

as Palmas Grand Residents Association

LPGRA Observer

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Board Meeting Dates

CLUBHOUSE BALL ROOM

DECEMBER 2, 2021, 9:30

JANUARY 6, 2022, 9:30

FEBRUARY 3, 2022, 9:30

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Peggy Marcone #418
585-752-8279

Pam Williams #429
585-752-8279

Sue Smith #110
801-628-0025

Donna Mueller #456
480-433-2347

Dee Hammann #282
480-309-8912

The annual election of two new board members was held on November 4, 2021. Donna Mueller and Dee Hamman were voted onto the board for a two year term. Out-going members were Margaret Jacoby (President) and Walt Smiles (Treasurer). The new board will meet on November 11, 2021 to determine what position each member will hold. The decision will be announced at the December 2 meeting. Welcome new board members!

VETERANS DAY 2021

Veterans Day is observed every year on November 11th. It evolved from Armistice Day, which was proclaimed in 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson. Armistice is when warring parties agree to stop fighting, and Armistice Day in the U.S. recognizes the end of World War One when hostilities ceased on November 11th at 11 A.M, 1918 (**11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month**).

Following World War II, a veteran by the name of **Raymond Weeks** had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans rather than just the ones who died in World War I. On November 11th, 1947, Raymond Weeks organized a “National Veterans Day” parade in Birmingham,



Alabama to recognize veterans of all wars. This celebration may have helped influence President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Congress to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day in 1954 to recognize all U.S. Veterans. The observance was designated for November 11th and the Day is intended to thank all those who honorably served in the military – in war time or peace time. Mr. Weeks continued the practice every year in Birmingham until he died in 1985. In 1982, prior to his death, he was honored by President Reagan with the Presidential Citizenship Medal. Mr. Weeks was also named the ‘Father of Veterans Day’ by Elizabeth Dole.

But the observance wasn’t always held on the 11th of the month. In 1968, legislation known as the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, moving Veterans Day to
(See Veteran’s Day Page 8)

LPG RECYCLING NEWS

We started our LPG recycling program with Aluminum Beverage Containers in April and expanded to Plastic Beverage Containers in August. So far we have recycled 325 pounds of aluminum and 275 pounds of plastic. Since most of this was collected in the summer season, we expect this to grow substantially. LPG recycling is a win, win, win. Less goes to the landfill, the aluminum and plastics are recycled and reused and the money collected from the recycling goes to our LPG Residents Association (LPGRA.org). Currently we are separately recycling two items: Aluminum Beverage & Clear Plastic Beverage Containers. There are separate recycle barrels for each. Aluminum: **Beverage Containers only.** No other metals or aluminum products accepted. No bags.



The community is doing great with this program. Clear Plastic Beverage Containers & Screw-on Lids. **Must be a clear beverage container** you can clearly see through. Tinted bottles, for example, **green sprite bottles are OK.** Approved items include plastic water, juice & soda containers with

screw on lids. **NOT ALLOWED:** Cloudy milk jugs, clamshell food containers, butter containers, yogurt, non-clear juice containers, fast food soda drink cups, laundry soap, etc. No bags. Our community is struggling with contraband in our Plastic Beverage Container Recycling. Please follow the guidelines listed above. **“When in Doubt, Leave it Out”** This project started with funds provided by Thesman Communities to purchase the barrels, elastic bag holders and bags. This project is supported by our volunteer residents: Tom Carr, Sally Glynn, John Latson, Tom Puckett, Dan Shanahan & Alan Smith. The blue recycle barrels are located by the Green Waste dumpster on Juniper Hills inside the gate. **Volunteers with pick up trucks are needed to assist** with hauling to Juniors Recycling. Questions?? Contact **Alan Smith 515-943-1415**

LPG NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

The LPG Neighborhood Watch (NW) was launched in late August, after the program was adapted with excellent resident input to be as simple and practical as possible for our community. Meetings are now held monthly at the Clubhouse on the 2nd Tuesdays of each month from 3-4pm (room TBD each month). All interested residents are welcome to attend any or all meetings; this program depends on resident input and support. We work to address safety and security issues, communicate issues as

appropriate to the LPG Residents' Association, and meet the Mesa Police Department's NW meeting and Street Captain requirements. Meeting minutes and NW forms are posted at www.lpgra.org/neighborhoodWatch. If you would like to be on the LPG NW email list for monthly meeting agendas and any information that needs to be communicated quickly, please email Sally (York) Nostrand at lpgnwp@gmail.com. If you observe or are aware of any safety or security issue that



should be addressed by Management, please don't hesitate to report it directly to Management, or anonymously to NW. All concerns or issues reported to NW are kept anonymous.

