



I am pleased to announce the revised look of the Villas West Newsletter. With the intent to improve communications, the newsletter will be issued monthly to keep you abreast on what is happening at Villas West.

The newsletter will be posted to the Villas West website for future reference: <https://villaswest.org/newsletters>

If you have suggestions, please submit to:
newsletter@villaswest.org

Linda Djupstrom
President & Committee Chair,

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President - Linda Djupstrom

I am honored to be your incoming President and I want to acknowledge the leadership provided by the previous president, Kermit, and last years' board.

I am excited to welcome the new and returning members so please join me in welcoming:

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**President - Linda Djupstrom**

Lou Kifer	Vice President and Grounds Committee Chair
Merna Kerss	Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair
Tim Schaid	Secretary and Architecture Committee Chair
Lila Szedlus	At Large and Maintenance Committee Chair

I look forward to serving Villas West as President, and I'm humbled as well, especially considering the many outstanding, inspiring, and tireless individuals who keep this community running day in and day out throughout the year.

Over the past few months a number of you have come forward with suggestions and ideas. These emails have been shared with the Board and the committees are reviewing your suggestions and will have feedback in the near future.

Your new Board needs to hear from property owners. The Board wants to do the right thing for Villas West as a whole, however it is beneficial to know owner issues and suggested solutions. If you have an idea, suggestion, comment, improvement, or criticism, please send an email to board@villaswest.org and convey your thoughts.

We need volunteers. If you can offer a bit of time but don't want a full time commitment, we can still use your expertise. There are plenty of opportunities to serve in an area that you might have just what we need. If you want to make a difference, reach out to the Committee Chair or Dorothy and let them know you want to get more involved.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic 2023, and I am grateful for your support to make it all possible!

Respectfully,
Linda

What do you call an angry carrot?

A steamed veggie



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President - Linda Djupstrom

The following is an overview of the duties of the Officers:

PRESIDENT - LINDA DJUPSTROM

- presides at all board meetings
- sees that orders & resolutions are carried out
- member of all committees, *except* Nominating Committee

VICE PRESIDENT - LOU KIFER

- shall act in place & instead of President in the event of his/her absence, inability or refusal to act
- other duties may be required of him/her by Board

TREASURER - MERNA KERSS

- responsible for preparation of the budget
- review operating costs of the Association

SECRETARY - TIM SCHAID

- record votes & keep minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the Members
- keeper of the corporate seal & affix to all papers requiring seal
- provide notice of meetings of the Board & of the Members
- keep appropriate current records of the Members

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Dorothy Gates

Restoration Project Update

In July 2022 the monsoons delivered severe rain storms including a violent hail storm. For more details regarding the storm, visit the website (<https://villaswest.org/restoration-information>) and read the articles by Dan Shearer from Green Valley News.

The end result for Villas West included:

- 117 of our 180 residential buildings had storm damage
- Over 200 units experienced interior damage
- 86 HVACs needed to be replaced
- Further 14 HVACs were damaged and required repairs



GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Dorothy Gates

To date the following storm related repairs have been completed:

- 86 roofs have been replaced
- an additional 11 roofs that were recently replaced required a new foam layer due to storm damage
- There have been 140 unit interiors repaired by outside restoration contractors, with 10 more to go

After a long and difficult period of time, the bulk of the restoration work is behind us and we're in the home stretch now!

Dorothy's Friday Updates

To view past Friday updates, visit the website: <https://villaswest.org/gms-friday-updates>

DOCUMENTS & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Chair - Linda Djupstrom

Current Mailing Address

Many year end packages were returned due to inactive mailing addresses.

ACTION REQUIRED: Verify & update your mailing address on the form found on the website: <https://villaswest.org/forms>

Return updated form to the office or email: admin@villaswest.org

You have a Responsibility to Yourself to be Informed

Suggest you become more familiar with Villas West HOA by doing the following:

1. Attend meetings

If you don't attend meetings, at a minimum read the monthly meeting minutes. Ask questions if you don't understand.

2. Rules and Regulations & By-Laws

Get a copy of the rules and by-laws from the website, <https://villaswest.org/governing-documents> and read them. These are guidelines the HOA Board must follow.

3. Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CCRs)

Get a copy of the CCRs from the website. <https://villaswest.org/governing-documents>
These are the rules all property owners must follow.



GROUNDS UPDATE

Chair - Lou Kifer

The Grounds Committee did an assessment of bench placement throughout Villas West. At one time the locations of most of the benches made sense as they were originally set up for bus stops.

Committee members walked the property and noted where the benches were currently placed and finding a better position for use and incorporating a view. Some are literally looking within feet of the side of a car !

The benches have now been repositioned with improved views.

