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# Casa Paloma I

## Home Owners' Association

# Newsletter

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## Social Life in Casa Paloma 1

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### Monthly Potlucks

Carole Rusch and Val VanRooy

First of all we'd like to thank Vicki Schroeder for her leadership of the social committee for many years. She has been an inspiration and provided guidance to this committee in our new roles.

Casa Paloma 1 loves its potlucks. They provide a time for us to meet our neighbors, introduce guests. They build a sense of community. We are one of the few HOAs that have such an event.

The first one of the season is always in October, with one a month through April when most of the snowbirds leave. Our Presidents' Day potluck in February was well attended. We enjoyed wonderful food and played games together afterward.

These potlucks are normally scheduled for the **third Friday of the month**. This month's potluck will be an exception because of the unavailability of the Rec Center on the third Friday. It will be

**the fourth Friday, March 23**

We celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with potlucks on the holiday itself.

You need to sign up for each potluck. The signup poster is on the bulletin board in the pool area, outside the Rec Center. The maximum capacity of the Center is 55 people according to the fire code,

so signing up is very important. The sign-up poster is taken down when capacity is reached.

### The Ladies' Coffee and Tea

Phyllis Westberg

All women residents of Casa Paloma 1 are invited to join us for a monthly **Ladies' Coffee/Tea** at the **Casa Paloma 1 Rec Center** from **10:00am to noon on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Wednesday of the month** from November through April. This is a time of introducing ourselves, making new friends and enjoying the different goodies others bring. (Four to six gals bring goodies to share in any one month. When we all brought goodies, we found there were way too many for us to eat! 😊)



### Yellow Ribbon Patio Sale

Pat Mitchell

Saturday, March 3 was our annual Yellow Ribbon Patio Sale. It was a good time for people to clean out their closets and sell stuff that might just be someone else's treasure. It was also a good time for a walk around the neighborhood looking for treasures. Who knows? The "treasure" you found might have been a new friendship with somebody you didn't know previously.

### An Open House Day in Casa Paloma 1?

There's been some buzz about reviving an activity that we haven't done for about six years, and that is an Open House Day for Casa Paloma 1. This would be a day when Casa Paloma people could

visit participating homes and get ideas from seeing what others have done to individualize their units. Talk about the idea. It just needs someone to step up and organize it. Is that something you would like to do? If so, call Sandy Settergren at 444-0904.

## News from the CP1 Board

You may be wondering how the election went for HOA board, so here are the results from our February voting:

President: Don Nelson  
 Vice President: Ken VanRooy  
 Secretary: Renee Ebal-Fontaine  
 Treasurer: Genie Gordon  
 Member at Large: Al Miller

Don is looking forward to becoming our new HOA president. He and Barb have been in Washington State for her chemo treatments. She has finished the treatments now and is doing well, so they have returned to Green Valley. They're going to try something new: stay in Green Valley for most of the summer. You know, just to see if they can "take the heat."

Don is asking for volunteers to staff three committees to help him as president.

- **Architectural Committee:** tasked with maintaining the HOA architectural standards: paint colors, car ports, general repair, overgrown plants, weeds—things like that. They pass all improvements that homeowners wish to make and randomly inspect one property per month.
- **Nominating Committee:** responsible to find members to run for the Board of Directors as positions become available. They meet once in September and once in October to prepare a slate of candidates to recommend.
- **Rules Enforcement Committee:** respond to complaints from homeowners when there is a dispute or complaint against another homeowner. What they can't settle, they bring to the Board.

## **A Parting Word from Tod Schroeder**

I have enjoyed being your president for the past few years. Casa Paloma 1 is a great community, and Vicki and I have appreciated this friendly supportive neighborhood for 11 years.

We will be relocating to Show Low, AZ on a full time basis in April. We will miss all our friends here. Y'all come visit (one at a time, please). Thank You and Good Day.