LPG public police incident call data was compiled for review at LPG NW meetings, and is now being tracked in 2021 via www.spotcrime.com. Residents at recent NW meetings have requested that this data be shared with all residents. Overall, we live in a very low-crime private community, but we are surrounded by the “real world” which has crime, with folks that occasionally target LPG as well as neighboring residential areas and businesses. Having a Mesa Police

Department NW program in place helps us stay alert and aware to recognize any suspicious activity, increases direct reporting to the police of any suspicious activity, shares information, and have a layer of communication to use when needed. Mesa Police know that we are an engaged community they can count on as their “eyes and ears”. If you see any suspicious activity, please call the Mesa Police Non-Emergency phone number 480-644-2211, or 911 for any emergency or crime in progress.

Spot Crime data is updated for monthly NW meetings. Residents can register on www.spotcrime.com or use the Spot Crime mobile app to receive daily and/or weekly notifications. Neither Mesa Police and Spot Crime report any individual names or Unit numbers. All LPG police incident calls are reported as occurring at 2550 S. Ellsworth Rd.

Crime definitions to be familiar with:

Burglary - forced or unlawful entry of a car, residence, building or business with intent to commit theft.

Robbery - use of force, intimidation or fear as a means of taking control of property from someone.

Theft- when a person without lawful authority knowingly controls property of another with intent to deprive the other person of such property.

Fraud- intentionally deceiving another person to make personal gain or to damage that person.

Resident concerns reported to NW:

1. Residents in our community with dementia-related wandering behavior: Approximately 50-60% of older adults with dementia may wander at least once; this can be triggered by many different factors as this condition progresses. Wandering behavior is a significant safety risk as adults who “wander” can quickly get lost if they leave their homes alone while walking or driving. The Alzheimer’s Association recommends calling 911 if a person has not been found within 15 minutes since they were determined to be missing; most are found within 1.5 miles of their homes. The Mesa Police Dept. has excellent information on this topic, with instructions to call 911 or the non-emergency phone number (480-644-2211) if an adult with dementia is missing. A Mesa Police Adult ID Kit information can be found at [Adult Identification Kit | Mesa Police \(mesaazpolice.gov\)](http://mesaazpolice.gov). Alzheimer’s Association has information and resources at Wandering | Alzheimer's Association and 24/7 Wandering Support for a Safe Return | alz.org. Management, the Main Gate staff, and Neighborhood Watch can be alerted; this is a situation where NW would immediately notify our Street Captains. Leisure World (908 Power Rd, Mesa, 85206) has an Alzheimer’s Support Group that is open to the public; this group has been meeting for over 5 years at 10am on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Queen Card Room of Rec Building #1; the Gate Guards provide directions to the location. (See **Neighborhood Watch** Page 10)

How Not To Mail A Package

I left my hometown when I became an adult and have lived in quite a few cities. With that in mind, over the years I have mailed a ton of packages back home. I recently



learned that packages mailed from Mesa go to California before they go anywhere, if they are being shipped by ground. I mailed a package to my sister who lives in Brighton, IL on Dec 7, 2020. Brighton is a small town on the other side of the Mississippi River from St. Louis. Takes about 30 minutes to drive from St. Louis, MO to Brighton, IL. On Dec 17th I asked a postal worker if he could please track my package as the confirmation number said it would be delivered on Dec 14. He found the package on his computer and said, "Well, ma'am, you sent it ground and all ground packages go to CA before being distributed to rest of the country." Ground? I sent it ground? Oh, that's right, it was \$35 to go ground and my first-born child if I wanted it to go Priority. He went on to state that with COVID-19,

