

La Solana Living

April 2013

Notes from the March 19, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting

It's been a busy month--your Board is definitely not bored! Quite a few owners attend our Board meetings. If you don't or can't, the meeting minutes are posted in the glass case in the living room of the Clubhouse and on our website www.lasolanahoa.com. We encourage you to refer to them so that you are well informed about the business of our LaSolana community.

Recently, the Board realized it needs to uphold the existing CCR's that protect the structural integrity of our buildings. A one-page Renovation Policy has been email blasted to all owners and will be given to all new owners when they register in the office. The Policy was designed to help owners understand when prior Board or Architectural Committee approval is needed and what you can do on your own. Please let the office staff know, in writing, what you are doing. Then when questions by your neighbors arise, the staff will be prepared to talk with them. There's a Good Neighbor component to it as well.

The Trash Rule and Regulation has been updated. Since it costs \$500 each time we have our compactor dumped, this cost will be passed along to any

owner who is responsible for renovation debris placed into our compactor. Beware not to be caught on Candid Camera.

Replacement of the elevators should be starting in the not-too-distant future. The building with the most problems, as determined by the elevator company, will be done this year. Next year, another building will be completed and then one every other year. So that everyone reaps the benefits, the parts gleaned from the replaced elevators can be saved to be used in other buildings as needed.

As we hope you know, except for attendance at Board meetings, no distinction is made between owners & renters--we are all neighbors. And we owe many a deep sense of gratitude. To mention names means someone surely will be overlooked. So a big round of applause to our neighbors who serve on our committees, plan, set up and tear down at social events, contribute to our Newsletter, tend to our library, take photos of all our fun events, arrange or play at our musical programs, organize and oversee activities, games and sports, straighten chairs, donate coffee for our pot, and the list goes on. You

know who you are so take a moment to pat yourself on the back. Thank you, we appreciate your efforts as they have enriched all of our lives!!!

After many years, our Neighborhood Representatives to Sun City Grand have moved on to other things and we need one or two owners to replace them. Interested? The office staff has a Job Description. Please stop in and take a look.

Marcia Sbrega, Board President



LaSolana at Sun City Grand
14950 W. Mountain View
Surprise, AZ 85374

Phone/Fax:

Phone: 623-214-5532

Fax: 623-214-8832

Board of Directors
board@lasolanahoa.com

Marcia Sbrega
President

Dave Kearney
Vice President

Ken Marks
Treasurer

Duey Kerper
Secretary

Terri Nagler
Member at Large



City Property Management
4645 E. Cotton Gin Loop
Phoenix, AZ 85040

Phone/Fax:

Phone: 602-437-4777

Fax: 602-437-4770

Community Manager
Brad Schaeffer, Ext. 164
bschaeffer@cityproperty.com

Association Coordinator
Kelly Kochenash, Ext. 159
kkochenash@cityproperty.com

Association Accountant
Bill Hoffman, Ext. 219
bhoffman@cityproperty.com

Meet Your Neighbor



Robert & Sharon Justice

*One brother and sister-in-law
live as far away as Litchfield
Park, but the other six and their
spouses all live in Sun City
Grand.*



Once upon a time there was a father and a mother who raised three girls and five boys in St. Ansgar, Iowa, just over the border and about twenty miles south of Austin, Minnesota. Years later, seven of these children, the youngest of whom is now 60 years of age, have established winter residences in the West Valley of Phoenix. One brother and sister-in-law live as far away as Litchfield Park, but the other six and their spouses all live in Sun City Grand. Three of these couples enjoy the convenience of turn key living at LáSolana, separated only by buildings. The oldest of these siblings and her husband live in Building 1 where they have spent most of the winter months since 2005, except for the holidays. You ask who are they? By the time you read this article you may already know if you watch the local NBC Channel 12 as the entire family in Arizona was just interviewed for a special interest story prior to my interview with **Robert (Bob) and Sharon Justice** for this article. Sharon's maiden name was Fossey and two of her younger brothers whose surname you may recognize live in Buildings 4 and 5.

Bob and Sharon have one son who lives in Austin, an agent for State Farm Insurance, and one daughter, a

teacher, who lives in Dodge Center, Minnesota. They enjoy seven grandchildren that includes one set of twins and they look forward to their family's visits here in Arizona. When back in Minnesota Bob and Sharon have especially enjoyed watching their grandchildren's participation in a variety of sports endeavors just as they did their son and daughter's sports interests as they grew. One granddaughter, a member of Austin's girl's basketball team this past season, along with the family celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, were the reasons for their later than normal arrival in February this year.

