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# Casa Paloma I

Home Owners' Association

# Newsletter

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March 2020

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## Social Life in Casa Paloma 1



Here's our calendar for March, April, and May 2020.

When			What	Where
March 3	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Ladies' Tea Men's Corn Hole Game	CP1 Rec Center Outside Rec Center
<b>March 7</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 to noon</b>	<b>Yellow Ribbon Sale</b>	<b>Entire CP1</b>
March 10	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	HOA Board Meeting	CP1 Rec Center
March 19	Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Book Club	344 Sonador
March 20	Friday	5:30 p.m.	Potluck	CP1 Rec Center
April 7	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Ladies' Tea Men's Corn Hole Game	CP1 Rec Center Outside Rec Center
April 14	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	HOA Board Meeting	CP1 Rec Center
April 16	Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Book Club	344 Sonador
April 17	Friday	5:30	Potluck	CP1 Rec Center
May 5	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Ladies' Tea Men's Corn Hole Game	CP1 Rec Center Outside Rec Center
May 12	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	HOA Board Meeting	CP1 Rec Center
May 15	Friday	5:30 p.m.	Potluck	CP1 Rec Center
May 21	Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Book Club	344 Sonador

The **Yellow Ribbon Sale** is on again this year. It's our annual neighborhood-wide patio sale to be held on March 7 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. If you are thinking about the things you might wish to sell, see **Teri Stevenson at 168 Diablo, 517-414-4329** to sign up for \$2 (pays for city-wide advertising for our event) and receive a yellow ribbon to wrap around your lantern post. This lets visitors/buyers know there are goods for sale at your house.

The **HOA Board meetings** are open to all residents, owners or renters. This is a good place to hear news of what's going on and have an opportunity for discussion. They are always on the second Tuesday morning of each month. Each meeting ends with a Round Robin roving mic for each person in attendance to introduce themselves. That's your opportunity to voice an announcement or perhaps voice some concern you may have.

The monthly **Neighborhood Potlucks** are just for fun. They take place in the Recreation Center usually every third Friday of the month except the Holiday and summer months. The sign-up chart for the next potluck is always posted on the bulletin board under the patio roof by the pool. It is important to sign up because the capacity limitation for our meeting room (set by the Fire Department) is 55 people. If you would like to be part of the planning committee for this, you may contact **Val Van Rooy at 406- 231-1074**.

The **Ladies' Tea** in the **Recreation Center** and **Men's Corn Hole Game**, running simultaneously just outside, are very popular events. These currently fall on the first Tuesday of each month from 10:00 to noon. This is a relaxed time of sitting around a table with tea and goodies, telling your stories one at a time for the ladies; or shooting bean bags at the corn hole and munching on barbecue for the men.

**CP1 Book Club** meets on the third Thursday afternoon. Anyone interested in joining the Book Club please contact **Norma U'Ren at 850-292-5017** or email her at [yachtcouple@gmail.com](mailto:yachtcouple@gmail.com). They are currently meeting at the U'Ren residence at 344 Sonador. Each month they choose a new book to read and discuss.

A **CP1 Bible Study** meets weekly in the home of **Shirley Miel, 417 Calle Del Diablo, 520-908-7122** at 10:30 a.m. This non-denominational Bible study is about an hour long, and everyone is welcome.

**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: **Jerry Miel at 370-7258 or Ranae Hamby at 625-7041**

### **[www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)**

NextDoor.com is a social network web site for posting and replying to others here in our own neighborhood (and only here). This site is very informative and helpful. It is a wonderful place to find out who needs help, who can give help and what's happening right here.

## News from the CP1 Board

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**Don Nelson**

We're getting a lot of snowbirds back right now, plus a number of new people. I want to welcome each of you to Casa Paloma 1. I invite you to stop by my house and meet me. My wife, Barb, and I are at 249 Varonil. I have several materials I can give you concerning our HOA if you're interested. I invite you to look us up on the web at [www.casapaloma1.org](http://www.casapaloma1.org) for further information.

We welcomed three new Board members as of the Annual Members Meeting last February 18<sup>th</sup> – Jim Ford, Ray U'Ren, and David Messick. All of the proposed changes to the Community Documents were approved by membership vote. Two of the items raised some questions so I want to assure you of several things:

- With regard to the new pet rule, all current residents are grandfathered in. This means if you now have more than two dogs, you will be able to keep them.
- There is a new provision to fine owners of properties with weeds which are a fire hazard. After an inspection and letter of compliance, owners will have 21 days to clear the weeds or opt to pay the fine. If you don't already have someone to maintain your yard during the summer months, plan ahead and get someone hired.
- If you have difficulty understanding the Community Documents or difficulty complying with anything in them, remember that you can always ask a Board member for information or come to the Board to ask for an exception. Again, please check our website at [www.casapaloma1.org](http://www.casapaloma1.org) to view all of the relevant documents and up-to-date HOA news.

