

President's Message  
Villas West Board of Directors Meeting  
November 9, 2021

Hello friends and neighbors,

It's nice to see all of you this morning, in what will hopefully be our last "virtual" ZOOM meeting. We were able to secure the meeting room at Friends in Deed beginning in January for our Board Meetings with one slight change. Board meetings will be on the second **Wednesday** of the month at 9:30 in the morning. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for 9:30 AM Tuesday, February 8, 2022, in the Desert Hills Auditorium. East Center was not available, as it seems many groups have a lot of catching up to do. Meeting dates and reminders will be posted at the office and emailed out to all Owners.

I have some exciting news to share with you today! The Green Valley Villas, East and West, have been chosen as recipients of the National Heritage Award. This award is given to historically documented properties which, by their unique qualities, are a major cut above surrounding properties and have maintained their original distinctive features. The Villas were designed and created by Don Maxon in the 1960's and are based on his visit to the 339-year-old Mexican Colonial community of Alamos, Sonora, Mexico. As a National Heritage Award winning site, this designation will increase the inherent value of our community and should elevate the pride of those living here. There is no cost for this award, and it puts us in some very prestigious company, including the original hotel in the Sonoma wine country town of Glen Ellen, the Chauvet.

It is now, more than ever, our job to maintain the original design and beauty of Villas West. Dorothy, Liliana, our crew, the Board, and a handful of volunteers can only do so much. We need everyone's help, please. Anything that you can do is welcomed and very much appreciated. If you see a need, take the lead! For example, Colleen Hay saw the need for community mailboxes and the project took on a life of its own. It is still not finished, but we're closer than ever to a decision. Lou Kifer saw the need to salvage the Cactus Garden, so she joined the Board and toils weekly to bring it back to life. The cactus blooms next Spring should be spectacular! Barbara Fisher saw the need for a new, easy to use website and we now have one of the best websites in Green Valley. I understand that we cannot all do great things, but we **can** do small things great. We need candidates for the Board of Directors and volunteers for all the committees. Things get solved when you get involved.

The National Heritage Award should unite us all in a singular goal – to make the Villas the best it can be. If we all do our part, big or small, we can maintain the historic beauty of our community. And the bonus we will all enjoy is more unity by helping our community. Thank you all.

Respectfully,

Chris Fisher, President