



# Colonia Encantada News

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November 2011

## Message from the President of the Board



Twenty-four inches of snow, freezing temperatures, and hundreds of thousands of homes without electricity or heat.

That's the situation in much of the Northeast U.S. right now. Makes you glad we are here in good old Scottsdale with our cool mornings and evenings, and with beautiful warm afternoons. Gets us even for those "dog days" of summer that we put up with.

Most of our "snowbird" owners have returned or are soon to be back. As you will note elsewhere in this newsletter, Sandy Glass and her Social Committee have already arranged for some events where our long-time residents will have an opportunity to get reacquainted and to meet the many new residents who have become part of our beautiful community. I hope to see you all at the first social get-together on Wednesday, November 9.

Despite our best efforts to deal with the "dog poop" problem, there still seems to be a few dog owners who are apparently insensitive and careless about this issue. At its last meeting, your Board established an *ad hoc* committee of homeowners, chaired by Charly Vickery, charged with the task of identifying some additional actions that the Board might take to finally get the offending dog owners identified and under control. This committee will present its recommendations to the Board at its November 14 meeting, so you may want to be there to offer your views and recommendations on this matter.

I am pleased to report that the HOA has, just this week, received a \$198,262 settlement from our insurer for the October 2010 hailstorm damage to the roofs of 58 Colonia Encantada homes. The dollar amount we

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## You Are Invited!

**Ice Cream Social**  
**Wednesday, November 9**  
**7:00 – 9:00 PM**  
**Clubhouse**

Come meet your new neighbors and welcome back those returning from an extended time away. Enjoy an ice cream cone or sundae, a cup of coffee and conversation. Please join us at this fantastic family social event. Whether you are interested in a small bite or a big one, you will have an enjoyable evening.



## Looking for Social Activities? Colonia Encantada Has Them

November is shaping up to be a busy time in our community as some of our residents return to Scottsdale from other parts of the country. We welcome everyone back. Those who spent the summer in Colonia Encantada are just glad the summer is at an end. It is time to reconnect. Please join us at any of the activities in which you are interested. You are welcome at them all. The best way to get to know your neighbors is to be part of our neighborhood activities.

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received is a "depreciated" allowance rather than the full estimated repair cost. As we have explained in separate communications, after affected homeowners have had the cited repairs made, and if the actual repair cost exceeds the money the owner initially receives, they may apply for additional reimbursement up to the full estimated cost. The insurance company's check has been placed in a new separate bank account, and the *pro rata* shares of the settlement funds received will be ready for distribution to all affected homeowners on or about November 12. However, I must remind you that will need to: (1) sign a release form (that the HOA will provide), and (2) be fully current on payment of all assessments and fees—before the Association will hand you your share of the insurance money.

At the November 14 meeting, your Board will also be considering a proposal for maintenance of the driveways in Colonia Encantada. Whether your driveway has been refinished in the past year or two or three, or has not been redone in many years, this policy will establish when your driveway will need to be refinished again. You may want to be present to offer your input to this driveway policy.

Though the general real estate market remains pretty weak, that doesn't seem to be the case in Colonia Encantada. As shown in the Real Estate Report elsewhere in this newsletter, we now have only one home listed for sale and another pending close of escrow, with none available for lease. Despite the general market conditions, Colonia Encantada quite apparently remains very attractive to home buyers.

Before concluding, I want to call the attention of all residents to three Colonia Encantada rules that some residents periodically forget about:

1. The speed limit inside our community is 15 miles per hour. Please drive slowly so that none of our residents, their children or pets are injured. We would prefer not to have to post speed limit signs or install speed bumps, as many gated communities do.
2. Overnight parking in the guest parking areas is permissible only for guests who have been issued special passes by our gatehouse staff, and which are valid for a maximum two-week period.

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Guests without the requisite pass, as well as all residents who use the guest parking overnight, will be cited by our staff (with an associated \$25 fine).

3. Garage doors are to be closed at all times when you are not in there working, or coming or going with your automobile. The interior of your home may be a thing of beauty and charm, but the interior of your garage is not.

..... Len Tinnan

## **Next Board Meeting**

Monday, November 14

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.

## **Annual Budget Meeting & Holiday Social**

*Sunday, December 11*

*4:00 P.M.*



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 upon. 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. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend. It is one of only two annual meetings at which most homeowners attend. Look for your invitation as the date approaches.

## 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)

## Calendar of Events



Social Committee Tea & Coffee  
Monday, November 7  
2:00 – 3:00 P.M.  
Clubhouse

All residents are invited to attend. Your ideas are welcomed.

Bridge  
Contact: Marion Alleman or Kathy Ashby

Women' Book Club  
Tuesday, November 15  
10:00 – 12:00 Noon

Discussion of *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay  
To be led by Ruby Gore.

If you are interested in starting a beginning Mah Jongg group or a Knitting or any other type of group, please let Sandy Glass know. An announcement to determine interest in those activities will be made in the Newsletter.

## Welcome New Homeowners

Colonia Encantada residents and the Board of Directors warmly welcome new homeowners, Marvin and Melanie Kaiser (#77). Melanie and Marvin join us from Mayfield, Kentucky.



## Are You Interested in a Men's Book Club?

For many years Colonia Encantada sponsored a Men's Book Club. Are you an avid reader of novels or a history buff? Perhaps you enjoy the classics. You are invited to organize a Colonia Encantada Men's Book Club. Friends who live outside of Colonia Encantada are welcome to join as well. All it takes is a willingness to be the "contact" to initiate the first meeting. If this idea piques your interest, contact the Newsletter editor so that a notice can be placed in the next edition.

## Email Address Corrections

Roger Kiviko (#68) – [rwkko@yahoo.com](mailto:rwkko@yahoo.com)  
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Please mark the corrections in your Directory.

## 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

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## 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 October 31, 2011). If there is any error, please let us know.

### FOR SALE:

Unit #67	\$625,000 (Sale pending)
Unit #33	\$899,000

FOR LEASE: None

### SOLD:

Unit #77	\$510,000
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LEASED: None



## Shutters, Anyone?

If you are a Casa Santiago homeowner and need some new shutters, you might want to call Cathy Bentley (#17) and work something out with her. Cathy has new, wide-slat shutters that she is no longer needing. They fit the kitchen, left and right sides of the front door, living room doors to outdoors (golf course side), and living room large window.

