



SUNSCAPE WAY HAPPENINGS

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Welcome back to all those who have returned from Christmas with family at home and those who have finally got here for the balance of the season.

We have a couple of changes here in the park to take note of.

First is our new **PERGOLA**. Last year we passed a ballot to spend up to \$15,000 of PARK PARTY money to build a shaded area at the pool. Cost came in under budget at \$13,387.97. Take a look, it is beautiful.

For all the people who volunteer their time and energy to make PARK PARTY a success and to all who come out to support the different events, the pergola is another facility the park has **THANKS TO YOU**.

The second item to take note of is the Pool Room

Out with the old coffee stained carpet and in with the new. Along with new carpet came **FOUR BRAND NEW POOL TABLES**. I asked for some comments from the players themselves and they follow:

LADY'S LEAGUE

"We ladies love the beautiful new tables. They are an added addition to our great billiard room."

"Our group keeps growing and everyone has fun. Ladies also enjoying the new carpet."

"We just enjoy ourselves there."

"And they said it wouldn't last, ladies league! 4 years of FUN!!!"

"Looks great, we are very proud of the room."

"We get a lot of compliments."

MEN'S LEAGUE

Didn't get much feed back from the men(guess they are the strong silent type) or they just can't stop smiling when you ask them the question.

"The new carpeting and pool tables are a great asset to the park. We are all enjoying our pool days and billiard teams from other parks that come to our league play have even remarked on how nice our tables are.."

The only things I saw missing, when I poked my head in to take a look, were some bar height stools for players who cannot stand too long to sit on and watch the games. Something to work on.

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

If you didn't attend the Jan 9th Board of Directors meeting, you missed a great example of democracy in action. I have heard it said that democracy is a messy process and this meeting definitely wasn't boring.

We had a number of our fellow owners come to the mic to express their concerns about election rules, procedures, and ethics. There also was a discussion regarding what should be done with monies left over at the end of the year. I congratulate the Board on it's willingness to be patient and hear everyone out. There was consensus that the Board will need to review the elections issues before the beginning of next years election season.

All 7 Board members were present. I estimate approximately 100 members were in attendance.

There were a number of announcements about up coming important meetings. The best way to make a choice is to have an informed opinion.

It was announced also that Judy Wilson will taking over the duties of property transfers from Norah Sostrom. Thank you Norah for your many years of service.

Judy Conley presented the treasurers report. The good news is that we ended the year in the black, a testimony to our good management and planning. Good job everyone. A side note is that based on an informal survey by Judy Conley it appears that our yearly assessments are about one half of those of equivalent parks. The Board voted to transfer the net income of \$38,703.56 to the reserve fund. The Board voted not to have any more Finance Committee meeting until Ken Baker returns to the park.

The Board voted to close the ARF for the Street light at the exit because it was too expensive.

The Board voted to approve the monies from the reserve funds for the club house bathroom renovations.

The Board voted to now send out Board meeting minutes via email. After this meeting you may want to hug a Board member.

By Hal Pullin, Communications Committee

FROM THE ARCHITECT COMMITTEE

Lot Records

We were recently advised that Pinal County no longer has a copy of our permits that were submitted to them in the period 1998- 2007.

Those would be permits that were required by Park and County rules for such things as Park Models, Room Additions and Utilities to sheds.

The Park retains records in our data base, both physical and electronic storage. However, over the years there were some records that were not provided to the Park. Please, please, please – retain a copy of all of your permit requests. And if you are selling your lot, pass those records on to the new owner. **THANKS**

SUNSCAPERS ACTIVITIES



MAINTENANCE TEAM

On December 21, 2017, the Maintenance Team held a luncheon in memory of Larry Eginore. In attendance was Larry’s wife Janelle, his daughter and son-in-law along with 45 friends of Larry. A plaque with a photo of Larry was placed in the maintenance building in memory of Larry and his years of hard work and dedication to the park. Larry will truly be missed by one and all.

HOW AND WHAT TO RECYCLE

Recycling is an important part of Sunscape RV Park!! However, there appears to be some confusion of what to recycle and where to put each recyclable item.

The large roll off container (with stairs) is for anything that won’t fit in the small dumpsters. **NO TIRES!** For this container, Sunscape is charged per pound and it is only taken away when full.

Green dumpsters are for paper products only. Please break down your boxes!! If you are unable to flatten your box, please leave it beside the dumpster and someone will do it for you. **NO GARBAGE GOES IN THIS DUMPSTER.** We don’t pay to have this hauled away. Also remember to remove plastic padding, bubble wrap, etc. Those items go in the garbage.

