

Villas West Grounds Committee Report

March 9, 2022

Lou Kifer, Chairperson

We are still experiencing colder than normal temperatures. Watering will resume when we no longer dip into the 30's at night. We have had a bit of rain to delay any routine for watering cactus. Keep in mind when the temps are in the 70's, water once every 3 weeks, in the 80's, once every 2 weeks and 90 and above once a week. Under watering is more beneficial than over watering. Fertilize now and then once a month until into Oct. Each watering is to be a long deep soak.

Plans are to create another cactus garden in a larger vacant area on Quinta and Penasco. The planning and development are being worked on at this time. We will design it to be aesthetically pleasing as well as presenting various cactus and native Sonoran Desert plants.

Also, we are working on developing a community library kiosk in this area. These details are yet being work out with a grant for which we applied as well as building our own.

A request I have, I'd like volunteers who would be willing to do some planting and hauling of rocks. Some folks have purchased their own plants and are waiting to have them put into the ground. I will go with you to the property and give instructions. This way we can get the growing season established well before the heat of the summer hits.

The grounds committee and I will continue to water the cactus garden all summer. Feel free to water your common areas again keeping in mind the temperatures and monsoons. Remember a potted plant gets hotter and dries out sooner than one in the ground.

Thank you for all the compliments and encouragement. Together we will make Villas West a beautiful community to be proud to call our home.

Thank you, Lou.