



# SUNSCAPE WAY HAPPENINGS

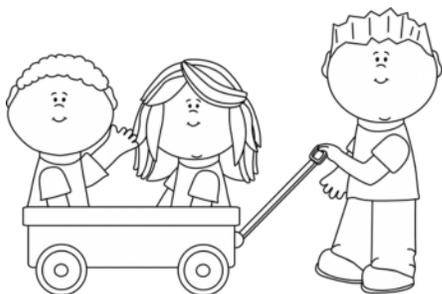
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**Medical/Fire Emergency Call 9-1-1, say Pinal County so that the call is properly directed .**

## YOUNG VISITORS

Every season the park gets an influx of young visitors when spring break occurs. Sunscape has many rules that residents need to be aware of when they have young visitors. Residents entertaining guests will be responsible for the conduct of their guest, and are liable for charges incurred or damages caused by guests. The most violated requirement is that EVERYONE is required to register at the Welcome Center upon arrival. Most of the youngsters won't be around long enough to violate the 30 days per calendar year restriction that is in place because we are a HOPA (Housing for Older Person Act) qualified 55+ park. Visitors under nineteen (19) years of age shall be supervised by an adult at all times. This applies whether they are playing in the pool or riding their bicycles around the park. Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Tent camping may be fun for the young ones but our rules prohibit the erection of tents in the cooperative. Please be sure to tell your guests that sidewalks and walkways are to be used only by pedestrians, wheel chairs, and powered chairs for the handicapped. Do not ride a bicycle or walk on any site without permission. One thing we shouldn't see our young visitors doing is operating a golf cart or ATV. Motorcycles, mini-bikes, ATVs, (Continued on page 2)



## WATER CONSERVATION by JoAnn Bloemendaal

Arizona's water supply and why we should care.... well it's obvious that anyone living in the state, either full- or part-time, needs a supply of water to drink. But many people in the state depend on the water for their income. Ground-water resources in the Southwest are among the most overused in the United States. Natural resupply of the aquifers is low and pumping in many areas has resulted in the lowering of water tables. The



consequences of large-scale removal of water from storage are becoming increasingly evident. These include land subsidence; loss of springs, streams, wetlands and associated habitat; and degradation of water quality. This article will only address the land subsidence, efforts that have been made to increase Arizona's water supply and what you can do to help.

In 1992 the University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Water Resources Center put out a publication about subsidence and its history in Arizona. According to the article, subsidence was first detected in Arizona in 1948 near Eloy. Follow-up studies found that subsidence was an ongoing phenomenon in the Eloy area. By 1985 the land had subsided by more than 15 feet and continues to this day. This is a concern of everyone in Arizona as subsidence can crack or collapse roads, break utility pipes and crack home foundations and walls. Along with subsidence, there is the increasing danger of fissures. The largest fissure in Arizona was (Continued on page 2)

## Bits and Pieces

### From the January Town Hall and Board Workshop Meetings

By Hal Pullin – a member from the Communications Committee

Again, if you are new to the Sunscape Community, I think attending the monthly Town Hall meeting, which is followed by a Board of Directors workshop, is a great way to learn about and get involved in our community. It is an open forum with many questions and answers. Good stuff.

The meeting started with Jan Brown, the Activity Director, reviewing a full slate of fun activities. I hope you don't miss out. She emphasized how important it is to support these activities. Jan works hard in bringing in quality entertainment. Reading the weekly activity sheet (a new issue is available every Friday) is required reading so you don't miss out on a this good stuff.

