trimmed for the year about mid month.

July featured our clubhouse carpets and furniture getting a good cleaning.

August was the month for our annual Board Workshop to review the upcoming contract renewals with vendors such as City Property, CareScape, Arizona Elevator, Safeguard and Ray's from Pirate Pools. This workshop enabled Ken to "sharpen his pencil" to keep our community running efficiently with a minimum amount of extra expense with each vendor. Ken took all of this information in to account to prepare our 2015 Budget.

Harry and his crew from CareScape completed upgrading of the courtyard irrigation systems in each of our seven buildings. His crew has kept our whole property looking better than ever during the Summer months. Kudos to Harry!

September was our chosen time frame to have all of our driveways re-sealed. The process went off without any hitches! Thank you Cindy, JoAnne, Mike and Brad for your help with the planning and execution.

Mike uses his fine attention to detail daily whenever he walks about the property. He doesn't miss anything out of place or out of the ordinary. He is in constant communication with Brad and me. Mike continued to work on our fountains, lollipop lights, back washing the pool, and so many other projects that "popped up" unannounced during the Summer.

JoAnne and Cindy used their time efficiently as always, preparing for everyone's arrival. They expanded the Activity Boards in the mail room, with the help of Mike.

We are in the process of replacing our pool salt cell system. The system is on order and should be installed no later than the middle of November. The Board approved this new system which will have three salt cells vs. the single cell we have now. Each salt cell is supposed to process/handle about 11,000 gallons. Our pool is approximately 32,000 gallons. The old system simply is inadequate and not cost effective. This new system will eliminate draining the pool and acid washing it every couple of years and will monitor "real time" to keep all of our "levels" in the proper range.

I wish to welcome Caryl Moskowitz as our new Newsletter Editor. Thank you to Jan Smith for your time in the position.

Dave Kearney
Board President



Board's Eye View

To have YOUR question answered, please send an email to board@lasolanahoa.com, or drop it in our separate condo mailbox located just to the left inside the Mailroom (must be **signed**), or attend a seasonal monthly **Chat with the Board**. The Lásolana Board of Directors look forward to addressing your questions in future newsletters.

Question: Who do I contact after hours and weekends about any problems on our property involving buildings, the pool, landscaping, water leaks, etc.?

Answer: Always call CITY PROPERTY @ 623-437-4777. They have a system in place to handle those situations.

Question: Can I have a party at the pool?

Answer: Absolutely! However, you must remember not to have any glass dishes or containers to avoid possible injury to someone and the possibility of us having to drain the pool. Also, please remember to clean up the area and grill if you do any cooking.

Question: What do I do if I see someone walking a dog/dogs and they are not holding on to the dog's leash?

Answer: Please stop by the office and report it to JoAnne or Cindy and they will address the situation. All dogs are to be on a leash that is held and no longer than 6 feet.

Question: What do I do if I get mail that doesn't belong to me?

Answer: Please take it to the Clubhouse office. **Do Not** put it back in the outgoing mail slot, unless you write "Not at this Address" on it beforehand. Otherwise the mail person doesn't know if it was placed in there before it was in the wrong box or if the person no longer lives there.

"Attention Must Be Paid"

There is a topic I'd like to share with all of the residents of Lásolana. Our summer residents had a shocking and difficult experience in August with the tragic loss of a friend and neighbor. It made many of us more aware of our own vulnerability. I learned that paying attention to daily routines of some neighbors, not to be considered an invasion of privacy or an attempt at "assisted living". Instead it should be showing an interest and/or concern for anyone living here and in some instances living alone and not necessarily "elderly". I would also hope that such residents would take responsibility for their own actions or lack of. It is really not so difficult to give a key to a neighbor, have a lock box installed, leave emergency and current contact information in the office. How hard can it be to say to someone you might see every day, I

will be away for a few days or I am feeling a little under the weather. Our community is very quiet in the summer, most buildings have a handful of occupants, unlike season when we are all around and visible. I have heard comments from some here, that we are not an assisted living facility....how foolish to say. What we are and should be is a community with common sense and a genuine feeling towards other people....it's called human kindness. Thanks for reading this.