Aluminum cans are placed in the chute in the recycle building. Volunteers smash these cans regularly and the Park will recycle and receive money for these cans.

All steel and recyclable metals can be left on the West side of the building for Herb and Bill to separate and classify. This also brings money back to the Park.

Metal cans (rinsed of foods, labels ok) go in big garbage cans in front of building, bringing money back to Sunscape.

Plastic clear bottles, no caps, no milk jugs go in big plastic bags near fence in same area. This also brings money back to the Park.

Beige dumpsters take all other garbage, clippings, etc. and are dumped 3 times a week whether full or empty, and are charged weekly. Please don’t fill them with cardboard or paper!!

As you can see, by developing a habit with very little effort, we can keep our yearly assessment down by **RECYCLING!**

A big thank you to all of you who work tirelessly to get our best returns for these items!!

CHRISTMAS MAINTENANCE PARTY

During a conversation with the Maintenance team, Cliff Grife, mentioned that his neighbor invited him over for dessert, however, he declined to go since he was already in his “jammies”. SO, during the luncheon on December 21st, Santa Clause came and presented Cliff with an early Christmas present.



The next day he decided model his “new jammies”.



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FAIR WARNING

SAVE SOME TIME DURING THE WEEK OF FEB. 18TH TO SEE THE VERY FUNNY PLAY THAT THE SUNSCAPE PLAYERS ARE PREPARING FOR YOU IN 2018.

After many practices, we are still laughing about all of the words and actions, so we know you will have a great time. The cast spends a lot of time preparing for your entertainment and because this is a fund raiser for the C.C., they would love to see a packed audience for each performance filled with your smiling/laughing faces. Afternoon performances will be on Feb. 20 & 22, evening performances on Feb. 23 & 24.

SEE YOU ALL THERE.

Sunscape Quilters

Who: Sunscape Quilters

When: Wednesdays from 1:00 – 4:00
Thursdays from 9:00 – 4:00

Where: Activity Center Craft/Computer Room

Why: To create comfort quilts for those in need of warmth

We are blessed to have so many wonderful ladies that like to get together and socialize while quilting or sewing. The Sunscape Quilters meet to create quilts that are given to various charitable causes. All of our quilts are machine pieced and hand tied. Come for the entire time or come for an hour or two. No special talents needed, we can educate you on what needs to be done. Please stop by and see what we do. We are always in need of more hands to help complete these projects. This group meets from late October until early May.

We donate our quilts, receiving blankets and bibs to Casa Grande Crisis Pregnancy Center. We make twin size quilts for Teen Challenge Men's Unit in Tucson, and Home of Hope Women's program in Casa Grande. We also fill pillowcases with scraps to create animal mats for cats/dogs at the Pinal County Animal Control and Care Center. Each year we create and donate a quilt to the Sunscape Park Party.

This group receives no funding from the park and we value your donations. We want to thank each of you who have donated fabric, yarn, and other necessary items to help us reach our goals. Your monetary donations are very much welcomed due to the fact that a roll of batting costs us about \$116 per roll (that's enough for 9 twin size quilts). We can always use more thread and fabric, especially 100% cotton and flannel. If you have donations or questions, please contact Wanda Weller, 763-441-2382 or Bev Taylor, 763-639-6081.

Cut-Up Quilters

Who: Cut-up Quilters

When: Tuesdays from 9:00 – 4:00 (*winter season*)
Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:00-4:00 (*summer season*)

Where: Activity Center Craft/Computer Room

Cut-Up Quilters meet to socialize, learn, exchange ideas, help one another and exchange tips. We are always looking for new techniques, improving our quilting skills, and having constructive classes. Our members teach quilting classes as well as enjoy the fellowship of other quilt enthusiasts. We provide our own fabrics for our projects.

Cut-Up Quilters enjoy quilting many different items, from potholders, placemats, table quilts, bags and quilt blocks that will be made into a quilt of any size. Members range from advanced quilters to true beginners – all are welcome.

Throughout the year, we take trips to quilt shops in our area and the Phoenix metro area. We have fun at "ladies day out". As a group, we go to many quilt shows in the Tucson and Phoenix area.

We are a fun group and laughter is had by all. Each week, a short newsletter is sent via email. The weekly Activity Sheet will also have information regarding each class coming up during the winter season.

We share a potluck lunch on the second Tuesday of each month.