and trying to get the vaccine delivered, my package would be late. I knew it would be late as the tracking number said it would be delivered on the 14th and it was now the 17th. At that point I still had a week before Christmas. I had high hopes. I would check on my package about every other day and on Dec 22 it stated my package arrived at Jersey City, NJ. What happened with sending it to St. Louis next? Then I hear about the big snowstorm hitting the Midwest and going on to the East coast. And then a second snowstorm hits. My package is not going anywhere. On Jan 4, 2021, my package was still sitting in Jersey City with the confirmation number stating it would be late. It arrived Jan 11, 2021.

That was package number one. My second package was for my sister's birthday which was Dec 26. I mailed it on Dec 15, 2020. Because of the long lines at the post office



and UPS, my girlfriend, who lives in another 55+ community, told me they have a USPS office on their property. She said there
(See **Packages** Page 9)

Grandma Jaeger's Persimmon Cookies

Makes 5 dozen

Preheat oven to 375°

MIX TOGETHER SET ASIDE

1 cup persimmon pulp
1 tsp baking soda in the pulp

CREAM TOGETHER

½ cup margarine 1 cube
½ cup white sugar
½ cup packed brown sugar
1 egg
1 tsp vanilla

SIFT TOGETHER

2 cups flour
½ tsp baking powder
½ tsp cinnamon
½ tsp nutmeg
¼ tsp cloves

ADD & MIX

Persimmon pulp to the creamed ingredients. Mix well.
Sifted ingredients to the persimmons and creamed mixture. Mix well.
1 cup raisins
1 cup chopped nuts

DROP onto a greased cookie sheet

BAKE

375° for 12 minutes or until lightly brown.

Submitted by Pam Williams

Christmas Eve Soup

Ceci (Chickpea) Soup

This soup recipe was handed down to me from my Italian grandmother-in-law, Maggie Freno. It was a tradition for us to make and serve on Christmas Eve. Every time I make it, I think of Grandmom Freno. I hope you enjoy it as much as my family does.

SAUTE: 1 finely chopped onion
1/2 finely chopped celery stalks
1 TBS olive oil

ADD: 2 cans chopped or stewed tomatoes (seasoned with basil or Italian seasoning) with liquid

COOK: Cook together for about 5 minutes medium heat – don't boil

ADD: 2 large or 3 regular size cans of Progresso Ceci (chickpeas) with liquid
Season with salt, pepper, oregano, garlic or Italian Seasoning mix

SIMMER: About 30 minutes

This can be made the day before you want to serve it – it gets better as it sits in the refrigerator.

Submitted by Margaret Jacoby



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Christmas Riddles

1. What did Adam say on Christmas?
2. What is a parent's favorite carol?
3. What do tigers sing at Christmas?
4. What kind of laundry detergent does Santa use?
5. Why are Christmas trees bad at knitting?
6. Where do they film movies about Christmas trees?
7. Where do Santa and his reindeer go to get hot chocolate while riding in the sky?
8. What kind of virus can reindeer catch?
9. What did Mrs. Claus say to Santa when she looked up in the sky?
10. Why does Scrooge love Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer?
11. What does a reindeer say before he tells a joke?
12. Which reindeer has the cleanest ears?
13. What do you get when you cross an apple with a Christmas tree?
14. If people are afraid of Santa what would their fear be called?

(See Page 13 for answers)



Christmas Puzzle

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13. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer
15. Decorate your door
16. Nutcracker Fairy
18. He tried to steal Christmas
19. Merry _____ !



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the fourth Monday in October beginning in 1971. This didn't last long and in 1975 President Gerald Ford returned the observance to November 11, due at least in part to the historic nature of the date. Subsequently, the United States Senate Resolution 143 was passed on August 4, 2001, designating the week of November 11 through November 17, 2001, as **National Veterans Awareness Week**. The resolution called for educational efforts directed at elementary and secondary school students concerning the contributions and sacrifices of veterans.