SOCIAL EVENTS UPDATE

Social Director - Lila Szedlus

All social events are open to tenants & owners, and do **require you to sign up at the office & to obtain a ticket.** All events are held at **Penasco Park**, located at the top of Camino Penasco, unless otherwise noted.

Please refer to the **Social Calendar** at the end of the newsletter or view on the website for current details.

<https://villaswest.org/calendar>

DO YOU KNOW?

Discounted Internet Based on Income

It looks like one-person households making \$27,180 or less and couples making \$36,620 or less can qualify for a discount of up to \$30 a month from most Internet Service Providers. The website also states that there can be a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer.

This is a federal program which is run by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). For more information: <https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov/>

Alaska has the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Do you have some information you would like to share? How about poetry, short stories, photographs, recipes ...? We will publish contributions in the upcoming newsletters.

Send your material to: newsletter@villaswest.org

Submissions will be reviewed and included in upcoming newsletters at the discretion of the Green Valley Villas West office.

MEET THE TEAM

Liliana - Assistant Manager

An interview with **Liliana Ortega**,
Assistant Manager, by Linda Djupstrom

Liliana's smile and her friendly voice will have greeted you at the Villas West office. Recently she was moved into an office to provide uninterrupted time to accomplish tasks. Liliana has a crucial role on our team and with the smooth running of Villas West.

Linda: What was your first job?

Liliana: My first job after high school was at Amigo Financial Center in Tucson AZ

Linda: Where did you work before this position?

Liliana: Previous to working with Villas West I was employed by PPS (Professional Practice Services) which is an accounting firm for law firms.

Linda: What sort of duties do you have at work?

Liliana: I answer phones, file, complete work orders, greet people , answer questions, manage restoration contractors, new home owner packages, update & file Titles, deposit HOA dues, process mail and offer translation.

Linda: How would you describe your job to a bunch of five-year-olds?

Liliana: Fun fun fun and never a dull moment – a little like having a new puppy🐶



MEET THE TEAM**Liliana - Assistant Manager**

Linda: What are the toughest challenges you've had at work?

Liliana: Getting caught up!!!! Just when I think I might be getting caught up, a new pile of work mysterious shows up.

Linda: What's the most exciting part of your job?

Liliana: The opportunity to cross train to learn more about the financial portion of our jobs, getting the opportunity to work alongside of Dorothy, she is a great mentor. Being part of helping problem solve – and being part of the Villas West family!

Linda: How do you like to get feedback?

Liliana: Constructive

Linda: What's the best compliment you've ever received?

Liliana: I was recently told I looked beautiful. It is hard for me to accept but I was humbled and grateful. It made my day.

Linda: What's something you're proud of?

Liliana: My daughter and our relationship.

Linda: What kind of music do you like?

Liliana: I love all kinds of music, yes even country!

Linda: What is your favorite animal?

Liliana: A lioness!

Linda: Do you have a pet? What's he/she like?

Liliana: We have two dogs, a Dalmatian named Aria and a Maltese named Daisy.

Linda: What's your favorite movie?

Liliana: The Notebook (I cry every time I see it)

MEET THE TEAM**Liliana** - Assistant Manager

Linda: What's your least favorite chore around the house?

Liliana: Sweeping! Our vacuum just broke and now I must sweep !

Linda: What's your favorite holiday?

Liliana: Thanksgiving

Linda: What's your favorite season?

Liliana: Summer – I absolutely love the heat!

Linda: What's your favorite thing to do on the weekends?

Liliana: Rest and get together with friends and family.

Linda: What are the 3 items that you would take with you to a deserted island?

Liliana: 3 people: Aaron, Layla and a surprise & 3 items: toothbrush, water and food

Linda: What's your idea of a perfect day?

Liliana: Wake up late, go to the IHOP and eat pancakes, watch a movie, relax and have a joy filled day!

Linda: Coffee or tea?

Liliana: Tea

Linda: Favorite drink?

Liliana: Strawberry Lemonade

Linda: Do you cook?

Liliana: Yes I do

Linda: What's your favorite recipe?

Liliana: Enchiladas Suizas

MEET THE TEAM**Liliana - Assistant Manager**

Linda: What's the best meal you've ever had?

Liliana: I have two favorites now Dorothy's sausage soup and Linda's chili (it has corn in it)

Linda: What is the strangest meal you've ever eaten?

Liliana: A dish from the Philippines – I can't remember the name

Linda: Favorite dessert?

Liliana: Angel food cake

Linda: Favorite snack?

Liliana: Chili Mexican Candy

Linda: What Inspires YOU?

Liliana: Everything about my mom – I would like to follow in her footsteps she was kind, positive and filled with joy!

