



SUNSCAPE WAY HAPPENINGS

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Medical/Fire Emergency Call 9-1-1, say Pinal County so that the call is properly directed .

NEW FACES!

We have lots of new faces at Sunscape this season but the ones we might become the most acquainted with are the new managers, Larry and Reggie Jordan. They originally hail from Wyoming but are currently living in their fifth-wheel on lot 156. These high school sweethearts have been married for 48 years, have 4 children, 1 foster daughter, eighteen grandchildren, 1 deceased twin granddaughter and two foster grandchildren.

MAIL CALL!

Admit it, if your mail isn't handled properly, you get a bit grumpy. You are the key to making sure your mail gets to you in a timely fashion.

The first step is to notify the Welcome Center when you start having your mail sent to Sunscape. The mailroom frequently gets mail for people that aren't here. They debate whether to keep it for a while to see if that person shows up or to send it back. This happens with Fed EX and UPS packages also.

Mail is often delivered for people who haven't made a reservation or who aren't in the park. This can happen when a shareholder rents out their lot but doesn't notify the Welcome Center that other people are coming in. Mail can be returned to sender if people don't check in. Mail also comes for people staying in the park but their name isn't listed with the Welcome Center because "they're just staying with a friend for a while".

Sign in at the Welcome Center when you do arrive so the mailroom knows when to start putting mail into your box. If you get here and a piece of paper with a number on it is in your box, the mailroom doesn't know you have arrived.

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Larry and Reggie are not new to positions of responsibility. As a former Wyoming Highway Patrol officer, Larry worked his way up from State Trooper to Captain at Headquarters before retiring. During that same time, Reggie was working her way from unloading 70 lb mail sacks off of semis to serving as a postmaster before retiring from the U.S. Postal Service.

As for their RV Park management experience, they consulted on the start-up of a new RV park and then brought it up to full operation. They established and operated a small
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Bits and Pieces

From the Dec Town Hall and Board Workshop Meeting

By Hal Pullin – a member of the Communications Committee
If you are new to the park, or just feel left out, attending The Town Hall meeting is a great way to feel more connected. It is a great open communication process giving everyone in the park a voice. These meetings are full of useful information as well as a good laugh or six.

Vern, our board chairman, introduced our new managers, Larry and Reggie Jordan. Larry facilitated our town hall meeting with lots good questions and answers.

Larry said they choose this park was because they could tell that the Board was very professional, the park was clean and in good repair, and the people were friendly. They operate as co-managers and their work ethic is, "we are not perfect but we strive for excellence".

Reggie is working to improve our cell phone service. Larry said our politicians will respond when they realize there is block of several hundred people not adequately being served. The safety of our people is at stake. He encouraged us to contact our representatives.

Larry also said that park needs new volunteers. The reason this park is so reasonably priced is because volunteers do much of the work that salaried people do in other parks. We currently have an urgent need for a secretary for the Management Team meetings. If interested see Larry (Continued on page 3)

(Continued from page 1 Mail Call) When the USPS delivers a package for you, the mailroom personnel puts a pink package notification slip in your mailbox. When you pick up your package in the Clubhouse, please put the slip in the basket located in the closet. If you get a key along with the pink slip, it means that your package is locked in one of the lock boxes by the mail closet in the Clubhouse. Use the key to open the door, deposit the key in the key drop and put the pink slip in the basket located in the closet.

Our mail boxes are small and the mail personnel frequently have problems getting all of your mail into the box. Please pick up your mail frequently, especially during the holiday season. Cut down on your junk mail by opting out via the Direct Marketing Association. Register on their website, www.dmachoice.org. It's free and they'll remove you from most junk mail lists.

Please make sure that all mail sent to Sunscape has your lot number on it. Every Christmas we get letters address to Grandma and Grandpa. How do we know which Grandma or Grandpa if the lot number isn't on the letter?

If your package from Amazon is delivered to the Sunscape mailroom on a Sunday, it will not be placed in the Clubhouse or your box until Monday afternoon.

If you are going to be gone a week or more during your stay, please let the Welcome Center know so your mail will be held.

If you get a notice that you need to sign for a package or you owe postage, the best time to reach the mailroom personnel is between 6 and 8 a.m. They are often in the mailroom in the middle of the afternoon sorting mail.

