

June 2021

Greetings to all –

I hope everyone is having a relaxing and safe summer, whether you stayed in beautiful Green Valley or headed home for cooler temperatures and tall green trees. Our Villas West office and staff have been busy sprucing up our neighborhood and working on special projects. I think you will agree that Villas West is looking amazing. Thanks to them for their hard work, dedication, and expertise in maintaining the grounds and operations. Let's all do our part by keeping the grounds clean and free of unsightly litter and "junk" left by the roadside. Maintaining our beautiful grounds will reflect positively in appearance as well as property value.

There are a few items I would like to inform you of and a few reminders for us all as stewards of the Villas:

- The enclosure around the recycle area has been completed and is a major improvement over what we previously had. It is now walled in on three sides and has a gate that residents can access with their Pool/Laundry key.
- There is a double lock:
 - The top lock is reserved for Maintenance and the bottom lock/lever for Residents' use.
 - Please use the bottom lock only and remember to lock it back up when you leave.
- Trip hazards have been marked with reflective tape, and a security camera has been installed.
- The area has a pleasing appearance now, and the added security should help with "Wildcat Dumping" we have been seeing in that area.
- There has been an increase in items left by the roadsides that have no place being there. Sofas, entire beds, other furniture, vacuum cleaners, private contractors' debris after working on units, old toilets, and many other unsightly items have been abandoned. The problem seems to be on the rise and affects not only the appearance of our beautiful grounds but also our property values. Remember, only landscape trimmings are to be left by the curbs, and they need to be bagged. As an HOA, we pay by the pound to take unnecessary items to the dump, which in turn costs all of us in the long run. The HOA is doing its best to cut costs these days, and we need your help doing that. We cannot stop the illegal dumping if we do not know who is doing it. Thank you!
- As a result of the prolonged drought we've experienced in Southern Arizona, our native plants and cacti are suffering. The Grounds Committee, under the guidance of Lou Kifer, has taken on the task of watering the Cactus Garden at Apero and Paseo Quinta. As most of the plants in the Common Areas are not on an irrigation system, we can do our part by watering the plants close to our Villas and in the circle areas as they struggle to survive.

- **Paseo Sarta and Paseo Tierra** are scheduled for poly chipping and striping beginning July 6. All vehicles need to be moved from those streets, including the Overflow Parking spaces, by the evening of July 5 so the project can begin and end as planned. Any vehicles still on those streets will be towed at your expense and storage fees will also be incurred. Please make arrangements to have your space empty and available to be paved before it's too late! Maps of the affected streets and a work schedule can be found on the website (under "What's New"), in the office, and they are also posted on the A-frame signs you see around our neighborhood.
- There have been reports of suspicious characters on our grounds and accessing areas they are not allowed in. Please stay safe by keeping your doors locked when not at home, walking in pairs if possible, and locking the **pool gates, laundry rooms, and recycle areas** behind you. Do not let anyone in who doesn't have a key. Stay safe and alert.
- For **Parking and/or Compliance** issues and concerns, please go through the office (and not the Board) if you see something that needs to be addressed. The proper forms for filing a complaint are on the website or at the office. Office and staff will follow up on areas of concern and initiate the proper process, which will include logging them into the offender's account. Thank you as we all try to follow the rules to – again – maintain our beautiful grounds and our property values.

As you can see, things do not slow down around here even as the temperatures top out. It is a year-round proposition, and we need your help. We currently have two (2) openings on the Board of Directors, so if you have a couple of hours a week to help in our community, please consider applying. The Villas has much to offer and affords us so many amenities, opportunities, and friendships. Please take this opportunity to give back a little.

Contact your Board of Directors at our new email – board@villaswest.org – if you are willing to assist.

Thanks to everyone for all you do to make this the most enjoyable place to live that it can be. Stay safe, stay cool, and enjoy your summer, friends, and family.

Sincerely,

Chris Fisher, President

Villas West Condominium Association