

JULY

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LANDSCAPE NEWS By Vida Dietz

We are still seeing significant growth of plants and shrubs. Orange jubilee shrubs as well as yellow bells are blooming. After being cut back in the fall, the Mexican Bird of Paradise plants are bright and beautiful. Lantanas continue to bloom as they are perennials that love the sun. As a perennial, they look very good for a while and then they die back a little, and then they bloom again. They are fairly hearty but in our extreme summer heat they can wilt a little, but they do recover.

Summer is here and the BrightView crew is hard at work, but earlier. They generally begin their work between 6 – 6:30 a.m. With our heat and to keep them safe, it is important that they take advantage of the somewhat cooler mornings so they are not out in the afternoon, the hottest part of the day.

I would like to remind everyone to please **not hand water** the plants, shrubs and trees that are on the Carmel Pointe irrigation system. If you water them and the irrigation system waters them, we run the risk of things being over-watered and stressed and they end up not looking good at all. 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 **July**, 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**.

July 2024

- ☐ 7/17/24 – Monthly Site Review
- ☐ 7/1/24 – 7/5/24: Yellow section and Red Weekly areas
- ☐ 7/8/24 – 7/12/24: Blue section and Red Weekly areas
- ☐ 7/15/24 – 7/19/24: Green section and Red Weekly areas
- ☐ 7/22/24 – 7/26/24: Orange section and Red Weekly areas
- ☐ 7/29/24 – 8/2/24: Catch-up and Red Weekly areas



A Word about Signs and Politics

Given that 2024 is an election year and not without strong opposing opinions among American voters, it seems appropriate to remind our members of some recommendations for an amicable existence, as well as certain statutes, rules and regulations that apply to all residents of Carmel Pointe.

Let's start with some simple common courtesies. Everyone is entitled to their opinion and to support the candidates of their choosing. It's neither possible nor necessary for everyone to agree and healthy, respectable dialogue is okay. Unfortunately, too often these discussions are more an attempt to convince another of why their views are wrong than they are to truly understand why someone holds the views they do, which may or may not be rooted in fact. One's best defense to counter opposing views is to exercise your right to vote. And this year may be more important than any in our lifetime.

Regarding signs, flags, etc., overarching governance can be found in Arizona Statutes at <https://www.azleg.gov/ars/33/01808.htm>. The statute provides discretion for limited variations by covenant controlled communities such as Carmel Pointe which includes a limitation on the placement of signs earlier than seventy-one days before the day of a primary election, and later than 15 days after a general election. For a sign for a candidate in a primary election who does not advance to the general election, later than fifteen days after the primary election.

Please note that no signs may be placed within the common area of Carmel Pointe nor on the front of the bulletin board, which is strictly limited to HOA business.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Food Bank Update By Joy Goodsell

Summer is officially here! Many residents have left for cooler climates. Fewer walkers are out in the mornings, but the food bank walkers go on! Last month we collected \$285.00 for the Southern Arizona Food Bank. We will walk on **Tuesday, July 2, 2024** beginning at **6:30 am**. Please have your envelopes visible from the street.

Thank you,
Joy and Dode

NOTES, QUIPS, and QUOTES

Happy birthday to all born in July; Your birthstone color is **Ruby**.

As we celebrate the anniversary of our nation's birth in July, it seems fitting to reflect on some famous quotes from the past, several of which are concepts seemingly misunderstood these days by some.

- ♦ "July is a blind date with summer." - Hal Borland
- ♦ "Tears of joy are like the summer rain drops pierced by sunbeams." - Hosea Ballou
- ♦ "Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability." - Sam Keen
- ♦ "One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation evermore!" - Oliver Wendell Holmes
- ♦ "The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful and virtuous." - Frederick Douglass
- ♦ "Patriotism consists not in waving the flag, but striving that our country shall be righteous as well as strong." - James Bryce
- ♦ "May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right." - Peter Marshall
- ♦ "For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." - Nelson Mandela

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 at least 10 days prior to the month in which you want it to appear.