

# VISTA VIEWS

**SUMMER 2008**

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## Arizona Summers

"In Arizona, shade trees are your best friends. (And occasionally the basis of small civil wars over parking.)"  
~Author Unknown



"You know you're in Arizona when the cold water faucet is hotter than the hot water faucet."  
~Author Unknown

## An Arizona Howdy to Y'all

We are officially in the monsoon season according to the National Weather Service. The weather has been hot and dry until lately when it started to be more humid. It is really sticky when the temperature is 112-115 with even 50% humidity! We have only had two monsoon storms with rain so far.

## WATER CONSERVATION

Thanks to the efforts of all of our residents, the water conservation program has started to pay off. Last year, we used 29,960,200 gallons of water compared to this year's 25,312,000 gallons. Most of you know that our sewer bill is computed based on the number of gallons of water used between April through the following March. Because we used so much less water last year, our sewer bill went from \$15,047 per month to \$12,358 per

month, a savings of \$2688 per month and \$32,266 annually. Way to go! If we can continue to use less water during the next year, the sewer bill could drop even more.

Another way we have saved water is by removing some grass from problem areas, namely the retention area along the west bank and the west side of the Library building. Now we have removed nearly 5,000 square feet of grass at the putting green. We have installed an artificial turf

putting green in place of the grass one. By doing this we are saving \$4400 in water and sewer costs. In return we get a putting green that real golfers can actually use. Hurray! I can hardly wait for you golfers to come back and start improving your putting game. Donations from the Memorial Fund and from Christian Women helped make this putting green possible.

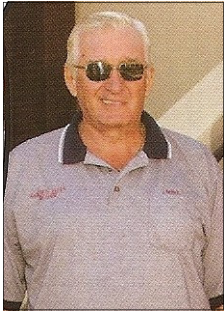


## CABLE TV CHANGE



We can all look forward to 36 channels on our television this coming season. We have signed a new contract with Dish Network as our cable TV provider. We will still broadcast GV 7 just like always, so no one will miss out on the important goings on in the park. I am anxious to get the switchover accomplished so everyone will have great TV to watch. A list of the channels and channel guide will be available in the welcome back packet, in the phonebook and on a card for you to place by your chair. That way you will always be able to see what channel you want to view. I am happy to report that these 36 channels won't increase our budget for Cable TV.

## STAFF CHANGES

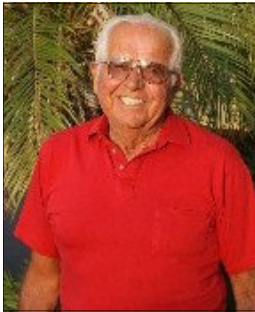


After dedicating himself to maintaining our landscape here at Golden Vista, Dave Hopps has retired. We all thank him for his hard work, creative designs and boundless energy which resulted in the beautiful and water saving scenes we enjoy today. Dave was responsible for many ideas that resulted in saving water resources and money. Dave and his wife Dee are looking forward to traveling and doing more fishing. We wish them many years of enjoyment as they retire.

We welcome two new employees, Connie Duff, in the office and Dale Keyes in Landscape/Maintenance. Connie is almost a native Arizonan moving here with her family from Iowa when she was only ten. Connie has a diverse background



with many years of experience in a business office. Stop by the office and meet her.

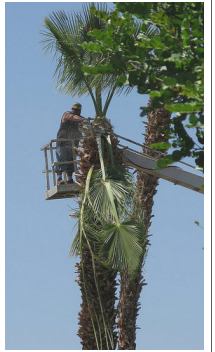


Dale Keyes is no stranger to many of you as he rides with Blue's Angels. Dale is from Minnesota and lives right next door. Dale has a myriad of experience which makes him well suited to our resort and this position in particular. Dale is very personable and is anxious to meet all of you.

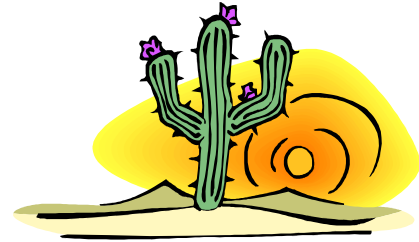
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## SUMMER PROJECTS

We began our street work early this year in May. We removed asphalt on North Mineshaft from the horseshoe pits to Jasper. We had already done the intersections running East and West. So, we replaced the north street from curb to curb and from one valley gutter to the next. We also replaced part of the asphalt on Cinnabar. The asphalt company did a very nice job. I think you will all be pleased as you drive north from Cinnabar on Mineshaft. The dips from the valley gutters seem less drastic.



