



# Colonia Encantada News

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## Message from the President of the Board



I hope you had a fabulous Thanksgiving with family and friends. Now, Christmas is coming up fast, and another calendar year is almost gone. Time sure goes fast when you're having fun, doesn't it?

First, the good news is that the distribution of insurance settlement checks for the October 2010 hailstorm damage was begun at a special "open house" the Board held in the Clubhouse on November 19. About one-half of the 58 affected homeowners stopped by to get their checks. For the rest of you who are due to receive a settlement payment, and are in residence locally, we will put the requisite release form in your mailbox so that you can get your notarized signatures done. Then, please return the completed paperwork to me, and I will see that you get your check. For those owners not in residence, our Property Manager will communicate with you via mail to get the process completed.

Though your Board has attempted, over the past eight months, to resolve the problem with dog waste, we still have a few dog owners who do not seem to get the message to "pick it up." Thus, the Board has adopted a new plan that we believe can help us finally put this issue to rest. Within the next 30 days, we will institute an established DNA matching process to apprehend, sooner or later, the dog owner(s) who inconsiderately leave their dog's waste behind. More details about this process will be provided in a separate communication to all residents.

At its November 14 meeting, your Board—largely on the recommendation of the Architectural Committee chaired by Christopher Coffin—decided that 2012 would be the time for Colonia Encantada homeowners to upgrade (i.e., repair and/or recoat) all driveways that have not so been done since 2007.

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## You Are Invited!

**Sunday, December 11**  
**4:00 p.m. Annual Budget Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m. Holiday Social**



You are invited to attend the Annual Homeowners Budget Meeting on Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. It is the meeting at which the budget for 2012 will be discussed and voted on. You will want to learn about what is in store for the Association in the coming year.

A Holiday Social will immediately follow the meeting. Sherry Wells and Judi Blomquist are Co-chairs for this event. The Social Committee invites you to bring an appetizer or a sweet for the event. If you have not already signed up, please contact Judi Blomquist (#22) and let her know what you would like to bring. If it is not convenient to bring food, please just bring yourself. The pleasure of your company is all that is desired.

Residents who are not homeowners are welcome to the Social beginning at about 5:00 p.m. Children may be happier joining us at that time as well.

It is a tradition of Colonia Encantada to make a Holiday donation to the community. This holiday season, Kathy Ashby is leading the effort.

Please see ***A Holiday Donation*** on page 2.

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The Board further decided that, to avoid overburdening the household budgets of those who must have their driveways upgraded, the painting of the exterior of our houses would be deferred until 2013. Additional details on this matter will be released soon through separate Board communications.

I strongly urge you to attend the Annual Budget Meeting on Sunday, December 11. The Board's proposed operations budget for 2012 will be presented for your comments and approval, as will the proposed 2012 capital improvement budget for the Clubhouse Improvement Project. This meeting will be the appropriate time and place for your voice to be heard.

On behalf of the entire Board, we wish you a very joyous holiday season as well as a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Feliz Navidad, Joyeux Noel -- HO! HO! HO!

. . . Len Tinnan



### **Kudos . . . To the Social Committee**

The recent Ice Cream Social was great fun for all who attended. It was a grand opportunity to meet new homeowners and residents and to visit with old friends as well. The sundaes and cones were delicious. Coffee flowed all evening. Thank you to those who made this event such a warm evening, all the while feasting on cold ice cream.

### **Next Board Meetings**

Monday, January 16

Monday, February 13

All regular Board Meetings are held in the Clubhouse at 3:00 p.m. and are open to all homeowners or their officially designated representative.

### **A Holiday Donation**

*An effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves.* ~ Lydia M. Child

In the tradition of holiday giving, Kathy Ashby has offered to organize donations from Colonia Encantada residents to The Andre House.

Kathy Ashby: The Andre House tends to the poor and homeless and is located at 213 S. 11th Ave. in Phoenix. Started by two Catholic priests in the 1980s, it has grown in its ministry to the poor providing evening meals 6 days a week, a clothing center, and of course, spiritual guidance. The day at Andre House starts with morning prayer; then people are allowed to drop off their laundry, which is washed by volunteers at the center. The clothing closet, which is where I volunteer, opens at 10 a.m. and we assist about 40 people per day, both men and women.

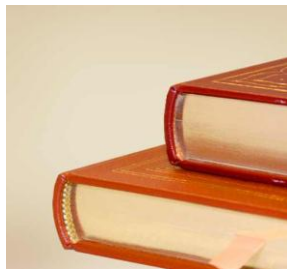
Lately we have been experiencing a huge drop in donations to the clothing closet. While we can certainly use most anything you are willing to donate when you clean out your closets, below is a list of "most needed" items for the clothing center.

Backpacks  
Jeans  
Boxer shorts  
Socks  
Bras/Panties  
Cosmetics (Lipstick/Perfume/Eye Shadows, etc)  
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste (small tubes)  
Hotel Bottles of Shampoo and Lotion  
Deodorant

Realizing these items will not be wrapped, I will provide holiday decorated boxes for donors to fill.