Caryl Moskowitz, 4204



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Meet Your Neighbor

Did you know that LáSolana is graced 24-7 by a true “Southern Belle” who was born and raised in Paducah, Kentucky? This grand lady whose name is **Helen Prichard** has lived in Building 2 since 2004 when she migrated to Arizona at age 84 to be closer to her daughter and son-in-law who reside in Sun City Grand. Although her southern accent is perhaps not as pronounced as it once was, her always refined appearance and demeanor reflect her Southern roots.

Helen’s father introduced her to Robert Prichard when she was 16 years old as he liked the qualities he saw in Robert while both worked for the Illinois Central Railroad. After Helen graduated from Dorian Private School in Paducah, she and Robert were married in 1938, when she was 18 years old and he was about 24. From that union her daughter, Beverly, was born in 1939 and her son, “Bob”, in 1948.



Helen Prichard

When Robert returned from his W.W. II military obligation, he, Helen, and Beverly moved to Mattoon, Illinois, where he continued to work for the railroad. In 1950, after “Bob’s” birth, this young family of four moved to Oak Lawn, a suburb of Chicago, where Robert became engaged in the building trades business and Helen continued her role as homemaker.

When Helen’s children were grown she went to work for Pat Harvey Fashions as a model and fashion coordinator serving their five stores for more than 15 years. When those stores closed she was hired at a retail venture called Hooligan’s that specialized in everything “IRISH”. She worked there until retiring at age 84 managing sales of Irish china and crystal and modeling Irish fashions. Those who know Helen are not likely surprised to learn of her professional background because even to this day at age 94 she dresses and walks like a high fashion runway model.

Her condo also reflects her fashion sense with regard to decorating. Her LáSolana condo reflects her interests in Victorian era furniture that is tastefully arranged around a variety of art including a collection of Lladro figurines. Recently painted inside by an expert craftsman, her home is filled with Prichard family china handsomely displayed along with several pieces of original art, and many family photographs as well as framed recognition’s for her work as a Board Director for the Oak Lawn Public Library. Helen’s home could easily qualify for a “Parade of Condos” if there were such an event.

Helen speaks lovingly and with pride in her children, Dr. Beverly Prichard Anderson, and her son Robert II, who lives in Connecticut and is a Vietnam veteran with a disability. They have given her four grandchildren, two of which have provided four great-grandchildren. Although Helen spends every Saturday evening at her daughter and son-in-law’s house for dinner and shops with her daughter on Sunday’s, she doesn’t get to see other members of her family as often as she would like but they are always near as in a photographic memories that adorn her condo shelves and tables. Helen also makes a point of walking the LáSolana property for 45 minutes each day as she did for eight years with “Muffie”, her precious poodle who recently passed. So, when you see the beautiful “Southern Belle” pictured in the photo accompanying this article, let her know that you have read it, as well as wish her a belated “Happy 94th Birthday” that she celebrated on August 24th.

Earl Lindquist #2301



“There are no known anti-aging drugs or treatments. However, half of the illness in this country is directly related to our behavior.”

Author Unknown

Reminders

Bikes

1. Take a couple of photos of your bike.
2. Flip the bike over and locate the serial number on the bottom side of the crank housing.
3. Write the serial number on the back of the photo.

Report thefts to the Surprise Police Department at (623) 222-4000. Also call Russ Anderson, Block Watch Coordinator at (623) 583-8604.

Credit Cards

Law enforcement agencies always recommend that when shopping online you pay by Credit Card NOT Debit Card.

Online Credit Card purchases means you're protected under the Federal Fair Credit Billing Act. If a transaction goes wrong you have the right to dispute charges on your credit card, and you can withhold payments during a credit investigation.



Pool Furniture

Did you know that YOU are responsible for returning any pool furniture that you moved when you leave the pool? That straightening the pool furniture isn't in any of our staff's job description? We've been fortunate that one of our residents

puts the pool area in order every day (Thank You, Ricky Haas!) so please put back the lounge, chair or table that you use to it's proper position and lower the umbrella you raised so it doesn't get damaged if the wind picks up. If possible, please lift the loungers, rather than dragging them, so the "skids" on the bottom last longer.

