

# SUNSCAPE WAY HAPPENINGS

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## Medical/Fire Emergency

Call 9-1-1; Say Pinal County;  
1083 E Sunscape Way, Lot #, Casa Grande  
Emergency Services has Gate Access.



## Stay Informed on the Go

To access Sunscape Activity Sheets and Sunscape Way Happenings on your phone/tablet, or to print them at home, follow these instructions:

- Go to [www.SunscapeRVResort.com](http://www.SunscapeRVResort.com).
- Scroll to the middle of the Home Page.
- Click on the appropriate button and wait a few seconds.
- The document you picked will open.
- For future quick access, Save/Send document
  - to your Home Printer
  - to your Reading List
  - to Bookmarks
  - in Notes
  - in Files
  - or Add it to your Home Screen
- Bonus: Save trees and money!

Paper copies are still available in the WC and CH.

## Welcome Center Hours

Monday-Friday  
8 am - 5 pm  
(closed for lunch)  
Saturday  
8 am - 12 pm

## Editor's Note

Greetings,

As the new editor, I am excited to release my first edition of SWH and contribute to the Sunscape community. After searching for five years, my husband Ron and I stumbled upon Sunscape last year. The warm-welcome, quiet, companionship, and entertainment found here are unparalleled by any other park we have visited. This year, we bought a park model on Lot 350 and joined Sunscape committees to give back to the community that has become home. You might have met Ron, who serves on the Architectural Committee, and my life career as a teacher, school publications director, and webmaster made Communications a great fit for me. My aim as the editor is to keep the newsletter interesting and informative. Being relatively new to the park, I would like your help. If you have any questions, activity information, pictures, suggestions, or ideas you would like to see implemented, email: [newsletter@sunscapevresort.com](mailto:newsletter@sunscapevresort.com).

Thank you,

Anita Hershman



# SUNSCAPE OWNER HOUSEKEEPING

## Annual Meeting Summary

The Sunscape Cooperative Annual Meeting took place on February 21, 2024.

Old business covered accepting election results, endorsing the treasurer's report with audit review, and approving the minutes from the 2023 meeting.

The Park Operations update was presented by manager, Larry Jordan. He expressed gratitude to everyone for maintaining their yards. A new maintenance person has joined the team, and Larry thanked everyone for their continued support of management and staff. He extended special thanks to the Activity Director, Anna, as well as, Tana and Ron in the kitchen. Music in the Park was well received, and members are happy with the addition. The picture sessions had a terrific turnout, and the new directory should be released next month. He cautioned everyone that, while the new website is active, it is still undergoing refinements. The final bids for the pool resurfacing are higher than last Spring, as suspected, but the earlier pool issue has been resolved with a larger filter and new pumps.

Committee reports were presented and approved, with a note that the election results are effective immediately.

New business included a discussion on potluck dinners which was tabled pending more information.

Member comments and discussion led to a few reminders.

- Policing the age of our buyers and visitors is the responsibility of the Welcome Center staff. It is not within the Vision of a Sunscaper to ask people in the park for their age.
- As Sunscapers, all pets must be polite members of the community or be expelled, and they should always be on a 5 ft. leash.

Congratulations to Roxie Cullison for winning the 50/50, and don't forget the donuts. See you next year!

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## Election Results

The Election Chair, Peggy Gisi, praised co-op members for their strong participation in the election and expressed sincere appreciation for the committee's hard work in conducting an in-person election over multiple days.

With 75% of members voting, Vern Beckstead, Ken MacComber, and Tom Omlid were elected to 3-year terms on the Board of Directors.

- The pool-deck resurfacing measure passed.
- Wood fires are no longer permitted in the park; propane fire pits are still allowed.
- Camper vans, conversion vans, or pickup campers are not allowed in the park for more than three (3) days of loading or unloading.

Other ballot measures failed.

# GOOD TO KNOW

## New to the Park?

Congratulations on becoming a Sunscaper, and  
Welcome to the friendliest park in Arizona!

- If you have any questions, email the appropriate department, call or visit the Welcome Center, or even better, stop a friendly neighbor, say hello, and ask for help.

We are happy to direct you.



## Volunteers are Needed

Many hands make light work so support your community by signing up.

