

Las Palmas Grand Residents' Association

LPGRA Observer

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Residents' Association Meetings

CLUBHOUSE BALL ROOM

MARCH 2, 2023, 9:30

APRIL 6, 2023, 9:30

MAY 4, 2023, 9:30

To view minutes of meetings, go to
lpgra@org.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Peggy Marcone #418 President
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Sue Smith #110 First Vice President
801-628-0025

Donna Mueller #456 Second Vice President
480-433-2347

Dee Hammann #282 Treasurer
480-226-3470

Dennis Miller #525 Secretary
612-801-4299

An election for 3 new board members was held at the Nov 3, 2022, meeting. The outgoing board members were Peggy Marcone, Pam Williams, and Sue Smith. Peggy Marcone, Sue Smith, and Dennis Miller were voted in as new directors for two years. At the Nov 28, 2022 Board Meeting. the directors decided what position each would hold. Peggy Marcone was selected to be president again; Sue Smith as First Vice President and Chair of the By-laws Committee; Donna Mueller as Second Vice President and liaison with individuals submitting comment/complaint forms; Dee Hammann as Treasurer and liaison with the Recycling Program; and Dennis Miller as Secretary and Chair of the Nomination Committee.

'Women with pasts interest men... they hope history will repeat itself.' **Mae West**

Love is an ocean of emotions entirely surrounded by expenses. **Anonymous**



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

It's the beginning of a new year, and many people make resolutions to improve their quality of life. This year consider adding some crime prevention resolutions to your list.

Resolutions that may stop you from becoming a victim:

1. Don't make it easy. Keep car windows and sunroofs closed and doors locked. Almost one-fourth of thefts from vehicles are from unlocked cars.
2. Vehicle break-ins are a common crime in Mesa. Remember: Don't leave valuables inside your car. Take your valuables with you. Hide the things you cannot take before you arrive at your destination.
3. If you have an SUV that leaves your cargo area open, get a retractable fitted cover to keep shopping bags or other belongings hidden.
4. When leaving your home keep doors closed and locked. Thieves just love the easy access they get with an open, or even an unlocked door. Simply getting into the habit of shutting and locking the door behind you can prevent many

problems. Not a habit now? Make it one.

5. Keep your garage door closed at all times when not in use. Anytime you are out of sight from the garage door, even for a short time, close it. Otherwise, someone can easily slip into your garage or house without your knowledge.
6. Don't hand a thief your car keys. Take your keys with you. And if you think you have a great hiding place for a spare key, thieves know to look above the visor, in the center console, under the floor mat, in the trunk well, etc.
7. Criminals are always looking for ways to gain entry into a home. If someone you don't know shows up to your home unexpectedly, be suspicious, ask for ID or credentials before letting anyone into your home you don't know.

If your home or vehicle is broken into, report it to the Mesa Police Department immediately by dialing 480.644.2211.

Neighborhood Watch Program Changes

We will be making a transition from Block Captains, home canvassing and meetings, to an online information service via monthly Newsletters.

Next: Burglary

- ***Deterrence***
- ***Delaying***
- ***Detection***

Please click on the link below to let me know what your opinions are of the topics and what you want to read more about.

Bob Crouse

Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Send comments to:

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What is Groundhog Day, and Why Do We Celebrate It?

Groundhog Day celebrations date back to the 1700s in the United States when German settlers brought the tradition of Candlemas Day. It lands on February second, the halfway point between winter and spring. Legend says if the sun came out on Candlemas Day, animals would see their shadows, and an extended winter was ahead.

Here in the U.S., that tradition continued with Punxsutawney Phil, the groundhog who has been predicting the weather for over 130 years.

But you should not take Phil's predictions too seriously. Even though he has more than a century of forecasting experience, he has only been accurate about 39 percent of the time. He's seen his shadow 80 percent of the time.

Arizona Association of Manufactured Home,
RV & Park Model Owners



AAMHO Annual Meeting

The AAMHO annual meeting is being held March 11th at 9 AM at the Viewpoint RV Resort. All are welcome, however, only members are eligible to vote. There is a Slate of Board Member positions being voted on. We will have speakers including our AAMHO Legislative Lobbyist Dana Paschke, Cheri Horbacz of Southwest Fair Housing Council (HUD), Wildfire Attorney Maxine Becker, Heat study representatives from ASU and members of the AAMHO Board.