Skip forward to this year, 2021, which marks the 76th anniversary of the end of WWII, the 71st anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War, and the 31st anniversary of both the end of the Panama Invasion and the beginning of Desert Shield, and the year the USA withdrew our remaining troops from the 20-year war in Afghanistan. Looking back on centuries of our Veterans' service and sacrifice and what we have learned from the past, it is apparent that we must always maintain a vision for the future of Veterans. Putting the Veteran at the center, on Veterans Day we continue to honor all who served, but we must also focus on the needs of the next generation of Veterans; especially those returning from the Middle East and those who will at some time in the future be put in harm's way. Our Veterans contribute to American society in many ways, not just during their

time in Active or Reserve duty. Throughout our history, military service members have donned their uniforms to protect the values and liberties that this nation was built on. But that doesn't stop once the uniform comes off and their time in active duty or reserves has ended.

Veterans take the lessons they have learned and the experiences they've gained and continue their service to our nation by strengthening our communities. They become our nation's leaders, scientists, teachers, tradesmen, and entrepreneurs. Veterans are **THE MOST** active volunteers



working to improve communities across our country. Service goes beyond the uniform. This Veteran's Day, we honor the men and women who have worn their uniform and who continue to serve our communities and our country.

Most will agree that veterans are an elite group of men and women. Consider that today, less than 1 percent (actually 0.6%) of our total population of 333 million has served in our Armed Forces.

There are around 19 million U.S. veterans as of this year according to data from the Department of Veterans Affairs, representing less than 7% of the total U.S. adult population (age 18 and over) of 333 million. This is down from 18% in 1980 and will probably continue to decline.

So, as our veteran population declines and their stories are lost, we obviously will continue to experience a disconnect in our society about what's going on within the military, who has served, and what they experienced while serving. For many of us, this is quite saddening.

Add to that alarming note that today, according to the Pentagon, 7 in 10 youths would fail to qualify for military service. In fact, 71% of the 34 million 17-to-24-year-old young men and women in the U.S. would not qualify because of reasons related to health, physical appearance, criminal background and educational background. Even more startling is that only 1 percent of young people are both ***eligible AND inclined*** to even have a conversation with the military about possible service, much less enlist. That statistic is according to the Defense Department.

So, in many ways, Americans today feel removed from military, conflict, and the Global War on Terror. And the growing distance between Americans and the military has even changed the way we think and talk about the armed services. No wonder there is a disconnect.

So yes, our veterans are an elite group of men and women who met the U.S. Armed Forces enlistment qualifications, completed military training in their specialty fields, and often deployed and fought for their country when ordered to do so. For your commitment, we are most grateful. Please consider that as of last year, an estimated 624,000 American veterans were

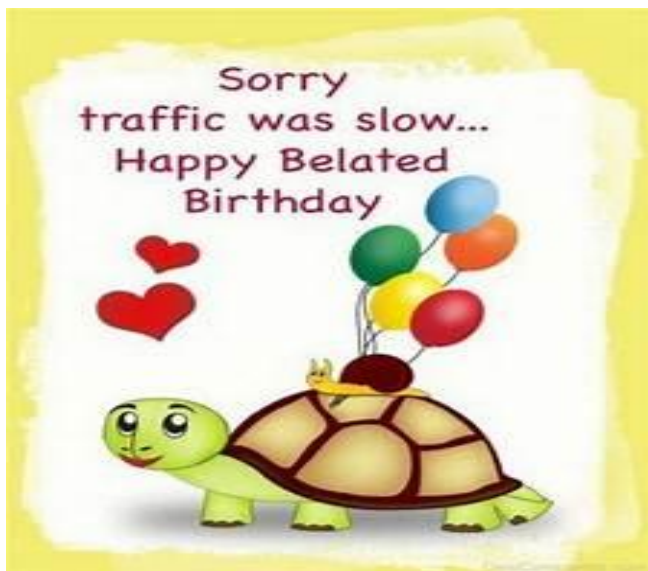
dying every year, most from natural causes. A recent study from the National Institutes of Health estimates that half of the males who die every day in the U.S. are veterans. So, a plea to us all, stop by and visit a veteran this week, listen to their stories, and express to them our sincere gratitude for their service to our great nation, because they may not be around come Veterans Day next year. God bless our veterans, and God bless America.

