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# Carmel Pointers

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# **Town of Oro Valley News:**

Here are some updates on things going on around town:

◆ The Naranja Park Expansion Project is complete! Exciting new additions, such as a splash pad, pump track for bicycles, and a skate park, along with two new multi-purpose fields and four pickleball courts, will enhance the recreational experiences for residents of all ages. The expansion also includes more than 440 new parking spaces and 100 parking area lights, as well as key infrastructure upgrades to the power, water, and irrigation systems throughout the park.

**Editor's notes:** The new pickleball courts may take a little pressure off of the ones at the Community Center which are often oversubscribed. It seems that pickleball is the new shuffleboard for seniors, although it's enjoyed by players of all ages and relatively easy to learn.

As for the "splashpad", I've heard the term but had to look up what it actually is. Seems it involves the spraying of water from various apparatus but there is no standing water. Isn't that an outdoor shower? Splashpad probably sounds more appealing and more likely to encourage clothing when used. It will surely be very popular with people of all ages during the warm weather.

◆ The OV budget for FY 2024/2025 is now being developed. If you want to be informed and/or provide input, mark your calendar for these dates to attend at the Town Center:

June 5th @ 6:00 PM - Public Hearing and Tentative Budget Adoption

June 19th @ 6 PM - Public Hearing and Final Budget Adoption

As the saying goes, you can't complain if you don't participate. The same can be said for elections. Just sayin'...

# Something Old, Something New:

GMG Chinese Bistro (NE corner of La Canada and Lambert) is under new ownership.

zPizza (La Canada at Naranja) has changed its name to OV Pizza & Pints. No indication of any ownership change.

#### **LANDSCAPING UPDATES** By Vida Dietz

The yellow and gold lantanas are very "showy" right now; most have grown and are full of blooms. The purple lantanas are also blooming nicely but we do not have as many of them in the neighborhood. I am still seeing a number of stalks on the red yuccas and yellow flowers on the prickly pear cacti as well as an abundance of flowers on the orange jubilee shrubs. It is a very attractive time in Carmel Pointe.

With so many things in bloom, that means lots of growth everywhere which keeps the BrightView crew busy trimming things, getting suckers off the trees, lifting branches on some of the small trees, etc. There is always something to do!

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 June, 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**.



#### **ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

## Community Food Bank by Joy Goodsell

Thanks to a very generous Carmel Pointe resident, we have surpassed our wildest summer collection dreams! We collected \$860.00 in donations for the month of May. The Thank You letter from the Food Bank last month reminded us of just how appreciative they are of our continuing assistance. We will walk again for our next collection of donations on **Sunday**, **June 2**, **2024 beginning at 7:00 am**. See you then!

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### NOTES, QUIPS, and QUOTES

Happy birthday to all born in June. Your birthstone is color is pearl.

#### In Case You Missed it...

Since spring ushers in the baseball season and what is often described as America's favorite pastime, here are some quotes that you might enjoy:

- "Every day is a new opportunity. You can build on yesterday's success or put its failures behind and start over again. That's the way life is, with a new game every day, and that's the way baseball is." Bullet Bob Feller
- "Baseball is the only field of endeavor where a man can succeed three times out of ten and be considered a good performer." Ted Williams
- "Never allow the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." Babe Ruth
- "There are three types of baseball players: those who make it happen, those who watch it happen, and those who wonder what happened." Tommy Lasorda
- "Well, it took me 17 years to get 3,000 hits in baseball, and I did it in one afternoon on the golf course." Hank Aaron
- "Baseball is ninety percent mental. The other half is physical." Yoggi Berra

If you have news or information that you would like to share for publication in Carmel Pointers, please submit it to Joe Carpenter at <a href="mailto:planejock@earthlink.net">planejock@earthlink.net</a> at least 10 days prior to the month in which you want it to appear.