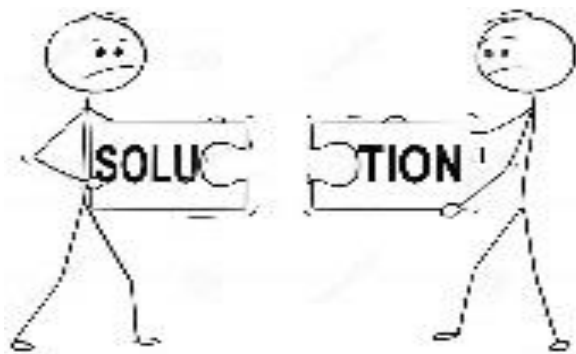
AAMHO District 1 (Mesa) Activities

I have been busy with meetings at LPG, Las Palmas, Del Sol East, and Parks throughout Mesa. We've held several "Meet & Greet meetings for those interested to learn about

AAMHO and our advocacy for Manufactured Homeowners throughout Arizona. Meetings held included the Arizona Landlord Tenant Act. We also have had guest speakers covering topics on the importance of “Manufactured” Homeowners Insurance, Home Leveling checks, Landscape Drip Systems to list a few. Watch for Meeting announcements in our Community Facebook page, LPGRA emails, LPGRA Observer Newsletter and our Thesman News Paper.

Remember

AAMHO offers a class on the “Arizona Landlord Tenant Act” for Homeowners and a State Statute required “Park Manager Certification” class for Park Managers with the goal of avoiding conflicts and misunderstandings.



With your support and membership, our lobbyist and AAMHO volunteers can continue this important work.

Your LPG AAMHO contact is:

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Time for Some Valentine Stories

Watch What You Write

Driving through Southern California, I stopped at a roadside stand that sold fruit, vegetables, and crafts. As I went to pay, I noticed the young woman behind the



counter was painting a sign. ‘Why the new sign?’ I asked. ‘My boyfriend didn’t approve of the old one,’ she said. When I glanced at what hung above the counter, I understood. It declared: “Local Honey Dates Nuts.”

Anonymous

Funny Valentine’s Day Stories, 21st-Century Style!

My boyfriend and I met online, and we’d been dating for over a year. I introduced Jim to my uncle, who was fascinated by the fact that we met over the Internet. He asked Jim what kind of line he had used to pick me up. Ever the geek, Jim naively replied, ‘I just used a regular 56K modem.’ **Anonymous**

Irresistible Irony

About a year had passed since my amicable divorce, and I decided it was time to start dating again. Unsure how to begin, I thought

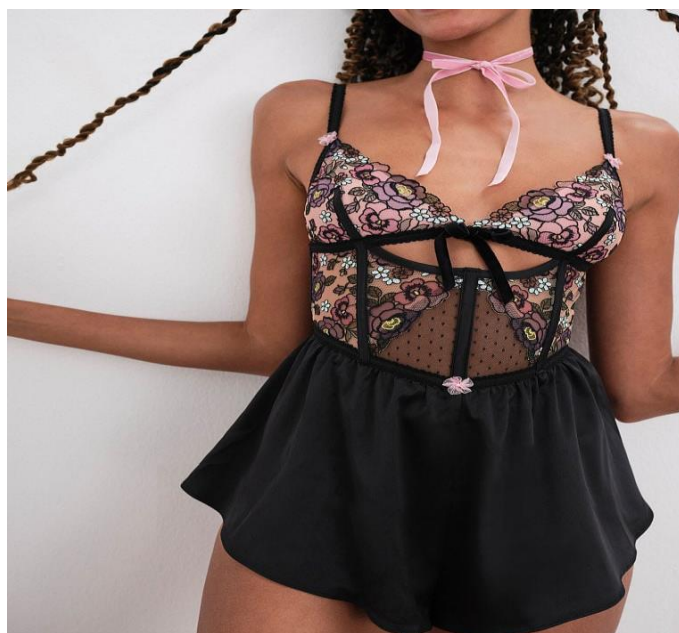


I'd scan the personals column of my local newspaper. I came across three men who seemed like they'd be promising candidates. A couple of days later, I was checking my answering machine and discovered a message from my ex-husband. 'I was over visiting the kids yesterday,' he said. 'While I was there, I happened to notice you had circled some ads in the paper. Don't bother calling the guy in the second column. I can tell you right now it won't work out. That guy is me.' **Anonymous**

The Color Black

The lingerie store where my aunt worked was crowded with shoppers selecting Valentine's Day gifts for their wives. A young

businessman came to the register with a lacy black negligee. My aunt noticed that the



next customer, an elderly farmer, was holding a long flannel nightgown and kept glancing at the younger man's sexier choice. When it was his turn, the farmer placed the nightgown on the counter. 'Would you have anything in black flannel?' he asked."