Larry, our park manager, updated us in regards to improving our cell phone reception. We all need to send letters to key officials. Our lives may depend on it. The managers are preparing a letter that we can all send out on an individual basis to selected officials. This letter will be available for pickup in the Welcome Center on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. A petition campaign is being organized. This is a major safety problem as too often calls to 911 don't go through. There are land lines available at the Welcome Center while the Clubhouse and Community Center have dedicated emergency land lines. All you have to do is pickup one of the emergency phone to be connected to a dispatcher. (Continued on page 4)

**(Continued from page 1 - Water Conservation)** discovered south of Eloy in 2014. It's 1.8 miles long, up to 10 feet wide and 27 feet deep. Imagine that opening up beneath your RV or park model. What a shock that would be! first addressed water conservation in the park, a resident told me, "I've been in Arizona since the 70's, and the threat that we are running out of water has been ongoing since then". Well there has been talk of a water shortage in Arizona for many decades. The water supply was given a huge boost when the Central Arizona Project was completed in 1993. Water is pumped from the Colorado River at Lake Havasu and goes through a 336 mile long canal that ends just south of Tucson. CAP is designed to bring about 1.5 million acre-feet of water from the Colorado River to Central and Southern Arizona every year. More than 5 million people, or more than 80% of the state's population, live in Maricopa, Pima and Pinal counties, where CAP water is delivered. One acre-foot equals 325,851 gallons. An acre-foot is enough water to serve the needs of a family of five for one year.

The CAP website offers this advice for conservation. Your attitude and actions are your most important tools to reduce your water use. You can save water every day by making just a few easy changes in your water use habits. One simple way to save a gallon or two is to turn off your faucet while brushing your teeth or shaving. Maybe a gallon doesn't seem that important, but you are adding your efforts to those of hundreds, thousands or even millions of other Arizonans! Saving water outdoors is just as easy! Do you sweep or wash your driveway? Most garden hoses use 10 gallons per minute, while a broom uses no water, so turn off the hose and grab a broom!

Another big use of water is for the irrigation of trees, bushes and other vegetation on our lots. Please research the water requirements of your plants. Established cactus, agave, aloe, palm trees, bougainvillea, red bird of paradise and oleanders do not need to be watered. Established citrus trees only need watered every other week. Desert Botanical Gardens [www.dbg.org](http://www.dbg.org) has a list of recommended plants for desert landscapes.

The Arizona Department of Water Resources website, <http://www.arizonawaterawareness.com>, offers information about our area's water supply and conservation tips we could all use. It's time to step up and do what we can for this state we call home even if it's just for the winter.

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trail bikes, and golf carts may not be operated in the park by anyone without a valid driver's license.

Sunscape Estates R.V. Park Cooperative allows only two (2) pets per occupied site.

Guests cannot bring their pets if this will increase the number of pets on the lot to more than two.

The Sunscape pool does not have a lifeguard on duty. Adult only pool hours are from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. daily.

When in the pool, visitors under three (3) years of age are required to wear a swim diaper which can be purchased at the Activity Director's office.

Our spa rules state that small children should not use spa pools without first consulting a doctor. Neither the American Association of Pediatrics nor the Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued specific guidelines for a hot tub or spa use by children. However, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) advises that children under age 5 should not use hot tubs due to the high possibility of overheating or dehydration.

All residents need to be aware that children do visit our park. We can all follow the rules, especially the 10 mph speed limit, to help reduce the chance of accidents. Everyone hopes your guests enjoy their stay at Sunscape.



**LOT TRANSFERS**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO MEMBERS PURCHASING A NEW LOT!**

12/08/2018	294	Sylvia Whiteside
12/14/2018	133	Lindell Plugge
11/14/2018	471	Howard and Kathy Brack
11/26/2018	233	G.H. Sublett

**Starting January 20<sup>th</sup> the Welcome Center will be closed on Sundays. Office hours are: Monday - Saturday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm with one hour off for lunch.**

Receive all the latest news from Sunscape by joining the mass email program. Go to [www.sunscapevresort.com](http://www.sunscapevresort.com), scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the link. You can sign up to receive the monthly newsletter, the weekly activity sheet and Sunscape News. Sunscape News is messages like holiday office hours, water or electric outage information or other park news.

**COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE** BY Albert Conley

Sunscape is a mirror image of other organizations nationwide, we are scrambling for volunteers. Members who routinely volunteer, are actively trying to improve our park, make up roughly 20% of our cooperative's membership. Some people serve on more than one committee due to the lack of participation by others. So, you can see why it's important to get our members engaged in meaningful ways!

Times are changing and not everyone is motivated by long term commitments or being invited to a committee. But, one of the greatest gifts you can give is your time. It's a proven fact that members who

volunteer are happier with their membership than members who don't volunteer - they feel connected to the organization and as if they're furthering an important cause. Volunteering is an incredibly positive way to give back to the community and develop new feelings of pride. Giving back to the community is something we, at Sunscape, are incredibly passionate about. We have volunteer committees, as well as a volunteer board. Almost all of the current and past successes have resulted from the work of its committees, tapping into the influence and expertise within the Sunscape community to get things done and to generate new ideas. A famous quote expresses our plea: "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections every two years, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."

Please look at our various committees as well as the Board of Directors, find a place where you can have fun by participating. Get involved, step forward, be a part of Sunscape's future.

**WEBMASTER LIAISON** - The Communication Committee is looking for someone to be our Webmaster Liaison. This person would monitor the Sunscape Website to make sure that it has current information and forms, forward new information/photos/forms to the webmaster and work with other Communication Committee volunteers to increase our websites visibility on the web. Please contact Marion Wallin at [communications@sunscapevresort.com](mailto:communications@sunscapevresort.com) or stop by the Communication Committee's table at the Open House on January 26th if you are interested."

**SUNSCAPE OPEN HOUSE**

Ever wonder what work each of our committees does? Now's your chance to find out. The Communication Committee is hosting an Open House on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> in the Community Center. Most committees and other groups like pickleball, hiking, artists and writers will have tables set up. Come by and talk to these people about their committee or group. You might just find something else you are interested in. Open House will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Coffee and donuts provided. Remember, the more you participate, the more people you will meet. Groups wanting to set up a table should email [communications@sunscapevresort.com](mailto:communications@sunscapevresort.com)

**PARK PARTY** - by JoAnn Bloemendaal

It's that time of year when we start talking about Park Party. For anyone new to the park, this is our annual fundraiser. Park Party events include tournaments, games, a casino night, silent and live auctions, dances, food sales and a HUGE garage sale. There's something for everyone!

In the past we have used the funds raised by the Park Party to build the Welcome Center, shuffleboard courts, pickleball courts, and other smaller projects. In 2016 the membership voted to allow the board of directors to spend Park Party money to fund one or more projects each year, up to a combined total of \$15,000 per annum. This will provide for faster funding of some smaller projects instead of going through the process of having each expenditure go to a vote of the entire membership. While there are not set limitations, ideally Park Party funds should go towards "extras" that enhance the overall enjoyment and general appeal of our great park. At the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the committee will take up the funding of a grill and horseshoe pits.

In addition to fundraising success, Park Party's core purpose is to bring our residents together socially. This season events will start on February 14<sup>th</sup> with the Valentine's Ball Dinner and Dance. The rest of the events will take place between Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. While most of events have organizers already assigned, many still need assistance from residents. If you are interested in helping, go to the meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in the Activity Center conference room or contact JoAnn at [wowpegasus@hotmail.com](mailto:wowpegasus@hotmail.com) or (712)790-3103.

**Speed limit is 10 mph.**

**Only you can prevent speed bumps.**

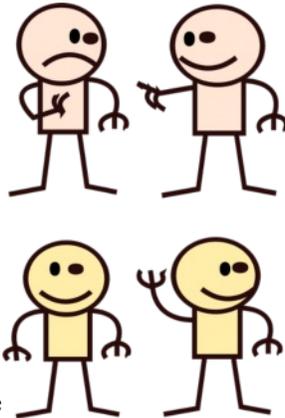
## A Message From the Grave

A personal reflection on the passing of former President George H.W. Bush. Written by Hal Pullin and as always edited by Mary Pullin

I did not vote for him, but while watching the various services honoring his life and legacy, I found myself wishing I had. Given the current state of our politics, I wish I could vote for him today and return us back to civility, morality and ethical leadership. One of his outstanding characteristics was the ability to make lasting friendships, even with those that he often disagreed with. He was a bipartisan President and bipartisan friend. He did not take differences of opinion personally and he forgave easily. I love this quote, “**Anger corrodes the container it is carried in**” – George Herbert Walker Bush.