Submitted by Dick Nations

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would be no lines and there weren't. As we entered, I noticed a sign that said checks or cash ONLY, no credit or debit cards. I was going to use my credit card, had no cash and left the check book at home. My friend said, "That's okay, I have my check book." She did the transaction while I stood to the side. There were not the usual questions about what you can't have in a package and the USPS worker didn't ask my friend how she wanted it mailed and the next thing I knew, my friend was handing me the tracking number. Yikes! They didn't ask how it was to be mailed. It was sent ground! I wanted priority! I had already learned my lesson. After a couple of days, I tracked it and it arrived in San Antonio, TX on Dec 21 and left on Dec 24. (What happened to all packages go to CA?) It then went to Aurora, IL (Chicago area). Arrived Dec 25 and departed Dec 26. It arrived in St. Louis on Dec 31 and on Jan 1 the package was in transit to the next facility. No, not

destination, next facility. As of Jan 4, the package was still in transit to a destination 30 minutes away. Package arrived Jan 6,



2021, before her Christmas package.

Submitted by Sue Smith

NOTE: Headline of local newspaper:
"Mail delivery slowdown: USPS to slow delivery starting October 1, 2021"

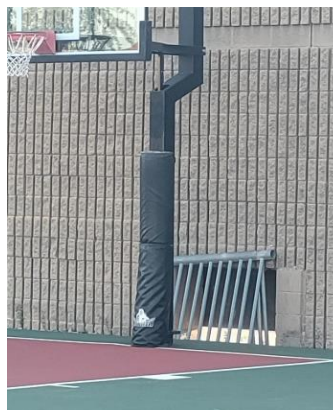
Join LPG Open Forum and Las Palmas Grand Friends and Neighbors which are private groups on Facebook.

LPG Open Forum is a private Facebook group community Information page for LPG residents, run by LPG residents for current LPG owners and LPG renters. If interested in joining, just search for **"LPG Open Forum"** on Facebook, request to join group, and verify that you are a current resident by submitting your name and Unit #. Neighborhood Watch announcements are posted on this page, as well as other LPG information, questions, and comments.

Las Palmas Grand Friends and Neighbors is a private Facebook group, run by LPG Management and Activity Office for current LPG residents. If you are interested in joining, sign up in the LPG Activities Office.

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2. Thank you to the residents who reported to NW that they learned that non-resident juveniles with skateboards were entering LPG thru the wall grate behind the basketball court. This grate's bolts had been removed from the wall so that it could be pushed out of the way and then put back when individuals wanted to enter and leave LPG by climbing through the wall opening. Photos were taken and this was reported to Management; Maintenance quickly reattached the grate to the wall with brackets within 48 hours. These are the before and after photos:



Before repair



Before repair



After repair

2018-2020 Mesa Police service call data

2018: 114 police calls for service - no property crimes

2019: 91 police calls for service - includes 2-3 found bikes but no other property crimes

2020 LPG Mesa Police Service Call Data*	# Incidents	Month(s)
Burglary	2	June, July
Burglary-criminal damage <\$1000	3	July, August
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	3	May, Aug, Sep
Info-civil matter	1	August
Property found	1	July
Property found-firearm	1	February
Simple assault-DV	1	December
Stolen vehicle-Mesa	1	July
Theft/burglary from vehicle	4	May, July
Theft-all other	3	Feb, April, Nov
Threats-DV	1	June
Trespass	1	July
Wire fraud	1	September
Total	23	

