

The Sunscaper



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Welcome to your new revived newsletter. A committee has come together to carry on the great work that Millie Boone did for many years at Sunscape.

Pat Kline has agreed to be editor, with John and Gloria Pinter, Nancy Beckstead and Billie Hering working to put it together. "Mary's Musings" will again appear.

Our first issue will be January 1, 2012.

Our goal is to provide a regular newsletter to keep both current and past Sunscapers up-to-date on our park and the people in it.

We welcome reporters, guest writers, commentators, administrators and anyone else that has something to say or information to pass on. Please feel free to contact editor Pat Kline about any topic.

The newsletter is being prepared by park volunteers who will select and edit all submissions.

Some of our planned topics will focus on members of the Park, recent or long-term and owners or renters, a "whatever happened to" section that will attempt to bring you the current status of things; recognition of both permanent staff and volunteers that work at the Park to support us all; and a "memorial" section.

REMINDERS:

Emergency Sheets

Please check with the Welcome Center to make sure your Emergency Contact Information is up-to-date.

Vial of Life

All residents should maintain a current medical information sheet ('Vial of Life'). This medical information will assist emergency personnel and should be kept on the top shelf of your refrigerator door. Pick up a sheet at the Welcome Center.

Medical Emergency

First call 911. Then dial 520-421-8008. After the tone, enter the location of the emergency (lot number or building number) followed by the # sign.

Fire Emergency

Dial 520-421-8008. After the tone, enter the location of the emergency (lot number or building number) followed by ** (press star key twice), then the # sign.

Park Planning

Gerry Vanhooren has given public presentations to both owners and renters at Sunscape as he has been leading a group of planners over the last few months to give the Sunscape community a sense of progress and continuity to ensure our facilities and buildings remain in a good state of repair and to provide improved amenities to us all during our time at Sunscape.

Please review these so that you are prepared to give your approval to the board so these can proceed in a timely manner.

These items include:

- 1) To satisfy fire code requirements and to improve the emergency exiting from the Community Centre, the plan is to remove the block wall on the outside of the west exit door and replace it with a wrought iron fence much closer to the pool but still maintaining restricted access to the swimming pool. This would also allow for more space for an expanded picnic area;
- 2) Building a block wall along the north side of the swimming pool to separate the pool from a proposed athletic / social area which will be built on the current gravel field on the north side of the pool;
- 3) Build new shuffleboards on the east side of the Community Centre building to provide a much better sliding surface and demolish the old shuffleboards;
- 4) Move the horseshoe pits to the area on the north side of the Community Building where the shuffleboards are currently situated. This would make it easier if in the long term it is decided to move the north wall of the

building out to allow for expansion of the stage;

- 5) Provide new “softer” flooring in the Community Centre to reduce the stress on old limbs as they dance and work-out;
- 6) Improve the entrance to the Community Centre and construct restrooms for this building;
- 7) Should we no longer need the fire hall this area should be changed over to provide improved storage for the Maintenance Department.

This is a five year plan that will advance as each year passes. The plan will be presented in an updated form each year as we move forward. The Multi-use and Picnic areas are the two projects for 2012. There will be another information session on January 12th at 10:00 for those who could not attend the December ones.

Board of Directors:

Please see the bulletin board in the clubhouse for announcements and information regarding the board of directors of Sunscape.

Park Activities – Loosie Goosee Hikers

Every Thursday morning at 8:00 am, a group of people gather under the leadership of Mary Jane and / or John Siats on the east side of the Community Centre near the exit gate to prepare for another exciting and invigorating hike. Some venues include the new and older trails on Casa Grande Mountain and area hiking by Picacho Mountains and East of Florence at the big boulder rocks and the Casa Grande North Mountain Park. Hikers should bring plenty of water and walking sticks and cell phones if you have them. The hikers usually return by noon but sometimes it could be longer so hikers should bring something to snack or lunch on. Each week the Loosie Goosee Hikers talk about where they would like to go the next week. Here are a few photos of previous hikes.



Transfer of ownership at Sunscape

List of transfers between 11/28/2011 and 12/20/2011 are listed in the office as follows:

- Lot 485 to Judy Sampson
- Lot 478 to Lanney and Karen Wixson
- Lot 87 to John and Mary Tellier
- Lot 449 to Donald and Norma Adkins
- Lot 88 to Ken and Gwen Rittgran

Long term renters arriving in December:

- Lot 19 Stan Webb
- Lot 162 Dave & Joyce Sawvel
- Lot 266 Larry & Sandy Chaney
- Lot 208 Jim & Lori Grames
- Lot 167 Ralph & Barb Coffill
- Lot 124 Norma Jones
- Lot 73 Gordon Webb & Maggie Broome

The above information was supplied by the Welcome Center and will be updated monthly.

IN MEMORIAM

Dee Gardner, Dec. 2, 2011

Charlie Pennington, Dec 26, 2011

Thank you from Cliff & Gerry Grife

Our 50th Anniversary: Thank you for the help especially Elaine Anderson, Pat Schaffner, Bonnie Steffens, helping get it all put together for our daughters that came from Minnesota and Missouri. Thanks to Jan for the lovely cakes and all that helped make it a big surprise. Love you all - Cliff and Gerry.