## Committee Chairs

Architecture	Chris Coffin (#4)
Landscape	Mike Gore (#70) Steve Ashby (#45)
Building & Grounds	Cathy Bentley (#17) Acting Chair
Social	Sandy Glass (#43)
Sunshine Contact	Sherry Wells (#14)
Clubhouse Reservations	Carol Rudin (#28)
Webmaster	Harry Phelps (#55)
Welcome	Kathy Ashby (#45)
Newsletter Editor	Sandy Glass (#43)



## Colonia Encantada Women's Book Club

The next meeting of the Women's Book Club is Tuesday, December 13 in the Clubhouse. We will be discussing *Let the Great World Spin* by Colum McCann. It is a National Book Award Winner and a *New York Times* Bestseller. Book Club meets from 10:00 a.m. until Noon.

The January 17 book is *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain. Sherry Wells will lead the discussion of the young Finn. Is Huckleberry Finn far off in attitude and behavior from contemporary youth?

If you are looking to read ahead, the February 21 book choice is *Cleopatra* by Stacy Schiff.

Please attend whenever you can. The discussions are always lively and great fun. The coffee and tea are fresh.

## The Real Estate Report

Each Newsletter provides an up-to-date status report on homes for sale or for lease in Colonia Encantada. We hope this information will help keep you informed about the property values and of home buyers' interest in our community. The information below has been taken directly from the MLS listings (as of November 29, 2011). If there is any error, please let us know.

### FOR SALE:

Unit #67	\$ 625,000
Unit #33	\$ 899,000

FOR LEASE: None

SOLD within last month: None

LEASED within last month: None

## 'Tis the Season

If you have an hour on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 2:00 p.m please join Mimi and Pete Hathaway to decorate the clubhouse Christmas tree. It is a fun activity and great way to get you know your neighbors better. Just let Mimi know to expect you or your children by calling, sending an email or dropping a note in her mailbox (#7).



## Board of Directors

Len Tinnan, President (#47)

Jim Wells, Vice-President (#14)

Harold Back, Secretary/Treasurer (#36)

Charly Vickery, Director (#79)

Kristy Moore, Director (#16)

## Property Manager

Larry Heywood 480-820-1519  
larry@heywoodrealty.com

## How Well Do You Know the Gate Staff?



**Scott Washa**

**Scott Washa** has been our Gate Staff Supervisor for 2 ½ years. He has that big Omaha, Nebraska personality and warmly greets each resident and visitor. We are happy he is part of our community and hope he stays for a long time. Scott has been married for 38 years and has 4 adult daughters and one young son, Scott, Jr. (11) When Scott is not here, he enjoys playing basketball with his son and cheering for Big Red whenever they watch a football game. It's a Nebraska thing. Scott and his wife are also the proud grandparents of 7 grandchildren. Since everyone in his family lives in the Valley, you know how busy Scott is on his "off" time.

We are happy to see Scott back at work after his lengthy absence while undergoing physical therapy. His car was rear-ended in an accident this summer which resulted in 2 herniated and punctured discs in his lower back. We wish him a better new year. Scott works the first shift Monday – Friday.

**Lorraine Giardino** has served at our Gate House for the past 3 years. Her cheerfulness and smiles welcome residents at the gate 5 days a week. Lorraine works the early (1<sup>st</sup>) weekend shift and Monday through Wednesday afternoon (2<sup>nd</sup>) shift. Lorraine lost her husband 15 years ago and remains a widow. She and her mother take care of each other and 2 cats. Lorraine has many interests that may surprise some residents. She overcame the harsh reality of becoming a widow at a young age by discovering she has a singing voice and a talent for playing bass guitar. She has performed with bands in Sedona and Tucson. Lorraine is a Reiki Master and her love of exercise has led her to certification as a fitness instructor. She also has experience as a caregiver. Just for fun, she is writing comedy bits for an Improv. No wonder Lorraine comes to work with a smile; she has a joke on her mind.



**Lorraine Giardino**

### Who else is staffing the gate?

Jon Loechelt – Night (3<sup>rd</sup>) shift (10 p.m. – 6 a.m.) Friday & Saturday

Larry Quill – 2<sup>nd</sup> shift (2 p.m. – 10 p.m.) Saturday & Sunday

Scott Hyland – 2<sup>nd</sup> shift – Thursday & Friday

Albert Zoller – Night shift – Sunday, Monday & Tuesday

Thomas Teter – On Call

Christopher Cipolla – Night shift – Wednesday & Thursday

The around-the-clock service provided by the Gate Staff is appreciated by all of us who daily receive it.



*W*ishing you the best for a promising and fulfilling New Year.

~ Colonia Encantada Board of Directors

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Gelukkig Nieuwjaar

Bonne Année

Ein Gutes Neues Jahr

Felice Anno Nuovo

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Akemashite Omedetô

GODT NYTTÅR

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Feliz Ano Novo

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