For more information on the Cut-Up Quilters, contact Naomi Rigas at 702-683-6846 or visit with her at Lot #327 on Indiana St at Sunscape RV Resort.

Stop in and see what we do..... Tuesday's beginning at 9:00 am in the Activity Center Craft room.

PARK PARTY GARAGE SALE

Collections have already started for the 2018 Park Party Garage Sale to be held in March. If you have any unused, unwanted, or unneeded items, please bring them to Lot#185 on Carolina Avenue, home of Butch and Crystal Partee. If you need help transporting the items lease call us at (360)269-3051(Butch) or (360)269-3065 (Crystal). We will take all items, but no T.V.'S. All items must be clean and in working order.

Also, if you are moving or selling your park model and have unwanted items, please give us a call. We can use those items to sell in the Park Party garage sale. This is an event of Sunscape's Park Party.

One may ask,

"Who are the **Sunscape Ambassadors**, and what do they do?"

We are a group of people that truly feel the warmth, kindness, and 'specialness' of our park, and try to instill this wonderful feeling in first time visitors (staying for at least a week). A day or 2 into their visit we bring them a welcome packet. This little treasure holds great maps of Casa Grande, how to Reach Places of Interest, and an Arizona map. Answering any questions concerning our many amenities, we also let them know about trash removal, the laundry facilities, emergency numbers, where and when the weekly bulletin is available, introduce them to the 'Vial of Life', the jam sessions, planned entertainment, and meals available! Casa Grande and the surrounding areas offer many unique experiences (sky-diving, weightless movement, racing, craft fairs, ethnic celebrations). You can visually see people 'open up' when you touch on something of special interest to them. PLEASE members--come check us out. I have been on at least 100 committees in my extensive lifetime--I'm not old, just extensive, and not one comes near this rewarding and fun experience! You only have to commit to a year, and attend 50% of the meetings, which are the 4th Wednesday of the month, and pick a week (or two) of your choosing to visit the people. Another plus--when we make up the packets, we put in the latest sheets on the latest happenings in the area and being planned locally, allowing you to plan your outings too! Yes, a win, win situation.

Catherine Eaton, Lot #443, Member

Janice Schlicht, Lot #173, Chair

PickleBall Holiday Party

What a Beautiful Afternoon. The weather cooperated and we had a HUGE attendance.

What a Great opportunity to meet all of the PickleBall Players and their partners in a relaxed atmosphere. Food was great. We definitely have some wonderful cooks among us.

We should share some of the great recipes of the dishes that were brought.

Looking forward to the next social opportunity. I am sure that we will have a Spring Picnic before everyone heads back home and out of the park.



Thank you to ALL that attended and participated — You made it a GREAT SUCCESS.
Karen Child

SCAM AWARENESS

A few years ago, a man knocked on the door of our mobile home in the Sunscape RV Park. A very pleasant middle-aged man asked if we had any difficulty with the metal roof on our older home. I assured him that we had no leaks, but likely because I climbed onto the roof each season and caulked any areas that looked suspicious. He said he had a product that he could apply to our roof; a product that was furnished with a multi-year warranty. The cost for this one-time only needed roof coating would cost me a mere \$400 including material and labor. I would no longer have to climb onto the roof each season to check for possible areas that may leak water into our mobile home. He said he had done work for several other people in the park. He assured me they were all very pleased with the results.

I am generally a do-it-yourself type of person, however I decided to give this convincing gentleman the job sealing our roof. He started immediately and the work was completed within a couple hours. I paid him and he was on his way.

A year later I climbed up on the roof and found the same conditions I had seen in previous years. \$10 worth of caulking and an hour or two of my time did as much or more than the \$400 roof coating I had been conned into the previous year. Of course that nice man that treated our roof to a layer of questionable material was never seen nor heard from again.

If you have a need for services or products at Sunscape, you are encouraged to contact the park office. They have a list of reputable contractors and suppliers that would most likely be a better choice than someone who wanders into the park looking for easy money.

It is unfortunate that we must constantly be on the alert for scams, but that seems to be the nature of the world we live in. Be careful! If an offer sounds too good to be true, then it probably isn't true.

—Howard Anderson—

EDITORIAL NOTE: If you have someone trying to solicit your business here in the park please advise the office .

MYSTERY DINNER

Theme this year is MEDIEVAL FEAST. As most of you know, you need to get your tickets early to avoid being disappointed.

Always lots of fun and you never know what you will get to eat and in what order it will be served.

A good sense of humor is required.

For this years dinner you will need to bring with you a plate, a mug and a wet wash cloth.

A Park Party Event