To ensure that your mail is properly handled, please make sure you let the Welcome Center know when you are leaving. You may purchase a sheet of thirty forwarding address labels at the Welcome Center for \$1. If your Amazon delivery comes after you leave, you will pay the postage to have it forwarded. Registered mail is not signed for between May 15th and September 15th. You will have to go to town for it.

There is a slot for outgoing mail on the mail room wall that is facing the clubhouse. Look to the left of the mail boxes. If you wish to send a note to the mailroom staff or have something put in another resident's mail box, please put it in the slot to the right of the mailboxes.

Little work on your part will result in the proper handling of your mail and a lot less frustration for you and the mail personnel.

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convenience store within the park. They managed the park for approximately 2.5 years, then helped hire and train their replacements.

Larry and Reggie strive to be responsible, fair and honest. They believe that the rules and regulations are in place for a reason and will treat everyone the same while enforcing them. While they can be flexible they expect cooperation from all park residents. Above all they want this park to be a "Happy" home away from home for some and a full-time "Happy" home for others.

Our new managers plan to be in their office 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday but, if they are out, the Welcome Center staff will have knowledge of their location. They look forward to getting to know you and can be approached at any time.

They also request that you give them some time to get to know the park and all of its rules and regulations.

WELCOME LARRY AND REGGIE!

How do you make a tissue dance? You put a little boogie in it.

LOT TRANSFERS - WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO MEMBERS PURCHASING A NEW LOT!

10/26/2018	177	Kathleen Andrews	
11/12/2018	217	Susan Edwards	
11/14/2015	389	Dan and Joyce Fuller	
11/15/2018	201	Brenda Erickson	
11/20/2018	224	Bob and Kathie McPhate	
11/26/2018	114	Joe Kunkel	Sioux Falls, SD
11/28/2018	43	Joyce and Tim Hunt	Woodstock, ON
11/28/2018	336	Ken Hoffman and Jane Boyer	Cloquet, MN
11/29/2018	35	Shari Lou Combe	Clinton, UT
11/30/2018	261	John and Emily Wolf	

The Annual Meeting Notification and Vote Packets will be available for pickup on January 2nd and 3rd in the Community Center or will be mailed to your address of record no later than January 4th. If you will not be in the park to pick up your packet or would prefer you packet to be held, please email the Welcome Center at reservations@sunscapevresort.com or call (520)723-9533

Congratulations to everyone that helped make this season's Christmas float a success. At the time of publication, it has won 1st place Most Original in the Casa Grande parade and Most Creative in Eloy.

VALLEY FEVER BY JoAnn Bloemendaal

If you've spent a winter in Arizona, you've probably heard of Valley Fever. Yes, it is a real and very serious condition. Valley Fever is a lung infection caused by an airborne fungus being inhaled. This fungus is common in the Southwest U.S. where the temperatures are high and the humidity low. But it can also be found in Mexico and south-central Washington state.

You can have Valley Fever and not know it. According to the Arizona Department of Health Services, 40% of people that have the disease will have one or more of the following symptoms: cough, fever, exhaustion, rash, chest pain, night sweats, joint pain, muscle aches, headaches, weight loss and lack of appetite. Some symptoms can last for weeks or even months. Most people with symptoms will get better without treatment. However, some people may develop severe forms of the disease. I know of at least one diagnosed case of Valley Fever in a dog last season so even your pets can get it.

Preventing Valley Fever is difficult since everyone at Sunscape is breathing in air where the fungus lives. Avoiding blowing dust and staying inside during a dust storm is recommended. Get more information on Valley Fever on the Arizona Department of Health Services website: <http://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/valley->

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS - by JoAnn Bloemendaal

There are many park residents that feed our neighbors - the goats. But we need to make sure we are feeding them the proper items. They are vegetarians and should not be getting any meats or bones. Egg shells, bacon, and non-food items are not welcome either. Uneaten items are left to rot or they attract animals we don't want coming to dine, like mice and snakes.

Oh, you need to be introduced to the herd. First we have Barbie, the white skinny goat. She is the mom of the other two goats, Mac, who is brown and his sister Connie, who is also known as Con Lady. She frequently escapes and has to be rounded up. They love popcorn and bread but can be finicky about large chunks. Cut fruits into golf ball-sized chunks because they have small mouths. I know for a fact they love banana peels.