If you haven't met Bob, but would like to, all you have to do is get up early and visit the hot tub adjacent to LáSolana's pool. He's usually there from 6:30 to 8:00 each morning. It's one of his ways of dealing with chronic arthritis. When Sharon finds some free time, usually back in Minnesota, she quilts, sews, knits, and crochets. While in either location, both Bob and Sharon like to walk and bike. They also try to use the facilities at the Adobe Fitness Center at least three times a week while in Arizona. When the spirit moves them they also enjoy trips to the casinos, attending horse races, and playing dominoes.

During the month of March you might also find them at the Surprise Ball Park watching either the Rangers or the Royals during spring training. Of course, they also subscribe to BTN, the Big Ten Network, so they can keep up with another grandson who works with the Gopher's offensive football coordinator; and they also like to watch all other featured sports activities in which the University of Minnesota engages.

As residents of Austin, it was not surprising to learn that both Bob and Sharon worked for one of Minnesota's premier corporations, Hormel Foods, he for 38 years and she for 33. They both retired on the same day sixteen years ago, and for most of those years their desks in Hormel's corporate offices were in close proximity of each other. Their story is really one of mutual love and togetherness with family, their employment, their extensive travels to Alaska, Europe, and Australia, their love for sports and being physically fit. One can only wonder if they share a love for Spam, Hormel's kind. That's a question you will have to ask them!

Earl Lindquist #2301

There are three types of people in this world: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who wonder what happened.

- Author Unknown -

Block Watch

Two bicycles were recently stolen at LaSolana.

The police would have a better chance of recovering stolen bikes if you would do the following:

1. Take a couple of photos of your bike.
2. Flip the bike over and locate the serial number on the bottom of the crank housing.
3. Write the serial number on the back of the photo.



Report thefts to the Surprise Police Department at (623)222-4000. Also, call Russ Anderson, Block Watch Coordinator at (623)583-8604.

Thanks for “looking out” for one another these past months, and now over the summer.

If something needs attention, please “full timers” call the office. Dusty newspapers are an invitation to the bad guys!

Thanks again for doing what you’re doing!

Russ Anderson#2112
Block Watch Coordinator

Video Photographer Needed



Are you a video camera buff? The Communications Committee is looking for someone to assist the Website Team who could capture the beauty of our LaSolana property on video so that it can be posted on the website. If interested, please contact the office staff.

Mike’s Corner

- ◆ It’s very important to have your A/C inspected/serviced annually, and to change the filter regularly, especially if you leave it running when you are away during the summer months. After a recent inspection, one resident reported that the unit was low of Freon and the insulation on the roof wires was gone, creating a safety hazard. Ask your neighbors who they use, or call PORA at 623-214-1646. Our Sun City Grand dues pay our PORA membership.
- ◆ When sunning, be sure to cover all of the poolside lounge chair, because tanning lotions stain the cushions.

Email: maint@lasolanahoa.com Phone: 523-204-6455

Meeting Dates

Upcoming Board Meeting for 2013

Tuesday, April 16

Other Meetings:

Architectural Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 9



Activities Calendar

April 2013

Bocce Ball – Sundays - 2:00 pm SCG

Movies - Mon., Wed., Fri., - 10:00 am & 2:00 pm

Game Night - Wednesday, April 10th & 24th - 7 pm

Pool Party - Wednesday, April 17th 5-7 pm

Board's Eye View

To have YOUR question answered, please send an email to board@lasolanahoa.com or drop it in our separate condo mailbox, located just to the left inside the Mailroom (must be signed), or attend a monthly *Chat with the Board* during the season. The LaSolana Board of Directors look forward to addressing your questions in the future.

Question: Half of the lights in our building come on before it's dark, which is a waste of electricity. Why doesn't our maintenance man do anything about it?

Answer: Since he's not here at night, we need to be his "night-light watchmen." So, if you notice building lights that are out of sync, send him an email at maint@lasolanahoa.com or leave him a note. And, if you're out at night & see a flood light or lollipop light out, circle it on the map outside his office with a note of what the problem is. None of us can fix a problem we don't know about!

Question: I know I can't put my old microwave in the dumpster but where can I take it?

Answer: The Northwest Regional Landfill will accept construction debris, appliances, and tires. Take a left, just after the 303 overpass on Grand, onto W Deer Valley Rd and the facility is on the left at the end of the pavement. They can be reached at 623.584.6065 and are open Monday thru Friday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Take proof of Surprise residency such as your electric bill.

Question: I saw on the sign on our Trash Building that we can't put plastic bags in our Recycling Bin. Yet the plastic bags I get have the recycling triangle on it.

Answer: While the plastic bags are recyclable, that clingy material can jam up the machines used to process the other recyclables. Many grocery stores have bins for the plastic bags. Albertson's is to the right of the entrance, near the carts.