Let us, the Sunscape community, think about this as we move forward with our own politics. There are hurt feelings over the 4 to 3 vote not to submit the Administrative Support Committee recommendation about a possible change to articles of corporations to the people for a vote of the membership. This resulted in number of resignations from committees by people who worked very hard to improve the park. I am imagining people on each side feeling both unheard and unappreciated. My point of view is that some of the people, probably on both sides, have taken simple differences of opinion on how to improve our park personally.

It is time to heal ourselves and appreciate all those who have volunteered their time and talents, remembering that nobody is wanting to do harm to our park. The differences were simple points of view on how to improve our park and strengthen our community. I think most everyone has good intentions. Honest and open debate is good for our park. It is mature to learn to listen to both sides. It is time to forgive those who have differing opinions and appreciate all those who have service Sunscape. Let us not corrode our own container.



## Town Hall (continued from page 1)

Larry also updated us on changes to our recycling and trash collection. China has stop purchasing recycled cardboard and the market has collapsed. All cardboard now needs to be broken down and placed in the regular trash. Trash collections have increased to three times a week.

Larry also cautioned us about being careful while backing out of our lots. Recently there was an accident, between a vehicle and golf cart, which could have been very serious. He says he is actively confronting fast drivers in both vehicles and golf carts. The point was made that children shouldn't be driving golf carts. State law requires a drivers license to operate a golf cart.

Larry also reported that we had a sewer problem. Apparently a Depends, and other articles that shouldn't be flushed, were flushed down toilets and clogged a pump. Repairs of such could cost up to \$2,000. He is following up with owners.

He also reported that the Welcome Center office will be closed on Sundays beginning January 20<sup>th</sup>.

A number of interesting committees report were given. Committees are the backbone of our well-functioning park and a great way to get acquainted. You are encouraged to talk to people from all the park committees at the Open House on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and perhaps find a place where you could serve. Serving on a committee provides us with all three major components of happiness- COMMUNITY, PURPOSE and AUTONOMY .

### The Board of Directors meeting

All member were present. Helen Custer went over some important dates.

Jan 24 BOD/Candidates Annual workshop.

Feb 20 Annual Membership Meeting.

Pat Olsen gave the financial report. We are in good shape and a number of improvements have been made in our systems.

One thing came up in both meeting was the need for secretaries for our committees. We have computers available and people who can help you learn to use them. If you have the skills, we have a deal for you!

### Commentary

While both of these meetings were full of useful information and much evidence we that have a well-managed park, we didn't have any obvious controversial or contentious issues. All board decisions were unanimous and the tone was very positive. After attending a number of these meetings the civility was welcomed. It seemed kind of strange. Perhaps a good sign of a well-functioning democracy.

## SUNSCAPE HISTORY UPDATE

The Sunscape Communications Committee has taken on the task of updating Millie Boone's history of Sunscape entitled "A Look at the Past".

To this end we are asking all Sunscapers, whether they are still living in the Park or have moved away, to provide us with any and all information, stories, pictures, events, people, etc. that would help us put this document together. We can provide copies of the original documents via email and ask that you read document as it provides a feeling of what makes Sunscape such a great place to live. Look at the information that was presented and give us your input to help us make this a living document.

We are also sending direct requests to organizers of activities and committees to give us detailed accounts their history. Send your submissions to [jsunscapep@gmail.com](mailto:jsunscapep@gmail.com)