(Town Hall - Continued from page 1) at the Welcome Center. Some of the reminders brought up were concerns about dog poop, weeds, walking at night, getting in the way of first responders, driving too fast, child safety and picking up fruits that have fallen.

Larry said they will, in time, be enforcing the rules. He said he and Reggie usually ride around the park in the afternoons and want us to know they are open to discuss issues.

The Election committee introduced the four candidates running for two positions. They are Gerry Higginson, Richard Hinkle, Robyn Moore and Steve Sass. If you didn't get to attend the December 6th "Meet the Candidates" forum, there will be another forum on Jan 10th at 1 pm.

The Board Workshop meeting followed the Town Hall meeting. Input from both meetings will help the Board members make decisions next week at the official Board meeting. The agenda of that meeting is posted and action items were reviewed at the workshop. Each committee chair is also given an opportunity to update us on their work.

A lively discussion was had about the 2019 budget and next year's assessment. Next week's Board Meeting should be very interesting.

On a personal note it is reassuring that in the last several years our budgeting process has ended in the black. On a second personal note, it was comforting that the board is looking down the road regarding updating our reserve study. I don't think any of us would welcome any big surprises that would end up in a one-time large assessment.

Again I am grateful to our board members past and present and those who work tirelessly on committees that contribute to this well run park. Have you hugged a board member lately?

SUNSCAPE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Do you like to take photographs, research and prepare non-fiction articles, talk to people, help people in distress or have a great idea for a parade float? Well all these opportunities and many more are yours for the asking here at Sunscape. We need someone to take photos of the different activities taking place in the park so we can post them on our website. The Communication Committee is looking for help to organize and publish a Sunscape history book. The Ambassadors would love your help to greet residents and answer questions they may have about the park and the surrounding area. The Emergency Response Committee is looking for people to help others in distress during the short time it takes for the ambulance to get here.

Most of the park's committees need help to accomplish their goals. All meetings, except Executive Board meetings are open to any resident of the park so you can go sit in during a meeting to see if their work would interest you. Get involved today!

Speed limit is 10 mph.

Only you can prevent speed bumps.

MEET OUR NEW WORKAMPERS!

Mike Brown

ACTIVITIES WORKAMPER

With the new Activity Director comes a new Activities workamper. Mike and Jan have been married for 40 years, have one son and one beautiful grandson, K.J. Mike is originally from Upstate New York. He was a land surveyor for 30 years and says this workamping job keeps him very busy. They have worked at many different RV parks including at the South Rim of the Grand Canyon.



John Ziefle

MAINTENANCE WORKAMPER

John can usually be found in the Maintenance Shop from 7:00 am to noon Monday through Thursday. He and his wife, Janet, came to Sunscape to be near friends. John has been tackling lots of projects including golf cart maintenance and minor repairs. Five years ago, John retired from dairy farming then he and Janet started to RV full-time. Originally from Kansas City, MO, John and Janet have two children, six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Craig Rushton

HOUSEKEEPING/ACTIVITIES WORKAMPER

You might recognize this face. Craig, his wife Nancy and their daughter Kristin were here last season. He decided he had extra time on his hands and that workamping might just fill the void.

Craig and Nancy have been married 45 years and also have a son named Bryan who lives in Nashville. Born in Nova Scotia, Canada, Craig moved to US when he was 8 and lived in Massachusetts most of his life with the exception of military service. He was with the Marine Corp Helicopter Squadron. Craig's work history is varied and includes being an Engineering Manager, a Purchasing Manager for a Biotechnology Company and a Police Officer. And if that wasn't enough Nancy and Craig ran a retail/manufacturing business.

Three years ago, they sold their business and home to hit the road full-time. Sunscape hired him to work maintenance but, due to a lack of janitorial help, he stepped up to keep our buildings clean. He says it's not his favorite job, but it is honest work and he has never turned down a challenge. He also assists the Activity Director with park functions. He works Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 7:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Sometimes the hours change depending on what needs done.



Joe Carpenter

MAINTENANCE/HOUSEKEEPING WORKAMPER

Originally from Overland Park, KS, Joe and his wife, Colette, have been full time rvers for five years. They have been married for 44 years and have two kids and five grandchildren. Before working various camp hosting positions, Joe retired as Director of Corporate Security for a medical research company. You can find him working around the park Monday through Thursday 7 am to noon. He followed friends to Sunscape and says he is enjoying the work here.