## **Landscaping and Maintenance**

**Harold Shane**

Veliz Landscaping is doing an excellent job of maintaining our community, and the HOA grounds look great. We have renewed our contract with them for 2018 at the same price as last year. They maintain our properties up to 15 feet of the curb.

If you have any landscaping, wall or concrete work to be done, the architectural committee can give you recommendations on contractors if you need them. We need to keep our properties looking neat. If one becomes unkempt, it diminishes the value of all the homes around it.

Any concerns with landscaping maintenance can be addressed to me, Harold Shane, at 648-0762.

## **Lamplighters**

If you need to replace your lamppost light bulb, be sure it is no brighter than 40-60 watts so it doesn't blow out the sensor. If you are unable to change your own light bulb, you may call **Ken McBride at 777-5640**. He will change it and then watch it to be sure the lamp goes on at nightfall and goes off at daybreak. If it doesn't, he will change out your sensor, and the cost of that (\$10 to \$20) is yours. Hopefully that will light up your house again. ☺

## **The Locator**

**Val Van Rooy**

The Locator is our Casa Paloma 1 phone directory. Everyone is eligible to have one—renters as well as home owners. The 2018 issue will be published this month. The person to contact is **Val Van Rooy** (176 Diablo). Her number is **1-406-231-1074**. She always brings copies to the HOA meetings, too.

At our annual meeting it was agreed that those residents who want to list their email addresses could have them added to the CP1 webpage ([www.casapaloma1.org](http://www.casapaloma1.org)). These listings, along with the most recent Locator Directory, will be password protected under the password "CPONE." Natalie Gaull has offered to do the work of getting our email addresses added to the webpage. So if you would like CP1 people to have your email address, please inform Natalie at [kenoragal2@gmail.com](mailto:kenoragal2@gmail.com).

### Architecture

**Tod Schroeder**

Overall, the condition of our community looks great; selling prices are going up, and homes are selling quickly. Please remember to submit written exterior changes to **Al Miller, Mike Zelenak** or **Jerry Miel** before implementing any changes to your home or block walls.

If you are thinking of sprucing up the paint on the exterior of your house, please note the array of approved colors which characterize Casa Paloma 1. These are posted next to the CP1 pool. Ace Hardware in Green Valley Mall can mix the colors by name and they have reasonable prices.

### Neighborhood Watch

**Tom Scarlett**

Our program involves neighbors watching out for neighbors. Observation is paying attention to what is happening around you. Keep an eye out for your neighbors and their property as well as your own. If you see suspicious activity or a crime being committed report it immediately.

CALL 9-1-1.

If you plan on leaving for the summer there are things you can do to ready your home for when you are gone. I have a Vacation Check List that I will bring to the April meeting and will also put it on the website. Call me any time for information at 520-495-4118. Thanks for keeping our neighborhood safe.

### Web Weavings

**Dick Peterson** (325 Diablo) volunteers his computer savvy to maintain our Casa Paloma 1 website. Check it out at [www.casapaloma1.org](http://www.casapaloma1.org). If

you have information for the website or questions, direct them to **Dick Peterson** at [dickhp@cox.net](mailto:dickhp@cox.net) or call **648-2287**.

### Lock Boxes

Lock boxes holding your house key are designed to be a secure method of letting the District Firefighters and Paramedics into your house in the event that you cannot open your own door. The boxes are extremely strong and can only be opened by a special coded key carried on the fire truck. The lock box would be opened only in case of emergency by the GVFD firefighters.

Lock boxes are recommended for those whose unit stands empty for long periods of the year. It is also of great value for those who live alone, to help the paramedics if you should fall inside your locked house and need to have them reach you.

The one-time cost of a lock box is \$50. You may purchase one by calling the **Fire Prevention Office at 625-9438**. This number is manned Monday to Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The fire department will install it for you for a \$25 fee, but **Tom Shane** (376 Sonador, Ph. **664-2420**) will install it for Casa Paloma 1 residents free of charge. Thank you, Tom!