See Anna in the Activity Center, Reggie in the Welcome Center, Anita in Communications, or Sandi Elgin on the Ambassador Committee to learn more.

WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE SO  
WE CAN GET TO KNOW YOU.  
ORDER IN ACTIVITY OFFICE \$15.00

## Storage Options

High Chaparral RV Park  
77575 Battaglia Drive  
Casa Grade, AZ 85194  
520-466-5076

45 ft unpaved spots  
\$50 month to month  
w/ credit card on file.

Lot locked after office hours.

9 am - 5 pm, 7 days/week  
Call or Visit for more info.

RODENTS LOVE BIRD SEED &  
FRUIT ON THE GROUND.  
SNAKES LOVE RODENTS.  
GET THE PICTURE?



## New Lot Owners

Lot #	Name
53	Charles & Beverly Rutz
252	Ronald & Teresa Matz
270	Allen Gotvaslee
348	Wayne & Becky Knight
363	Patricia Norby

## Welcome Center Contact

520-723-9533  
reservations@sunscapevresort.com

## Department Email

activities@sunscapevresort.com  
communications@sunscapevresort.com  
mailroom@sunscapevresort.com  
maintenance@sunscapevresort.com  
newsletter@sunscapevresort.com

## Propane

Park propane: call office for a time slot OR drop labeled tank at pump  
Tanks filled: 8 am to 3 pm Monday - Friday

Delivery propane: Arizona Propane

- Get an Orange Propane Card in the office AND
- Call 520-836-8900, 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday
- Set-up an account with Arizona Propane.

## ATV/UTV Guidelines

Owners, Renters, & Visitors

- speed limit is 10 mph
- quiet time 10 pm - 8 am
- do not "cruise" the park

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Activity Office

Located in the clubhouse, this is the HotSpot for all entertainment needs.

In-season, the Activity Office is open during the week with a break for lunch.

Director, Anna, welcomes suggestions for future activities, schedules building use, and sells all things Sunscape, including tickets, shirts, and snacks!

Stop by to say hi or email: [activities@sunscapevresort.com](mailto:activities@sunscapevresort.com) to make suggestions.



## Repeat Performances

- Jam Session: Tuesdays 6:30 pm (CC)
- Karaoke: 1st & 3rd Saturdays (CC)
- Dance Hall: 1st Friday (CC) go to listen, too
- Ice Cream Social: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 3:00 pm (CH)
- All Park Yard Sales: 1st Saturday of the month
- Craft Fair & Book Sale: 2nd Sat 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (CC)
- Meet & Greet Cards: 2nd Tuesday Noon (AC)
- Shooters Roundtable: 1st Thursday 10:00 am (CHF)
- Music in the Park: 1st & 2nd Thurs 4:00 - 6:00 pm (CH)
  - Music & Food \$5
- Wine & Cheese Social: 3rd Thursday 4:00 - 6:00 pm (CH)
- Sunscape Christian Fellowship Movie Night TBD (CC)
- Sunscape Cafe: Saturday Breakfast & Monday Dinner
- Tag-A-Long Events: See the activity sheet or bulletin board

## Coming Soon

### Ice Cream Social Meet & Mingle

March 20th

3:00 pm CH

### Organ Stop Pizza

March 25th

bus leaves 9:30 am

(bus, lunch, tip \$35)

### Garth Live Concert

March 27th

7:00 - 8:30 pm

\$35 @ the door



## Sunscape Players is Reborn!

Murder at Sunscape Saloon was the first performance in years and was outstanding.

As a murder mystery, each Act was followed by a dinner course. The period food was yummy and accompanied by table discussion over the colloquialisms of the era. All the performers and supporting casting outdid themselves, with song, dance, and another big dose of that magical medicine--Laughter! I'm looking forward to next year!



## PARK PARTY HIGHLIGHTS

Hallelujah! The Park Party is back!

First, thank you to Doug and Gina Bird for rekindling this activity. This was my first experience, and it was a blast. The creative spin on many events piqued my interest. Laughter is the best medicine and was doled out in spades that week.

