

AUGUST

# Carmel Pointers

2024



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER - By Terry Wolf

I know it has been hot and stormy this last month and I want to thank all the landscape committee who, along with Vida, have been working with BrightView to clean up the down limbs and debris from the storms quickly. Tucson even had a few tornados touch down which is quite unusual. We will be back from the Midwest the first week of August and soon some of our neighbors will start trickling in again, we look forward to seeing you all.

Your Carmel Pointe board will be meeting on Zoom on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm and if you would like to join the meeting contact Ashley Varner at [Ashley@platinumonline.org](mailto:Ashley@platinumonline.org) to receive the information to join the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all soon, Terry Wolf

(See Page 3 for important information from Terry regarding Waste Management changes)

## LANDSCAPING NEWS - By Vida Dietz

It is monsoon season and as I write (towards the end of July) we have had several good storms and a couple of wicked thunderstorms with extreme wind. Fortunately, there was no major damage in Carmel Pointe. We did have some big limbs come down and quite a bit of smaller tree debris as well. Fingers crossed that we have already had the worst of the monsoon season!



The storms have kept the BrightView crews busy with cleanup and they have been responsive in getting the most critical items handled first. Evidently the two worst storms I mentioned have caused significant tree damage all over Tucson. Many trees were uprooted and lots of limbs everywhere. Not only BrightView, but many landscape companies have been kept busy with the cleanup.

A reminder that the **BrightView** crew summer hours has them beginning here between **6 and 6:30 am**.

Again, a reminder to please **not hand water** the plants, shrubs and trees that are on the Carmel Pointe irrigation system. If you have concerns about any plants, please let us know by calling the answering service as noted in the next paragraph.

Below is the rotation schedule for August, which can also be found on the website and will be posted on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. If you have a concern or request, please contact the **Answering Service** to leave a message so the work can be scheduled. That service is available 24/7 by calling **520.408.4609**.



**BrightView**  
Landscape Services

August 2024

- ☐ 8/21/24 – Monthly Site Review
- ☐ 8/5/24 – 8/9/24: Yellow Section and Red Weekly Areas
- ☐ 8/12/24 – 8/16/24: Blue Section and Red Weekly Areas
- ☐ 8/19/24 – 8/23/24: Green Section and Red Weekly Areas
- ☐ 8/26/24 – 8/30/24: Orange Section and Red Weekly Areas



## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Happy birthday to all born in August; Your birthstone color is Peridot.

### Food Bank – By Joy Goodsell

We beat the heat in June by walking at 6:30 am! Contributions are constant and even up slightly from June's collections. We received \$330.00 for the month of July. We will walk on **Monday, August 5, 2024 beginning again at 6:30 am.** Kindly have your envelopes attached to your door, or somewhere visible from the street.

Thanks,  
Joy and Dode

## NOTES, QUIPS & QUOTES

**WASTE MANAGEMENT BILLING CHANGES** - You should have received an email from Waste Management recently regarding changes to their payment platform. Beginning August 2024, WM will launch a new bill payment system powered by Paymentus to more convenience and flexibility for paying your invoice.

Your current payment method will transfer automatically to the new system. You can go to [wm.com/payments](https://www.wm.com/payments) for more information about this transition. Be sure to check this out as there are more ways to pay your bill, but there are fees from \$1.99 per transaction for residential in some cases. **One-time or automatic payments made by direct debit from a bank account will not incur a convenience fee. Be sure to log in to My WM and change your payment method to direct debit from a bank account to avoid these fees.** Again, go to <https://www.wm.com/us/en/terms/paymentus> to learn all about these changes.

## TOWN NEWS

The Town of Oro Valley will once again provide free sandbags to residents who may need to protect areas of their homes from storm runoff. Sandbag pickup is located at 9451 N. Egleston Drive, which is behind the fields at James D. Krieh Park. Sandbags will be available beginning Monday, June 17, through September 30, 2024. The lot is accessible from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Only Oro Valley residents are eligible and there is a limit of 10 sandbags per vehicle. The sandbags are self-service. The Town will provide the bags and sand, but residents will need to bring their own shovel and load their own sand.

Residents who require assistance may make an appointment with Town staff to pick up pre-bagged sand at a designated time. To book an appointment, or for any questions, please contact the Stormwater Utility at 520-229-4850 or <https://www.orovalleyaz.gov/Government/Departments/Public-Works>

If you want more information about Oro Valley activities and events, check their website at <https://www.orovalleyaz.gov/Home> and/or subscribe to the town newsletter by copying and pasting the following to your web browser: <https://orovalleyaz.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=8dd6909c6de907f0dd5b0e3a0&id=b87a62e779>

If you have news or information that you would like to share for publication in Carmel Pointers, please submit it to Joe Carpenter at [planejock@earthlink.net](mailto:planejock@earthlink.net) at least 10 days prior to the month in which you want it to appear.