



Colonia Encantada News

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Message from the President of the Board

Aren't we lucky? While much of the U.S. is suffering from bone-chilling cold and snow, January's weather in Scottsdale has been like mid-March. Hopefully we will not experience any hard freezes this year, like those of last winter, which really play havoc with the lush and flowering landscape in our community.

In case you were not able to attend the Annual Budget Meeting for homeowners in December, let me bring you up-to-date. The Board proposed an operating budget for 2012 that would require monthly assessments of only \$405 versus \$430 in 2011, thus providing an annual savings to each home of \$300. The homeowners present enthusiastically supported that operating budget. The Board also proposed a capital projects budget that would provide for some exterior and interior updating of Colonia Encantada's ageing Clubhouse that we felt was important. The Clubhouse is the HOA's most valuable asset, it is the gateway to our beautiful community, and its appearance and physical condition are important to the "curb appeal" necessary to maintain our real estate values at the highest possible level. However, to carry out the proposed work will require a one-time special assessment of \$400 per household. The homeowners present again strongly supported the proposed capital projects and the associated special assessment. However, the Board's proposal could not be formally approved due to the absence of a quorum per our CC&Rs—which requires that the owners of 1/3 of our homes (i.e., 27) be present for a vote on a special assessment.

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Save the Date

**Sunday, March 11 at 4:00 P.M.
Annual Board Meeting & Social**



This special community gathering is just around the corner. It is time to mark your calendar so you do not miss the Annual Board Meeting for the purpose of electing new Board members to replace those whose terms expire. Both Kristy Moore and Charly Vickery have graciously fulfilled the one year Board seats that had been vacated early. Those two positions for 2 years each will be filled at the March meeting. If you are interested in volunteering to serve as a Board member, please notify a member of the Nominating Committee—Jack Cavitt, Kathy Ashby, Gene Glass. *Please see page 4.*

Additional information will be sent to homeowners prior to this meeting. A Spring Social will immediately follow the meeting. Rondi Cox, Caro Gregg and Terry Spratlen are co-chairing the social. We hope you will be able to attend both events.

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Though there were over 35 homeowners (including spouses) present at the meeting, they represented less than the 27 homes needed. Thus, the special assessment proposal will be placed before all owners for a vote by ballot. Please watch your mailbox for further information and your ballot. I urge your support of the Board's capital projects plan and funding.

At the Board's meeting, two policies were enacted -- one dealing with the refinishing of 38 driveways and the exterior painting of all 79 houses, and the other with dog waste management. Copies of both of these policies were distributed to all owners and residents in your gatehouse mailbox or by regular mail. Due to comments we received from owners to these policies, the Board decided on changes to both at its January meeting. The Board's driveway and house painting policy originally called for the cited driveways to be refinished by March 31, 2012; and in trying to help owners "spread the cost," the house painting was delayed until the first half of 2013 (with the next painting cycle to be in 2019). The policy, as now revised, allows owners to have their home exteriors painted either this year or next, but all homes must be completed by June 30, 2013. As for the dog poop matter, suffice it to say that DNA analysis program portion has been suspended from implementation for a six-month period, to be reconsidered later if warranted. It should be noted, however, the \$500 fine to be imposed on owners who are found to leave dog waste behind, as specified in the policy document, will remain in effect. We hope that all dog owners resident in our community are aware of that.

As for the driveway refinishing requirement cited above, I am pleased to report that about one-third of the 38 homes facing this requirement have already complied, and their driveways look great. For the rest of the 38—and that includes my own driveway—please keep in mind that our deadline for completion is now only about 60 days away.

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, our most important meeting of the year—the Annual Meeting of Homeowners on March 11—is coming up soon. You will need to elect two owners to fill upcoming vacancies on the Board.

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Shortly after the Nominating Committee presents the names of the nominees (perhaps you will decide to be one of them) at the Board's February 13 meeting, you will receive your ballots in the mail. Please make your choices and return the ballots quickly so that the voting results will be available when we all meet on March 11. By the way, there will be provisions for write-in candidates, but please no Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich or Mickey Mouse. Just kidding, of course, but Colonia Encantada needs and merits two willing and interested owners to fill the empty seats.

~Len Tinnan

Thank You



The HOA wishes to thank Sherry Wells and Judi Blomquist for creating a warm and spirited Holiday Social after last month's Annual Budget Meeting. Your efforts and generosity of spirit are appreciated by all who attended.

The HOA wishes to thank Kathy Ashby for organizing our holiday giving to benefit Andre House. Our neighbors were generous in their contributions of items much needed by the homeless.

Gratitude is also extended to Mimi and Pete Hathaway who organized neighbors who put up and decorated the Clubhouse Christmas tree. It looks glorious and added so much, not only to the Holiday Social but to the entire holiday season. Anyone walking or driving by on McCormick Parkway could enjoy the glow of lights coming from our Clubhouse.

Committee Chairs

Architecture	Board of Directors
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, February 21 in the Clubhouse. Sandy Glass will facilitate a discussion of *Cleopatra: A Life* by Stacy Schiff, a winner of the Pulitzer Prize. The book leads the reader to learn there is more to Cleopatra than was portrayed by either Elizabeth Taylor in film or Shakespeare in his writing.