Chair Volleyball cheerleaders were a hoot, and the Roadrunner Races drew a crowd. The Leap Day Sundae Bar was a huge hit, and lunch was a sell-out with 179 meals served. There were a few great steals at the Silent Auction and Garage Sale, and both earned a tidy sum for future park activities. Thank you to everyone: organizers, event reps, donation collectors, donors, and participants alike, for making this party an awesome success!

A Park Party meeting to wrap up 2024 and look forward to 2025, will be March 22nd, at 1:00 pm, in the Activity Center Conference Room.

### Event Results

#### Wednesday

##### Men's Pool Tournament

1st Greg Rupert  
2nd Paul Terveen  
3rd Mike

##### Puzzle Making

Trudi & Shirley

##### Samba

1st Kay Lewis  
2nd Jonna Hennager  
3rd Sandy Mueller

##### Darts

Virgil Umlad

#### Thursday

##### Poker Run

1st Lee Reed  
2nd Claudia Gathercole

##### Chair Volleyball

All teams were winners!

##### Putt & Chip

Close to Pin: Ruth Bartle  
Hole-in-one: none

#### Friday

##### Pet Petacular

Best Tricks: Keysa  
Special Mention: Toby

##### Golf Cart Race

1st Colorado--Larry & Jerome  
2nd Cruzers--Marty & Roger  
3rd Virgins--Virgil & Mike  
4th Yerbys--Jerry & Pam

#### Saturday

##### Shuffleboard Shootout

1st Frank Neustal  
2nd Gary Walker  
3rd Pat Hooverson

##### Quilt Raffle

Diana Holt

##### 50/50 Winner

Cindy Long

##### Texas Hold-Em

1st Steve Horsefall



# LOOK BACK AT SUNSCAPE HISTORY

## 2013 - 2014 Season Summary

2014 Shareholder assessment was \$1,350.

Ewwee! What's that smell? Yes, it was an odor emanating from the sewer treatment plant, prompting a 2-year investigation into the sanitary system. Water rates went up roughly \$35 per month due to drought.

The pop machine was removed because of low usage. The Activity Office started selling pop to residents.

In March 2014, the newly-formed Landscape Committee headed by Helen Custer solved the problem of dead grass and "goat heads" west of the Clubhouse by installing artificial grass after Board approval.

The Sunscape Christmas lights float, known as Santa's Toy Box, brought home a trophy for 2nd place in Casa Grande for best costumes, and a nice trophy and a \$250 prize for winning 1st place in Coolidge.

This was the first year for a special shirt, known as 'Return Request' to be available in the Activity Office for \$15. (see pic)

Billie Hering started the first email distribution of Sunscape Way Happenings, Sunscape News/Info, and event announcements in the summer. Sunscaper comment: "Wow, we're starting to get fancy now!"

A commercial recumbent bike and elliptical trainer were added to the exercise area.

In January 2014, the Computer Club published the address/phone book, a survey of the park residents concluded that 95% of lots were occupied by someone 55 or older, and sound abatement panels were installed in the Clubhouse.

Carol Thornton started a Ladies billiards group in January 2014, too. She tried playing with the men and decided it wasn't a good fit. After acceptance from the board, days were set for the ladies' league.

Fun events held during the season included trips to Hale Theatre and the Arizona Opry, the Nearly Newlywed Game, fashion shows, quilting, casino runs, craft sales, pizza parties, craft classes, ice cream socials, a tagalong to a cotton farm, and much more.

The pool was so hot that a solar valve and thermostat control were added to lower the water temp during the summer.

In March, the pool water discharge pipe was rerouted to the storm drainage pond west of the garbage/recycling area, and burning outside the large storage area was banned as the property is not part of the co-op.

Park road work continued in 2014, with roads being milled and new pavement laid, the installation of Registration parking on Sunscape Way, and an inverted crown on Indiana to help drainage.

The Clubhouse was closed in April for renovations and did not reopen until November 15. All summer events were held in the Activity Center. The Clubhouse electrical system was upgraded, and the kitchen was gutted and remodeled. The Activity Office was temporarily located in the Welcome Center conference room.

Also over the summer, new shuffleboard courts were built, and the brick-wall fence was painted by Kathy Miller and Helen Custer.



**Should we bring this shirt back?**