

May

Carmel Pointers

2024



PRESIDENT'S CORNER By Terry Wolf

April has flown by quickly and the weather has been great. Our last Carmel Pointe Dinner for the spring was a big success with 48 people attending. My thanks to Geri Ahlberg and Kathy Larson for their work in putting this together for us! I also want to wish Geri and Jim Ahlberg well as they have sold their home here and are going back to their summer home in Chicago and on to new adventures. You will be missed.

It is getting a bit quieter in Oro Valley and Carmel Pointe as our winter residents and visitors are heading off to cooler climates for the summer.

Oro Valley Dark House Program If you are going to be gone and your home left unoccupied for more than a week, the Oro Valley Police Department can provide a home check. The primary purpose of this program is to offer vacationing, seasonal, and year-round residents the reassurance that if a problem exists at the property such as suspicious activity, utility emergencies, or other emergency conditions, the resident or their designated key holder can be contacted expeditiously.

The service is free! As frequently as staffing allows, the Oro Valley Police Department and the members of our Citizen Volunteer Assistants Program (CVAP) will check the exterior of your home for security.

EASY ONLINE REGISTRATION. IN-PERSON OR FAXED REGISTRATION FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Go to: <https://srvvlfweb01.orovalley.net/Forms/IE72V> to access the application form for this. It requires a minimum of 3 days advanced notice. You can go to the Oro Valley web site for more details.

We hope you all have a safe and fun summer and look forward to seeing you all back this fall. Jan and I will be heading off to visit our families and our farms and to spend some time with our great granddaughter in east central Illinois and great grandson in Vermont. They are both one year old! Have a great summer!!

LANDSCAPING UPDATES By Vita Dietz

It is getting warmer out there but it is not summer, yet! However, things are blooming all over: prickly pear cacti, clusters of a variety of aloe vera with tall stalks and yellow flowers at the top, some ocotillos have the orangey-red flowers on the top part of the stalks, and the red yucca plants have produced tall stalks with small red flowers.

The lantanas will be beautiful a little later and will provide abundant color in the neighborhood with purple flowers and others that are yellow. The Texas Rangers are also lovely around monsoon time and I am sorry that our winter visitors don't get to see either of these plants in full bloom.

I would like to remind everyone to **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 May, 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

The Community Food Bank recognizes Carmel Pointe's contributions! (See page 4 for a copy of the letter received). We have continually supported the Food Bank since spring of 2013. We collected \$535 in donations for the month of April. We will walk on **Friday, May 3, 2024 beginning at 8:00** am. Remember to highlight your envelope with a colored post-it note or blue painter's tape! Thanks.

Town News and Information

Let's Talk! There's still time to share your ideas about OV's future.

Over the past several months, thousands of OV residents have shared their priorities and expectations for Oro Valley's future. **What do you think OV's biggest challenges will be in the next 10 years? What should OV's highest priorities be for water, public safety, housing, development, and more?**

Answer these questions and more on OVPathForward.com. Everyone's voice is needed to create OV's Path Forward, the next 10-year community action plan. Participate online or in community [events](#) at your favorite parks, restaurants, and local businesses.

Learn more at OVPathForward.com today!

Stay engaged by following [OVPathForward](#) on Facebook and Instagram.

NOTES, QUIPS, and QUOTES

Happy birthday to all born in May; Your birthstone color is Emerald.

The zodiac signs for May are Taurus (April 20 – May 20) and Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

May is the official month of spring in the Northern Hemisphere.

Notable dates:

May Day	May 1 (also called Workers' Day or International Workers' Day)
Cinco de Mayo	May 5
Mothers Day	May 12
Memorial Day	May 27th

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.

April 2, 2024

Carmel Pointe Subdivision
Tucson, AZ 85737



Dear Carmel Pointe Subdivision,

You are changing the world in which we live. Emergency food assistance, community gardens, a culinary training program, and a farmers' market are all programs and services feeding the hungry today and building a healthy, hunger-free tomorrow. All of these programs exist because of your commitment and compassion.

Throughout January, February, and March of 2024, we have received \$1,750.00 in support of the Carmel Pointe Subdivision Food & Fund Drive. Thank you for facilitating these gifts!

Our community grows in healthy ways when people commit to making a difference. In the past year, we distributed nearly 337,000 emergency food boxes and 85,000 senior food boxes; Caridad is holding culinary training classes and prepared 536,000 meals in their kitchen, 70 local farmers and small-scale growers worked with us to get fresh produce to our community, and over 40,000 children were served by school pantries across southern Arizona.

We're so grateful for your hard work and generosity. Our community is fortunate to have people like you!

Sincerely,



Malea Chavez
Chief Executive Officer

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