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# Casa Paloma I

## Home Owners' Association

# Newsletter

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## From Our President

Tod Schroeder 730-6433

Welcome back to all the Seasonal residents. Hopefully, your summer was cooler than for those who remained here to endure our heat.

Our HOA committees are listed at the end of this newsletter. Please note that our neighborhood is in need of a Social Chairman and one or two delegates to represent us at the Green Valley Council meetings once a month. If this is up your alley, please contact me to get you started.

We had the tall palms trimmed this year and have billed the folks who have trees on their property. We trim them every two years for cosmetic appeal and to reduce the risk of falling palm fronds. Private residents have had a couple of pine trees removed and one mesquite tree that blew down this summer.

There are many new residents this year, so make sure you meet and welcome them to the community. Encourage them to take part in the monthly Potlucks, Teas, and other activities.

Those owners who decide to rent their properties must ensure that their renters are 55 and older. We had a troubling incident this summer with underage renters who stayed beyond their welcome, trashed the residence, and stole the furnishings.

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## Doings in Casa Paloma 1

### Monthly Potlucks

Vicki Schroeder 730-6433

Meet your new neighbors and enjoy long-time friends. To help you do so, our social committee organizes a potluck once a month. In October we had 36, food to die for, and afterward we played Card Bingo. Not everybody stays to play the games, but those who do have a lot of fun.

In November the potluck will be held on Thanksgiving Day, and December's potluck will be on Christmas Day, so nobody should be left home alone on the holidays. Both of these special days' potlucks begin at 2:00 p.m. Sign up at the pool and plan to join us for all of our potlucks! If you would like to be on the potluck committee, please give me a call. The ladies could use more help.

### The Ladies' Coffee and Tea

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**. Come any time from **10:00am to noon on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Wednesday of the month** from November through April. This is another good time to make new friends and enjoy 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! ☺)

## Neighborhood Watch

Vicki Schroeder 730-6433

We are having a **Neighborhood Watch meeting on Friday, November 3 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Rec Center to learn more about how we can work together to keep this neighborhood safe. Block Captains from last year need to be sure to attend, but all residents, whether you're an owner or a renter, are welcome to attend.



## Yellow Ribbon Patio Sale

Pat Mitchell 399-1766

Imagine a beautiful March day in Green Valley when all the Casa Paloma 1 residents are out greeting neighbors from home to home, buying up household "treasures" and swapping stories. It's a wonderful time to clean out your closets *and* enjoy your neighbors. We call it the Yellow Ribbon Sale.

Hi. My name is Pat Mitchell and I coordinate the Yellow Ribbon Sale. Even though it's a ways off, it's not too early to plan. We hope to have a good response this year so we can continue this enjoyable CP1 tradition. I will keep you informed as we get closer to March.

## News from the CP1 Board

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### Landscaping and Maintenance

Harold Shane 648-0762

Veliz Landscaping is doing an excellent job of maintaining our community, and the HOA grounds look great. If you have any landscaping, wall or concrete work to be done, you may certainly call George at 520-270-3980 for an estimate. The small-palm tree trimming and weed spraying will be done very soon. If you have any concerns with landscaping maintenance, please call me 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 VanRooy at 1-406-231- 1074** or **Don Nelson at 1-425-518-2579**. They 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, they 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 1-406-231-1074

The Locator is our Casa Paloma 1 directory. Everyone is eligible to have one—renters as well as home owners. If you didn't receive the 2017 issue or would like a second copy, 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.

### Architecture

Tod Schroeder 730-6433

This is the time of year when we often think of the changing colors of Fall. That reminds me it's also a great time to touch up any sun-bleached paint on our houses since it's becoming more and more pleasant to work outside. CP1 has an array of approved colors which characterize our development. 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.

There is one glitch to watch for when repainting your car port. If you share a car port structure with a neighbor, the architectural rules require that the entire structure be the same approved color. So it is a good idea to get together with your neighbor and repaint both sides at the same time.

As we maintain our community architectural standards and keep our properties looking nice, we all win. It projects a pleasing appearance and it helps keep our property values up.

### Web Weavings

Dick Peterson (325 Diablo, Ph. **648-2287**) 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 residence's key are designed to be a secure method of letting the District Firefighters and Paramedics into your house in the event 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 if you should fall inside your locked house and the paramedics need to get to 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

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#### Did you know ...?