Linda: Have you witnessed or been the recipient of a random act of kindness and what was it and how did that make you feel?

Liliana: Here at the office, I see random acts of kindness frequently and it fills my heart. The kindness of our owners, our staff and those we come in contact with daily to each other is uplifting!

Linda: If you could be a superhero or villain who would you be and why?

Liliana: I would be Wonder Woman because I know then I would have a strong back!

Linda: What is the latest book you have read?

Liliana: Trojan Horse

Linda: What's your secret talent that no one knows about?

Liliana: I can belly dance

MEET THE TEAM

Liliana - Assistant Manager

Linda: If you could interview anyone – alive or deceased who would that be and why?

Liliana: Jesus and I would ask him how he endured the amount of pain he did and how he was able to continue loving all of human kind.

Linda: Tell me a fun fact about you many people don't know? Can I have a drum roll please

Liliana: Aaron and I are expecting a baby girl in August !!!!!

Linda: What's the craziest thing you've ever done or seen before?

Liliana: Have a baby now !

Linda: What's the coolest thing you're working on right now?

Liliana: Growing a little human !

Linda: What is the last gift you have given or received?

Liliana: The gift received was a package of baby bibs, onesies and leggings. They are so little!

The last gift I gave was a bracelet.

Linda: Do you have any vacations planned?

Liliana: I am saving all my vacation time for the arrival of our new baby girl!

OWNER INPUT & SUGGESTIONS

We have a suggestions and comments box in the office. If you have an idea or an issue, please write it down and place it in the box. We will take all submitted ideas into consideration.

if you would like to pass along suggestion &/or feedback pertaining specifically to the newsletter, email newsletter@villaswest.org.

LIVING IN VILLAS WEST

FLUSHABLE WIPES CLOG PIPES

Sewer systems and treatment plants were not designed to handle disposable wipes.

Don't flush them! Put them in the trash!



LIVING IN VILLAS WEST

FLUSHABLE WIPES CLOG PIPES *continued*

Flushable" wipes don't break down — they clog sewer pipes and equipment.

- Wipes may be labeled "flushable," but they don't break down in the system. Flushing them is like flushing a handkerchief or other item made of cloth.
- Our sewer systems were not designed to handle wipes. They gum up the system, clog pipes and pumps, and cost Villas West money in additional maintenance costs.
- If you must use wipes, put them in the trash, not the toilet!
- Many Villas West homeowners have experienced plumbing problems because of wipes, so do not flush them.



Antennas

Antennas are being removed permanently to avoid any traffic on the roofs, at the recommendation of the insurance company.

Existing Antennas - Reinstallation will occur as requested ONLY if you were connected previously. The office will need to know where you want the unit re-installed.

New Antennas - If you would like to purchase an antenna, let the office know. The new inside antenna cost is \$40.00 and that includes installation. The new antennas feature a 55 mile radius and 35-40 channels are available.

BULLETIN BOARD or ADVERTISE IN THE NEWSLETTER

Do you have a rental, villa for sale, need some help, a service to sell?

If you are interested in placing an ad in the newsletter, contact the office for details or email: newsletter@villaswest.org.

There will be a fee for business advertisements however homeowners wanting to place a non-business ad can do so at no charge.

Advertising will be accepted at the discretion of the Green Valley Villas West office. Green Valley Villas West does not accept any responsibility for, nor does it endorse, any advertising material presented in the Green Valley Villas West Newsletter.

LIVING IN VILLAS WEST

QUICK TIP: Javelina Proof Garbage Cans

Javelinas are scavengers and are trying to survive in Villas West. It appears as they are getting more ingenious as they will get into any food/trash available. It is up to us to deal with the fact that the Javelinas have learned this behavior

One remedy is to keep a mountain lion inside your garbage bin. The mountain lion keeps the Javelina away, but then you have a mountain lion issue to deal with.



It has been reported Javelinas go after the white bagged trash first. If they come across five bags of varying colors, the white ones are attacked first. As one unit owner learned recently, javelinas like leftover Mexican food but not hot sauce.

AMMONIA

Gorilla glue a sponge about 4 to 5 inches up from the bottom of your trash can. Every couple of days saturate the sponge with ammonia. The smell will keep javelinas and every other animal away from your garbage cans.

BUNGEE CORD

Use a bungee cord to hold the garbage can lid closed. Hopefully this continues to stop the Javelinas and they will quit trying to get into your garbage if they can't get to it.



CHAIN

A length of chain and a 2-1/4" split ring has been a successful way to keep the animals out. The chain is fastened to the outer can with a bolt inserted right through the can below the surface.