## Emergency Contact Information

It is very important for all residents to fill out a CP1 Emergency Contact Form. Why? Because it affects the quality of coverage the Neighborhood Watch Program is able to provide and, secondly, having your contact information, especially your email address, will eventually enable us to save a lot of money that is currently spent on postage. You can **get your Emergency Contact Forms from Tom Scarlett, 319 Diablo 520-495-4119 or Don Nelson, 249 Varonil 425-518-2579.**

## Neighborhood Watch

Currently there are several vacancies that need to be filled for Block Captains from Suerte, Sonador, Heroe, and Palladin. Please consider helping our community stay safe by volunteering for these posts. It is a rewarding job. For more information and to volunteer, **contact Linda Betancourt, 310-994-0926.** There will be a meeting of the Neighborhood Watch Team in the near future. Keep an eye out for a notice on the CP1 website at [www.casapaloma1.org](http://www.casapaloma1.org).

## The Locator

The Locator is our Casa Paloma 1 phone directory. Everyone is eligible to have one—renters as well as home owners. **We will be updating the Locator in March.** If you want to have your current phone and address information listed, please contact **Val Van Rooy, 176 Diablo, 406-231-1074.**

## Architecture

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. Either Ace Hardware or True Value in Green Valley can mix the colors by name and have reasonable prices. Please remember to submit to the Architecture Committee (members listed below), a written plan of any exterior changes you want to make to your home or patios before implementing them. In March, all of the carports in CP1 will be inspected. It has been determined that each adjoining carport must be painted the same color.

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## Good News - Spring Is On Its Way

**Susan Sheets**

At the time of this writing, it is chilly and windy outside. Spring seems a long way off, yet it will be here for sure by March 19<sup>th</sup> bringing warmer weather and thoughts of renewing our properties inside and out. Here are a few suggestions from major home insurance companies to help us. Remember, they know a thing or two because they have seen a thing or two.

### Check list for Spring:

- Replace batteries/test carbon monoxide and smoke detectors
- Have A/C inspected
- Check house and electric line for any interference from foliage
- Deep clean whole house (Ugh)
- Check water drainage and gutters
- Clean or refinish patio

### Check list for Summer:

- Check roof for any leaks or faults
- Make sure no outlets or extension cords are overloaded with electronics
- Ensure your dryer is clean of lint
- Vacuum refrigerator coils
- Inspect for insect activity
- Change direction of ceiling fans (..What?! This can be done?)

## The Other Side of the Good News – Natural Rodent Repellants

As temperatures rise here, the hibernating critters will be returning to an active life as well. Here are a few tips for keeping them at bay in a natural way, with respect for our environment and the safety of our ground water, and our neighbors.

- Peppermint oil, castor oil and citronella oil all drive rodents away. Because of their highly developed sense of smell, packrats (wood rats) and mice are very susceptible to certain odors. Use cotton balls soaked in these oils, or just spread a little oil around the perimeter of your place and it is said they will leave for less pungent climes. Potted peppermint plants may work also. (I'm testing this at my place.)
- Cats didn't get a reputation as nature's perfect predators for no reason. If you don't have a cat, find someone who does and beg a bit of used, dried cat litter from them to sprinkle around your yard. It will ward off the rodents (and maybe even the javalinas, who knows.)
- Here's a surprise to me: Irish Spring soap repels mice, rabbits, (and deer). Slice the soap bar into ½ inch cubes – these do not have to be exact, but you will want many small chunks to spread around your yard.
- Some sources have suggested placing owl feathers around in order to repel rodents, but I ask you, where is a body going to find owl feathers these days?

If the mice, packrats, and rabbits leave the premises, snakes have no reason to be near. They will be off somewhere else, tracking the rodents, looking for their next meal.

## Rhapsody in Blue

Our neighbor BJ Belzer and her friend Ellen Simon will perform as a piano duo.

Where – Las Campanas GVR Center – Ocotillo Room     565 West Belltower Dr. GV, AZ 85614

When – Friday, March 13, 2020 – 4:00 PM

There is no charge for this performance and it will be about an hour long including works by; Copland, Gershwin, Gillock and Khachatuian.

Hope to see you there!

## Need Help?

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### Heating and Air Conditioning

Green Valley Heating/Cooling 625 1234  
 Oasis 648 1755

### Roofing

Territorial 625 5823  
 Trinity 578 1159

### Painting

Ayer's 404 7784  
 Straight 2 U Services 625 1277

### Plumbing

Green Valley Plumbing 625 8976

### Repair and Remodel

Jeffrey's 625 2391  
 Tom Collister 331 3754

### Pest Control

Removal Specialists (bees) 982 9000  
 Burr Exterminating (bees) 628 1951  
 Desert Swarm (bees) 310 0707  
 Truly Nolan (bees, termites) 399 7355  
 GV Fire Dept. (snakes) 911 or 629-9200

### Landscaping

George Veliz 270 3980

**The current CP1 Board members are:**

President	Don Nelson
Vice Pres.	Jim Ford
Treasurer	Ray U'Ren
Secretary	Sheila Austin
Member at Large	David Messick

**The Current Committee Team members:**

Social Chairman	Carole Rusch	Courtesy	Barb Nelson
Landscape Maint.	Jim Ford	Locator	Valeria Van Rooy
Neighborhood Watch	Linda Betancourt	Lamp Lighters	John Stevenson
Legislative	Dick Peterson	Newsletter	Shirley Miel
GVC Delegates	Marleen Charron	Architecture	David Messick
Website	Dick Peterson		Jerry Miel Mike Zelenak

The Casa Paloma 1 Newsletter is printed two 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.