Anonymous

The Accountant



My husband, a certified public accountant, works 15-hour days for the first few months of the year. In spite of his hectic schedule, he took time out to order me flowers for Valentine's Day. While pondering what sweet endearment to write on the card, he obviously began thinking of the many hours of work still ahead of him. His note read: 'Roses are red, violets are blue. If I weren't thinking of you, I'd probably be through.'

Anonymous

Lawnmower Cards



My friend Mark and I worked in a lawnmower parts warehouse. Somehow Mark got the idea that his wife did not want a card on Valentine's Day, but when he spoke to her on the phone, he discovered she was expecting one. Not having time to buy a card on his way home, Mark was in a quandary. Then he looked at the lawnmower trade magazines scattered around the office and got an idea. Using scissors and glue, he created a card with pictures of mowers, next to which he wrote: 'I lawn for you mower and mower each day.' Mark's wife loved it. The card immediately graced their refrigerator door.

Anonymous

Even Teachers Like Valentine's Day



My high-school English teacher was well known for being a fair, but hard, grader. One day I received a B minus on a theme paper. In hopes of bettering my grade and in the spirit of the Valentine season, I sent her an extravagant heart-shaped box of chocolates with the pre-printed inscription: "BE MINE". The following day, I received in return a Valentine from the teacher. It read: "Thank you, but it's still BE MINE-US." **Anonymous**

World War II Valentine's Day



During World War II my parents had planned a romantic Valentine's Day wedding.

Suddenly my father, then stationed at Camp Edwards in Massachusetts, received orders to prepare to ship out, and all leaves were cancelled. Being a young man in love, he went AWOL. He and my mother were married four days earlier than originally planned and he returned to base to an angry sergeant. After hearing the explanation, the sergeant understandingly replied, 'Okay, okay!' Then, as an afterthought: 'But don't let it happen again!' **Anonymous**

It's Not Nice To Be Late for A Date

My mother's birthday is on Valentine's Day. When she and my dad started dating, they were both living in Toronto, Ontario, in Canada. They had a date planned to celebrate mom's birthday. Dad was a couple hours late, which made Mom pretty angry.



When he finally arrived, she told him as much from the top of the stairs to her flat. He responded by saying that he had something for her. Her response was, 'Throw it up here.' So, he did. It was an engagement ring. They

married in Niagara Falls in September 1952. The reception overlooked the Falls. They were married for 60 years. **Anonymous**

How Not To Wait For An Early Dinner On Valentine's Day



Once, in the early years of marriage, my then-husband and I wanted to eat at our favorite restaurant on Valentine's Day. The wait was two hours for a table for two. The hostess asked if we would share a table for four with another couple; we could get in faster. So, we did! We had dinner with a young couple. It was so awkward! We made idle chit-chat, exchanged business cards, and then never spoke to them again! At least we got our dinner in decent amount of time.

Anonymous

They say' November 11 birthdays were conceived on February 14th.

LPG Recycling Hiccups

There are a few hiccups going on with recycling. There are signs on the barrels of what can go in each one, but, the following items have been found and have had to be removed before taken to Junior's Recycling. This extra step slows down the recycling process. The non-recyclables found are:

- Pet food cans
- Tin cans
- Plastic clamshell takeout containers
- Starbucks and soft drink cups
- Medicine bottles
- Milk and distilled water jugs
- Non beverage plastic containers
- Diet supplement bottles - usually white

The LPGRA Recycling program only takes **CLEAR PLASTIC BEVERAGE BOTTLES** and **ALUMINUM BEVERAGE CANS**. These are the only types of items accepted.

Questions?? call Bob Williams 559-269-3022.



A picture of plastic water and milk containers found in a period of 3-4 days

A good site to go to for recycling information in Mesa is: mesaaz.gov and click on "Residents".

Next Newsletter

May 15,2023

Deadline for articles is May 1, 2023

Don't like to write, call me, and tell me your story, joke, or recipe.

It takes a community to make a newsletter!

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