... that **Delores Minutello** (226 Diablo, Ph. 625-2133) makes biscotti for neighbors in several tempting flavors, including anise, lemon and almond?

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

... that **Dana Eker** (308 Sonador, Ph. 625-9022) paints gorgeous pictures and sews for people?

... that **Linda Betancourt** (171 Varonil, Ph. 310-994-0926) is available to do shopping and other errands for someone who needs help?

... that **Janis Steinfeld** (215 Santo, Ph. 503-805-7506)—a fingerprinted, Red Cross CPR/First Aid certified caregiver—is available to provide private care and companionship? She will gladly help you with cooking, light housekeeping, showering and shopping.

#### Can you help...?

...**Mary Durgin** (457 Oro, **509-869-4319**) needs someone to care for her dog now and then, especially if she goes on a 5-day cruise to Mexico. Does anyone in CP1 do Dog Sitting? Or can you recommend someone you know in Green Valley who does this?

...**You**: Is there some way in which you would like to help your neighbors—or need to know someone with a skill who could help you? Please call **Shirley Miel, 908-7122** and ask to have it put in the next newsletter. Let's make this *everybody's* newsletter.

#### 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:

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

**Vicki Schroeder at 730-6433**

**Jerry Miel at 370-7258.**

### Community News You Can Use

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#### 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 and therefore 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 to discuss our corporate concerns. You can learn about them at [www.gvcouncil.org](http://www.gvcouncil.org), where you can access an online Medical Directory of available health care services in our area. **If you would like to attend the Council meetings, please consider volunteering to represent our HOA at them.** You may call Tod Schroeder to arrange to do this.

**News Around Green Valley**

Even though she “retired” this job, Anna Mae Sublett attended the first fall meeting and gives us a short report as follows:

The **Canoa Golf Course** will still be a long time in planning before anything happens. The County is “considering” the maintenance and upkeep involved. Making it a park is not a done deal yet.

Jim Pinkerton will lead the **Community Pride Day** on November 4<sup>TH</sup> at 8:00 a.m. until noon. This is a day set aside for all willing helpers to “spruce up

around Green Valley.” You can communicate with them at 648-1936 or e-mail [info@gvcouncil.org](mailto:info@gvcouncil.org).

**Green Valley Hospital** has a monthly newsletter update. The Council’s Health & Human Services Committee prints the letter. The hospital will have a meeting **November 6<sup>th</sup>** at West Social Center at 2:00 p.m. Call **393-4700** and ask for John Matuska or Mona Smith for the latest services.

**The Volunteer Clearing House** now has 100 community organizations on its data base to help people find interesting volunteering projects (and good speakers for events). The office is under the Pima County Council on Aging and is in the Friends in Deed building. Check it out; call **625-1150 Ext108** and leave a message.

Much of the meeting was given to a discussion of Pima County roads, 2/3 of which are rated “poor” or “failed.” Supervisor Steve Christy is backing a plan to repeal the \$0.25 property tax increase for roads and impose instead a half-cent sales tax for Pima County for the next 10 years. It’s the only way, he says, Pima County can raise enough money for this problem any time soon.

**The current CP1 Board members are:**

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| President       | Tod Schroeder                                    |
| Vice Pres.      | Don Nelson                                       |
| Treasurer       | Genie Gordon<br>(currently recuperating at home) |
| Secretary       | Renee Fontaine-Ebel                              |
| Member at Large | Ken Van Rooy                                     |

**The Current Committee Team members:**

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| Social Chairman    | <i>open</i> (a committee)       | Courtesy      | Lois Shane                 |
| Landscape Maint.   | Harold Shane                    | Locator       | Valeria Van Rooy           |
| Neighborhood Watch | Vicki Schroeder<br>Tom Scarlett | Lamp Lighters | Don Nelson<br>Ken Van Rooy |
| Legislative        | Dick Peterson                   | Newsletter    | Shirley Miel               |
| GVC Delegates      | <i>open</i> (need 2)            | Architecture  | Tod Schroeder              |
| Web Maint.         | Dick Peterson                   |               | Jerry Miel                 |

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