Grand Times

Regularly reading the Sun City Grand Times monthly magazine is a great way to keep up on SCG happenings. There are always copies available in our Library and at SCG's Chaparral Center or Cimarron Center.

Neighborhood Monthly Meeting

- ◆ The new Farmers Market at Grand starts November 1 from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. and repeats on the first Saturday of each month through April 4, 2015.
- ◆ Grand Learning has 80 plus classes to offer.
- ◆ Adobe Fitness: Walking track estimated opening day October 31.
- ◆ Water Conservation: The video "Water is the New Gold" is located in the SCG website; Home owner Info>TV22>TV22 videos>TV22 Production>2014 TV Production>"Water is the New Gold" dated September 15, 2014.
- ◆ Desert Springs Pro Shop: Demo is in progress, estimated opening date November 2.
- ◆ Veterans Day Ceremony is Tuesday, November 11th and will take place at the Sonoran Plaza.
- ◆ The "Grand Tidbits" are now called "Community News".
- ◆ Solicitors should be reported to the City of Surprise Solicitation Department 623-222-3013 and give them the name of the vendor/contractor and they will inform them of the code enforcement law.

Mike's Corner

During the new installation of the pool equipment, there will be times that the pool will be temporary closed. The maximum time would be two days. We will keep everyone informed as time goes by.

CareScape has planted the flowers for the colder weather.

As a friendly reminder, disposal of household items, renovation and/or construction materials from LáSolana

property is the responsibility of the homeowner or contractor. These materials are not to be placed in the trash compactor, nor should an owner ever provide their trash key to a vendor for this purpose.

Utility carts are not to be used for taking trash to the dumpster. People place their groceries on the cart as well as other items and should not have to be exposed to trash drippings.



Reminder!

According to Rocky Rocanova, Standards Director for SCG, when selecting a contractor you need to be aware of the state law requiring a licensed contractor for all projects over \$1,000 (material and labor). This law is in place for your protection. If you do the work yourself you do not need to be licensed. Should you experience problems with a contractor you can notify the Registrar of Contractors. They have a mediation system in place and can require the contractor to redo anything that is not up to par.



Renovation Policy for LáSolana Units

While each of us own our units, they are not free-standing homes. This policy compiles the relevant points of the CC&R's that need to be adhered to in order to protect the appearance of the community and structural integrity of the buildings. Regardless of whether Board approval is required, the office must be notified in writing, email is acceptable, of any planned renovation work.

Thank You!

A special thank you to Faye Schulthies and Caryl Moskowitz for the time and effort they give to volunteer in the Library. It's a big job indexing the books and keeping them in order.

Next time you see them, just say, "Thanks".



There are three types of people in this world: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who wonder what happened.

Author Unknown



Meeting Dates

No November Board Meeting

Chat with the Board - November 13th 7:00 p. m.

No December Board Meeting

Chat with the Board - December 11th 7:00 p. m.

Next Board Meeting - January 13th 10:00 a.m.

Social Dates

Halloween Pool Party - October 29th

Veterans Appreciation Social - November 11th

Pool Party - November 12th

Thanksgiving Dinner TBD



Good Neighbor Hint & Tips

We have printed this before, but it's always a good reminder. For many of us living in a cozy environment, surrounded by neighbors is something we haven't experienced since we were young adults. We're used to having lots of space all to ourselves, and not having neighbors within 'shouting' distance. Practicing a few good neighbor habits makes it much more enjoyable for everyone.

- Do your laundry and house cleaning after 7:00 am and before 10:00 pm.
- If you live above someone else, and have hard surface floors, use felt pads on the bottom of furniture legs. The sound may sound slight to you, but it's magnified for your neighbors below.
- Shower before 11:00 pm or after 7:00 am, whenever possible.
- Pets must be on a leash, being held, at all times. Also, pick up after your pets.
- Watch the line in the parking lot when you park your car. Getting too close to the line makes it harder for the car parking next to you.
- Clean the Bar-B-Q grill after use. The next person doesn't really want to know what you had for dinner.
- When taking boxes to the recycle bin, flatten them and put them in the bin yourself. Leaving them on the ground causes unnecessary work for one of your kind neighbors who will stop to do the job for you later.

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