If you are looking to read ahead, the March 20th selection is *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot.

Please attend whenever you can. The discussions are always lively and great fun, the coffee and tea 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 January 31, 2012). If there is any error, please let us know.

FOR SALE:

Villa #67 - \$625,000
Villa #33 - \$899,000
Villa #62 - \$819,000

SOLD: None

FOR LEASE: None

LEASED: None

In Memoriam

It is with sadness the Board and Association acknowledge the untimely passing of Aimee Young (resident, #6). She was in her mid-30s and a mother of two little girls: Lilly(4) and Tessa(2). Aimee was also the wife of Dr. Thomas Lodi. Our sincere condolences to Dr. Lodi and all of Aimee's family.



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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Citrus Drive



To help control the roof-rat population, the Arcadia Neighbor to Neighbor Campaign kicks off its drive to collect edible citrus on January 28. While many of us manage to consume much of the citrus and give away fruit to all visitors, often there is still fruit remaining on our trees. The Colonia Encantada Homeowners Association encourages residents to consider contributing their fruit to this program. The citrus in our community must be removed by **March 1st** in an effort to control our roof rat population. The Arcadia Citrus Drive is one option.

Edible and viable fruit can be dropped off from 8 A.M. to noon Saturdays at the Elk's BPOE Scottsdale Lodge parking lot, 6398 E. Oak St. Homeowners can drop off citrus from 8 A.M. to noon.

This program runs every Saturday through March 25. For details, contact the campaign at 602-273-0435 or www.roofrat.net.

A Thank You Message

From Kathy Ashby

A big thank you to everyone at Colonia Encantada for the wonderful donations to The Andre House this year. The checkout line went very fast as residents saw the packages of new socks and underwear available. They truly were thrilled and it was a joy to be a part of that. The sweaters, jackets, pants and other items donated were snatched up immediately. We heard so many comments by the residents as to their "luck" that day, surpassed only by "thank you" and "God bless you". Your generosity is so appreciated - thank you!

Nominations for Board Vacancies

The Colonia Encantada Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to fill two 2-year Board positions. Election will be at the March 11th meeting of the community. If you are interested in being a candidate for the Board, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members below before February 2nd. A short bio is requested.

Kathy Ashby – 480-991-4624 or kashbyaz@gmail.com

Jack Cavitt – 480-991-7470 or jcavitt@aol.com

Gene Glass – 480-294-1120 or gene@gvglass.net

Next Regular Board Meetings

Monday, February 13

Monday, April 9

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.

Have a Question about Colonia Encantada? Ask Larry Heywood

Larry Heywood has been Property Manager for Colonia Encantada since 1988. None of his kids were born when he started serving Colonia Encantada. There have certainly been many changes over the years. Heywood Realty was started back in the 1930s. Larry's grandfather had a Masters degree in agronomy and bought, sold and managed farms and ranches. His father never did like farms and cattle so decided to deal with real estate involving people instead. Larry and his brother have been the principals of the Heywood Realty and Management since the mid-1990s.

Larry and his wife, Deanna, will celebrate 24 years of marriage in 2012. She loves to play tennis and enjoys being a mom and wife. She worked for Valley National Bank and Bank One for a number of years as the public relations manager and her last project before "retiring" was as the liaison between the bank and the Diamondbacks during the construction of the ballpark and during their inaugural season in 1998. Larry and Deanna have 3 children.

Austin (22) is working at Heywood Realty as a community manager (4th Heywood generation in the business), is one year away from graduating at ASU with a business degree and will get married in April. He also started an on-line business in high school with his younger brother www.whiteapes.com which caters to the younger generation.



Larry with his family: Austin, Deanna, Maddie, Larry, Riley (taken a couple of years ago).

Riley (19) is currently serving a two year mission for the LDS church in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He is 6'5" and received a scholarship to play volleyball at Grand Canyon University, but decided to leave volleyball behind to attend ASU and enroll in their air traffic controller program. He ultimately wants to be an air traffic controller. He has always loved anything with wings and wheels. Larry tells us Riley has ice water for veins so his occupation of choice will be perfect for him.

Maddie (14) is a freshman in high school and plays on the JV girls soccer team. She is a

friend to everyone and is the most popular babysitter in the neighborhood. Her passion is baking cakes, cookies and other tasty morsels. She has made all kinds of creations and wants to someday run a bakery.

Larry loves being in the outdoors, especially with his family. He can tell you stories about boating, fishing, gardening, skiing, driving fast cars, restoring and riding old Schwinn bicycles, attending sporting events, golfing, target shooting, just to name a few! Larry attended college in Hawaii and personally learned that surfing is much harder than it looks.

We are glad to have Larry as both Property Manager and historian for our community. He has helped many Boards through both smooth and rough seas and knows our community well. It can be agreed that Larry's job as Property Manager is far from an easy one. Mistakes may be made from time to time, but no one can say his heart and intentions are anything but to be supportive of our Colonia Encantada residents and community.