

June 14, 2021

To all residents and renters of Villas West,

Thank you everyone for joining our VW community's effort in assisting our landscaping crew with watering your surrounding common areas. The heat is on! Thank you, also, for stopping to compliment our men on their daily work that is displayed throughout our little community. They are working steadily and tirelessly in this sun and heat.

There are **Grounds Alteration Application forms** in the kiosk boxes by the office door and on the website. Please use the forms to communicate your concerns and requests. Keep in mind we will be cleaning up areas, but replanting will not be done until October. Your requests are needed for the grounds chairman to make decisions and to discuss with you the proper plant based on sun exposure and space needed for a long-term growth.

A watering and fertilizing schedule has been arranged with my committee for the cactus garden (across from the office on Quinta) during the summer months. I'm working on new plant markers and identity sheets for the garden kiosk box. I have complete faith it will be resurrected and will bloom again in the spring.

Homeowners, please pass this message on to your renters.

Have a great summer! **THINK MONSOON!!!**

Ms. Lou Kifer

### **Cactus Care Instructions:**

- 70 Degrees - Water every 3 weeks
- 80 Degrees - Water every 2 weeks
- 90 + Degrees – Water once, every week
- No water December and January
- Fertilize monthly March – August (1 TBSP per gallon of water.)
- Treat for grubs and insects in spring and fall with a systemic insecticide, and fertilizer.

Most cactus is hardy to 25 degrees. Cover the tops of the plant to protect the growth areas on the nights of the freeze. Do not leave the cover on for the whole season.