We started the palm tree trimming around the pools as the seeds really cause problems with the filters. The rest of the trees are being trimmed now. It is quite a process and very messy. When we are done and the monsoon storms are over, I will have the big street sweeper come in and clean them off, probably the first part of September. Then Swaine Asphalt will come back and finish up the striping around the main building



## DID YOU KNOW?

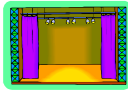
At the close of 2006, we had 829 Park Models in the park. At the end of 2007, we had 852. As of July 2008, we have 874 with 7 more to be delivered by October. By the end of 2008 we estimate we will have 890 to 900 Park Models.

Arizona Rooms have also shown a steady growth cycle. At the end of 2006 we had 412 rooms. By the end of 2007 we had 439. As of July 2008 we have 459 with 1 in the process of being built now. At the current rate of building we project about 470 rooms by the end of 2008.

## MORE UPDATES

### Stage Curtain

Our new stage curtain is scheduled to be installed by the end of the month or early in September. We are very excited to see how it will look and operate. Donations were received from Golden Vista Chapel, Talent Show, Bingo, Memorial Fund, Comedy Club and even from various individuals to make this curtain a reality. Thank you to all who contrib-



uted. We look forward to a great year of entertainment.

### Recycling Efforts

The county has agreed to bring us a bin for recycling plastic containers. Any plastic container with a 1 or 2 on the bottom can be put in that container for recycling.



The front office is now collecting aluminum tabs for Ronald McDonald House. In addition



there will be containers in all the laundry rooms for your tab donations. Please remove the tabs before recycling your aluminum cans.

### The Skunk

plaguing residents over the last season has been captured by the Critter Getters company and released by Saguaro Lake where he'll be in the company of lots of his kind.



***Phew!***

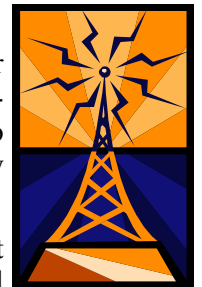
## WIFI REPORT

The Park Wide Wireless System has been working well since March. We had the engineer from California come out the 1<sup>st</sup> of March to help us. He fixed the major problems we have had and installed a program for us to reset various parts in the system. This was done by Larry Martin and a group of volunteers. Since that was finished, the system has been performing well.

The most asked question is what will happen when everyone comes back this winter? The system is setup to handle 500+ users so we do not think this will be an issue.

We have steadily increased the power in the system to provide maximum coverage in the park. We also reprogrammed the antenna in the lobby to provide better service.

In addition, we have added a payment option of 5 days for \$5.00. This will allow residents to try the service without purchasing outside devices. This will also allow family who are visiting to use the system at a reduced price for a short time.



## WEEDS, WEEDS, WEEDS

Weeds are fast overtaking many lots in the park. Even though residents have sprayed before leaving for the summer, any rain will activate the seeds. The monsoon storms will continue to blow seeds from the desert into the park. If weeds are not taken care of regularly, they will go to seed and spread even more throughout the park.



The BEST way to take care of the weeds is to have a caretaker. There are some who live in the park and will check your property weekly to ensure they

don't come back. If you do not have a caretaker, a list is available from the ARC office or the Front office.

We have posted a list of 50+ spaces that have a lot of weeds and have made over 200 phone calls to residents in order to keep this problem under control. We use a cell phone with free long distance with no cost to the park. Call Larry Martin, 480-620-0916, with any questions or comments or for caretakers phone numbers. We can keep the weeds under control if we all work together.

## Activities News

Thanks to everyone who filled out a survey at the end of the season. I've read them all and gotten some good ideas/suggestions for the coming year. A recurring theme has been the need to expand our recycling efforts which we're working on with the county. A couple of new class offerings include: dance for the health of it: exercise/dance without a partner & yoga.

We have some great entertainment lined up including the New Christy Minstrels and the gospel group, the Blackwood Brothers, performing at Golden Vista in January. Be sure to check the website: [www.gvrv.us](http://www.gvrv.us) for ticket information if you will not be here in the fall. St. Patrick's Day activities will be even bigger with the parade, lunch and an Irish Pub in the evening featuring wonderful Irish entertainers. In addition, we've reserved seats for the Barleens, the Duttons, Broadway Palm and the Hale Theatre. Of course, our very own talented residents will be on the stage for performances and

shows this season.

Our monthly dessert speaker series will include: talk on Indian culture, information about fishing in Arizona from a Bass Pro fisherman, report on the responsibilities of the US Marshal's Office, news about climate change and it's effect on our lifestyle.

Some bus outings have been planned: Cave Creek Christmas Pageant, Christmas lights & Casino trip to Prescott, Fountain Hills Craft Fair, Luke Days (open house & air show) plus Spring Training games. Hopefully, the gasoline surcharge won't be too steep.

Inevitably, prices on entertainment, dances and some food items will be higher this year but so goes the nation. We'll work hard to keep costs down so prices will not be unbearable. We look forward to having you back here and things will start going again in September.



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