Javelinas are properly known as peccaries —the peccary might as well be from a different planet. They are not quite a pig, not quite a deer, with cloven hooves, long snout, wiry hair and are accompanied by a strange, musky odor. While javelinas can be a smelly nuisance, they are truly one-of-a-kind.



VILLAS WEST WANDERERS

The Villas West Wanderers is a great way for members of our community to make new friends and to experience new sights. The enthusiasm, laughs and sometimes grunts from our hikes makes it all worth it.

Sunday January 1



On New Year's Day, Lou Kifer lead a walk through the Desert Trails to visit the Old Man cactus, or Oscar as it is also known as.

The weather looked threatening however it held off until the group returned to Villas West.



Can you spot the mop?

This garden display was sighted in Esperanza Estates which the group walked through to access the desert trail.

Saturday January 21



Nine brave souls gathered in frigid temperatures early morning to make their way to Tubac Presidio State Historic Park. The group walked the approximate four mile stretch between Tubac and Tumacacori National Historical Park.

The park will provides a free shuttle for hikers on the third Saturday of the month, October 2022 through March 2023, from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon.

What do you call a well-balanced horse?

Stable



VILLAS WEST WANDERERS

The shuttle runs continuously between the Tumacácori visitor center parking lot and the Anza Trail trailhead next to the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park.

A special thanks to our very own Villas West resident Bill Reid, our docent who shared interesting history at Tumacacori.



Saturday February 4

Madera Canyon was the destination for the first hike in February.

Thank you, Lou, for leading the Wanderers!

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOARD MEETINGS

March 8

April 12

All board meetings are held at Friends in Deed, with the exception of the Annual Board meeting which is held at the GVR East Center.

If you would like your own copy of the newsletter, send your name and address to:
newsletter@villaswest.org.

You can also pick up a printed copy from the office.



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EMERGENCY or After Hours: 520.256.5779

Emergencies include: heating, cooling, and exterior sewer line issues.

We cannot respond after dark or during inclement weather.

There is no after-hour water on/off service available.

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VILLAS WEST SOCIAL CALENDAR

BOARD MEETINGS

JANUARY 11 FEBRUARY 6 MARCH 8 APRIL 12

All meetings will be held at Friends in Deed at 9:30 am except for February which will be held at GVR East Center.



YARN AND YACK SOCIAL

Penasco Park at 1:00pm

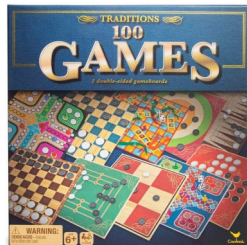
February 8 March 8 April 12

Bring your chair and your latest knitting or crocheting project for fun and conversation.

COFFEE IN THE PARK

January 12 February 2 March 9 April 9

Donuts and Scones will be served. Come out and meet your neighbors and enjoy visiting with friends.



BOARD GAMES IN THE PARK

Bring your drink and join in for some fun Board Games will be provided

1pm at Penasco Park

February 15 March 15 April 19

BINGO IN THE PARK

Sign up in the office to get a ticket. Please bring a white elephant gift as a

prize.

CANCELED DUE TO WEATHER



SWEET GAMES DAY

February 14, 2023

12:00pm at Penasco Park

Bring your sweetheart down and win them a cake at the cake-walk! Enjoy coffee and cookies while trying to win a "prize".

We will be accepting cake donations.



CANCELED DUE TO WEATHER

All events are open to tenants and owners. All activities require sign up at the office.



VILLAS WEST SOCIAL CALENDAR

CRAFT SHOW

March 31, 2023 at 10:00am

Limited number of tables open for our resident crafters. Sign up in office required.
Donation of \$10 requested to offset cost of advertising.



SPRING PATIO SALE

March 10 & 11 from 8am-1pm. Follow the balloons to participating villas.
There is a \$5 charge to offset the cost of balloons and advertising. You must sign up in the office to be added to the map. Maps available after 2pm on March 9th.

ST PATRICKS DAY

12 noon on March 17 at Penasco Park

Come join us for corned beef, cabbage and green beer (donations accepted).
Please bring a dish to pass. Sign up in office to receive a ticket for the meal.



MUSIC IN THE PARK

If you play an instrument or just want to listen to some, come down to
Penasco Park on March 29, 2023 at 3:00pm.

Bring your drinks and a chair and enjoy listening to your talented
community members.

CINCO DE MAYO

It's Fiesta time! Come to Penasco Park on May 5, 2023 at 11:00 to enjoy Sonoran Dogs
and music by our very own Carlos Salazar. Please sign up for the salsa competition and
let the community decide the who the best salsa maker is this side of Tucson.

Sign up in office to receive a meal ticket



**All events are open to tenants and owners. All activities require sign up at the office.
Please watch for additional information.**