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors



### Prayer Team

Casa Paloma 1 has a prayer team of residents who pray daily for the needs of the people in our neighborhood. If you would like prayer for your situation, please contact one of the following:

**Jerry Miel at 370-7258**

**Nancy Schultheiss at 517-851-2416**

**Ranae Hamby at 625-7041**

**Did you know ...?**

... that **Delores Minutello** (226 Diablo, Ph. **390-1980**) makes biscotti for neighbors in several tempting flavors, including anise, lemon and almond? They're \$5 per round and worth it!

... that **Sue Kaiser** (139 Varonil, Ph. **609-9392**) is still making delightful specialty soaps at home that she's glad to sell?

...that **Sandy Krause** (318 Diablo, Ph **715-842-9663**), a retired art educator from Wisconsin, makes ceramic snowflake ornaments or gift tags for a \$5 donation? She sends the donations to Sushila Care Center in Kathmandu, Nepal, to provide scholarships for the orphans' higher education—an opportunity they'd never have without this help. You can read the orphans' story at [www.gofundme.com/Nepal-Scholarship-Ironman](http://www.gofundme.com/Nepal-Scholarship-Ironman). Thank you for supporting this worthy cause!



... that **Linda Betancourt** (171 Varonil, Ph. **310-994-0926**, [www.lindaserrandgirls.com](http://www.lindaserrandgirls.com)) is available to do shopping, errands, pet care, transportation (even to Tucson) for those who need help? Check her out.

**Community News You Can Use**

**Scam Squad**

The Senate Aging Committee has a hotline for seniors to report fraud, whether you are the victim

or fraud is suspected. It is 1-855-303-9470. To report scamming information, call the Pima County Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers at 351-6715 Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon or email at [scamsquad@gvsav.org](mailto:scamsquad@gvsav.org). To report suspicious activity or a particular incident of fraud, call Pima County Sheriff Dept. at 520-351-4900.

**Green Valley Council**

Casa Paloma 1 is a member of the **Green Valley Council** along with many of Green Valley's Home Owners' Associations (HOAs) and local businesses. Since Green Valley is not an incorporated town, it is run by Pima County. The Green Valley Council has organized itself with standing committees of volunteers which approximate departments a city might have, such as Traffic, Health and Human Services, Planning, Architectural and so forth. The Council meets the **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month (Sept. to May) from 8:30-10:00 at Desert Hills Rec Center** with representatives of all the Pima County departments and HOAs to discuss our corporate concerns.

You can learn about them at [www.gvcouncil.org](http://www.gvcouncil.org), where you can also access an **online Medical Directory** of available health care services in our area.

At this time, Casa Paloma 1 is looking for one or two representatives to attend these meetings on our behalf. **If you would be interested in helping our community in this way, please call Don Nelson at 425-518-2579**

**The current CP1 Board members are:**

President	Don Nelson
Vice Pres.	Ken Van Rooy
Treasurer	Genie Gordon
Secretary	Renee Fontaine-Ebel
Member at Large	Al Miller

**The Current Committee Team members:**

Social Chairman	Carole Rusch	Courtesy	Lois Shane
Landscape Maint.	Harold Shane	Locator	Valeria Van Rooy
Neighborhood Watch	Tom Scarlett	Lamp Lighters	Don Nelson Ken Van Rooy
Legislative	Dick Peterson	Newsletter	Shirley Miel
GVC Delegates	open (need 2)	Architecture	Al Miller Jerry Miel
Web Maint.	Dick Peterson		

The Casa Paloma 1 Newsletter is printed 2-3 times a year. If you have news to add, or ideas, articles or comments of interest to all of us, you may call **Shirley Miel** (417 Diablo, Ph. **908-7122**) or send your email to [smiel@uim.org](mailto:smiel@uim.org). Thank you for your input.