

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN – MARCH 2010

Our country is in the middle of a crisis that none of us could have seen coming nor could we have predicted a month ago what it would look like today. Several states have totally locked down everything except what they deem as necessary essentials and others have versions of that order.

We, at Casa del Cielo, have seen all of our Canadian friends head home early, local businesses have either closed or are doing a revised business plan, kids are out of school, and we are **SIP Staying In Place.**

I have been touched by the kindness of our community with phone calls, emails, texts, and awesome homebaked goodies. I commented to Steve recently that for some reason the coronavirus is causing my clothes to shrink right on the hangers!

Thank you to everyone who is pitching in to help when needed. We will get through this together! Remember, if you need any type of assistance, please email me at the [casadelcieloscottsdale@gmail.com](mailto:casadelcieloscottsdale@gmail.com) address and we will get back with you asap.

Hilda

All social events are cancelled for the rest of the season, including pool socials, Saturday coffees, water exercise, and book club. The pool is currently open for your use. We ask that you remember to bring Lysol wipes and wipe down the areas before leaving. Our pool chairperson, Leslye Lebakken, has been wiping down the pool area daily. Let's help her out and make sure we clean up after we've finished having our fun for the day and before walking out do a quick "wipe down". Thank you in advance for your help!



**The Jean Dunsing Memorial gathering has been postponed until the fall. We will keep you posted once it has been rescheduled.**



**MARCH HOA BOARD HIGHLIGHTS.....**Due to the current “SIP” order, your HOA Board did not meet on March 23. However, landscaping issues, home sales & inspections, CC&R amendment, Accounting Firm change, and other HOA business continues to take place.

Finances are in line with the 2020 Operating budget. The replacement of the drip system on Mountain View has been completed. All drip systems in our community have now been replaced; 3 additional landscape lights installed on the Via Linda/100<sup>th</sup> St entryway. Spraying of Olive trees and pre-emergent for grassy areas are scheduled and notices have been/will be sent out to all residents via email blast.

The sail was put up in the pool area mid-March; a new clock has been ordered and should arrive soon. If anyone needs a pool key, please send a request through the [casadelcieloscottsdale@gmail.com](mailto:casadelcieloscottsdale@gmail.com) address. **There is a charge for lost keys.**

After the February board meeting, Banyon discussed with SR Exec Dir, Kathe Barnes, about the overnight parking situation at the Mercado. Barnes indicated that she is in conversations with the Mercado and Planet Fitness owners in reaching a resolution.

The amendment to the CC&R’s to allow for Maintenance Reserve consent forms and explanation letter have been sent to residents. As of 3/25, we have received 63 yes and 4 no votes. A reminder was sent asking for the form to be returned asap on 3/23. Once we receive the required votes, our attorney will file the amendment and we can begin to assess this fee at that time.

New partnership with Integrity First Property Management for accounting services only will be effective April 1, 2020. Behind the scenes set up work has begun, and we should be ready to go before 4/1. We are very pleased that we will be able to offer “direct debit” option for paying dues with Integrity First. Residents have been requesting this option for several years. (form to implement “direct debit” attached)

**RESIDENT QUESTION: *Has CdC considered going to a every other week mowing schedule during the winter months to help save on our landscaping expense?*** The following is the response from Landscape Chair, Randy Vogel.....

“This question has been asked and discussed from time to time. Here is the rationale as to why we maintain the weekly schedule.

1. It’s hard to find a competent commercial landscape company willing to bid on a contract for twice winter monthly maintenance.
2. There would be minimal savings: the amount of labor cost saved on non-cutting weeks would be increased on maintenance weeks.
3. Homeowners would notice a non-manicure look about 9 days into the cycle. Lawns do not grow at even heights. Leaves accumulating on driveways, front door and gravel areas
4. The largest savings on maintenance for a homeowners association is deciding not to overseed the winter lawn. Savings on seed, fertilizer, prep, water and labor is substantial. But again, the appearance of your community would change. (Rumor has it the last landscape chair who implemented no winter lawns had to resign and move).
5. Overall Maintenance Contracts in Maricopa County are based on 12 month average with 65% more labor needed in the summer months. So winter may seem and is less labor intensive than summer and one would think would cost less to maintain but to keep a competent landscaper contractor year round, weekly service is needed. Weekly service has accomplished a look Casa del Cielo has come to be known for and our home values represent the manicured appearance.”



I would personally like to add, CdC is very fortunate to have Randy Vogel who oversees our Landscape/Pool/ACC Committees. He owned/operated a full service Landscape business in the area for over 20 years. His expertise and guidance have brought about a very positive change to how our community looks and how our landscape company schedules services. Thank you, Randy,!!!

Thank you to CdC Board and Committee members for all that you do to keep our community great!



## **SRCA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE STAFF WILL BE WORKING REMOTELY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the SRCA office staff will be working remotely; however, we will still be available via email and phone. If you need to send something to us, please do so by email or US mail. We will also have a drop box available outside of the front office doors during the hours of 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Our goal is to make this seamless as possible and we thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. We will keep you informed regarding our operations.

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For the quickest response time, please email the appropriate staff member.

### SRCA Office Phone (480) 860-2022

Staff will not have access to answer phone calls in real time; therefore, please leave a voicemail. Please allow up to 24 hours for a return phone call.

## **SRCA Groups, Clubs and Events Cancelled at this time:**

March:

- March 18th - Retired Active Men's Coffee
- March 18th - Bunko
- March 18th - Golf Club
- March 20th - Movie In The Park
- March 25th - Children's Storytime
- March 26th - Wine Club
- March 31st - Meet The Candidates

April:

- April 1st - Yacht Club
- April 4th - Spring Event & Egg Hunt
- April 6th - Jazz Night
- April 7th - SRWA General Meeting/Luncheon
- April 8th - SR Brokers Tour
- April 23rd - Wine Club
- April and May - Corks & Forks

**Be Safe and Stay Healthy!!!!**



If you would like to receive additional reminders about social events, please sign up at: [cdcsocial19@gmail.com](mailto:cdcsocial19@gmail.com)

Need help with CdC community issues, contact us at: [casadelcieloscottsdale@gmail.com](mailto:casadelcieloscottsdale@gmail.com) or 480 767 5940 (leave a brief message with your name and phone number).

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