Outside games available to use:

There are three outside games that have been donated, which are available for your use: Bocce Ball, Ladder Ball and Bean Bag toss. They are in the closet in the Clubhouse kitchen hallway and can be used any time the CH is open. Just return them when you are done using them.

Sunscape “Best Recipes”

These have been collected by the Activity Committee from its members, family, and friends and compiled them into an attractive keepsake cookbook. Recipes include the contributor’s name, enabling you to find specific recipes of family and close friends. They will be selling cookbooks for \$10.00 at the Thursday ticket sales table, at Town Hall meetings and at Craft Fairs.

New VIP cards are here!

The Singles Club sells VIP coupon cards for \$10 as a fundraiser for their group and can be purchased from Elaine Anderson on lot 7, Mary Anne Brunner on lot 491 or at the Welcome Center. See the list of the deals offered posted on the board in the CH kitchen hallway.

Wear your nametag!

If you are seen wearing your nametag, you can win a free Sunscape t-shirt or hat in the drawing held at the monthly Town Hall meetings.

Do you Wii? Do you know what Wii is?

The Park has a Wii and there are lots of sports you can play with it from bowling to Frisbee throwing. Wii gives the player the opportunity to use as much or as little physical exertion as they like. The Wii is available in the CC anytime it is open and no other events are taking place. If you want to

teach use of the Wii to others, please see JoAnn in the Activity Office.

Coupons for Military Families

We are once again collecting coupons for military families. A collection box is on the desk by the Activity Office. Please deposit your unused coupons there.

Do you have a Park Model or Lot to Rent or Sell?

Would you like to advertise it on the www.sunscapervresort.com website? Contact Charles Fender by e-mail at cdfmav@earthlink.net and put Sunscape Ad in the subject line. Also, you can call him at 360-424-8201. If you are selling a lot, you need to fill out an “Intent to Sell” form that you can get in the Welcome Center.

Recycle!

Please use the recycling bins as much as possible to help reduce our trash removal expenses. The Park is paid for our recycle so everything that gets put there instead of into the trash is good.

Mary’s Musings: “It’s a Wonderful Life”

Wow! How exciting. I get to write my musings again and I have so much to say to you all.

Moved out of the motor home and into the park model and we’ve been just trying to find each other. People, do you realize full timing in an RV makes the years you are married quadruple. Well they do! We have been married my entire life plus a few more years. It’s the togetherness that does it – I mean while living for 13 years in a 32’ motor home you get to know everything you never wanted to know about each other. Personal habits are in the wide open, you can’t even pretend someone else farted! (Hey, you’ve read the word before – don’t pretend you’re shocked.) Now back to full timing in an RV. The things you see while traveling is an eye opener, because you’re up high and things go on all around you and at times, it ain’t pretty!

Having fun on the road includes my favourite sport, backing my husband into an RV site. Oh the fun never stopped for us, he has heard my mouth turn into a truck driver’s and I have heard some pretty words out of his mouth also. Got pushed over a bank and into blackberry bushes, pinned against a telephone pole, stepped into some cow pies and the list goes on and on. Do I sound bitter? Bet your last dollar I do.

The man cannot hear what I say, cannot hear pounding on the side of the motor home. He has hearing aids that do not work while I am giving directions on backing up. Nor do they work while giving directions on which lane to pull into, which side of the road the café is on, or the statement that I need to use the restroom! It amazes me that they work for every football game, calls from his good buddies, and if I sound amorous (does not happen often you can count on that, especially on days we are on the road.) Getting off the subject now, I do that a lot – that's why it's called musings. Well it has been a wonderful life on the road in our motor home. We have seen wonders and met the most awesome people in the world who have become our best friends. We have seen all but five states (really six but who counts ND), been down the Baja and into Canada and through Alaska. We have seen the largest ball of twine in the world and the smallest person. Have eaten in the best and the worst places, seen all kinds of laundromats and parked in the most awesome places in the land, including our kids' back yards. I would not change a thing but now a new chapter in our lives has opened.

We can entertain with everyone having a real dish and silverware, we can have our daughters stay overnight, we don't run out of propane in the night. It's all kind of new and kinda wonderful, I live with the love of my life and have great friends here at Sunscape. I have a wonderful life, hope you all feel the same way about yours and God Bless!

A Note of Thanks

Home of Hope

The Home wishes to express a very hearty thank you to the Secret Santas in our park who gifted 35 children and put the "Merry" in their Christmas.

Park Staff

A heartfelt thanks to Dale Schoenberger (Park Manager) and Fred Rasmussen (housekeeping) who will be ending their service as of December 31, 2011.

Christmas Light Contest Winners

Congratulations to the two winners of the 2011 Sunscape RV Resort Christmas Light contest:

Park Model – The Harris', Lot 509
Recreational Vehicle – The Browns, Lot 525
Photos can be seen on the Sunscape info website.

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