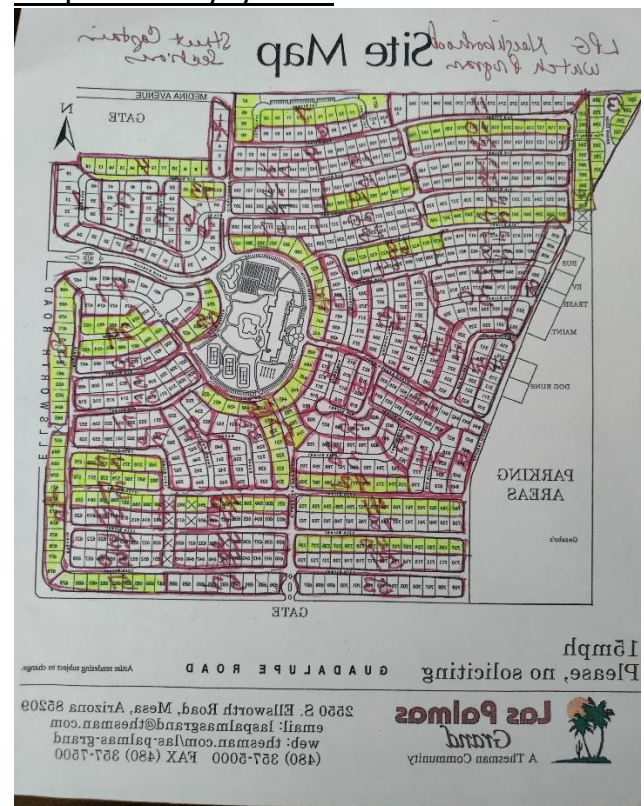
* From Crime Reporting Statistics | City of Mesa Data Portal (mesaaz.gov)

2021 LPG Mesa Police Service Calls**	# Incidents	Month(s)
Assault - domestic violence	1	October
Burglary alarm	5	May, July, Aug, Sep, Oct
Burglary- residential	2	March, May
Other	1	June
Subjects disturbing	2	May, August
Suspicious activity	5	Mar, April, Aug, Sep, Oct
Theft - fraud	4	May, Jun, Jul, Aug
Total	20	

**Since 3/7/21, from www.spotcrime.com

(including Amazon and other businesses, bank and insurance company names), and 2) your personal information (name, phone number, or email address) to access money and/or identity information: these activities are frequently occurring in our community. NEVER respond to any unsolicited contacts that ask you to provide or verify any personal information for any reason. When in doubt, make separate direct contact with your bank or other business using the business contact information in your personal records.

LPG Neighborhood Watch Street Captain Map as of 11/1/2021



Map sections highlighted in yellow have a Street Captain, white areas need a Street Captain. We currently have 25 Street Captains for 22 of 81 sections, which represent 241 (29%) of 837 homes. More

3. Fraudulent phone, email, and text attempts to contact residents by: 1) using the names, phone numbers and email addresses of legitimate businesses

Street Captains are needed; we've made it quite easy to participate and it's a great way to meet other residents.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Street Captain, please contact Sally Nostrand at Lpgnwp@gmail.com or call 253-228-1790. Street Captain training takes less than an hour and can be scheduled at your convenience. A huge thank you to all those who have volunteered and supported our NW, you are each making a difference and making our community safer!

Submitted by Sally York, LPG Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Answers to Crossword Puzzle from Page 7

Across

2. Frosty the _____
4. _____ bells
5. Snack for Santa
7. Toy makers
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13. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer
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Down

1. Hang them by the ch
2. Dashing through the
3. Cookie building mate
6. Santa's ride
8. Serve with cookies
9. Pretty ball to hang
12. Where you'll find yc
14. Wrapped packages
17. They twinkle on the

LPG Neighborhood Watch Street Captain Phone List as of 11/1/21

LPG Street	Units	LPG Street Captain	Unit #	Phone Number
1st St W	69-77, 87-90, 927B	Linda Gerle	77	480-899-5336
2nd W	106-119	Stephen Lisicki	107	716-428-1657
3rd E	60-63, 7-18	Cristie Killoran	63	701-866-5716
4th W	192-199	Debbie Spratt	193	515-988-0456
5th W	420-428	Paula Union	423	646-337-4088
5th W	237-248	Sherri Infante	247	480-628-2566
7th E	478-489	Nancy Simpson	488	616-447-0806
10th E	569-575	Art Hidde	573	602-377-4206
11th E	576-590	Joe Johnson	582	260-667-0451
11th E	592-601	Susan Novick Lawrence Novick	600 600	928-856-1363 928-308-5008
11th W	766-775	Chris Fleming	766	720-352-2627
11th W	752-765	Susan Erickson	764	815-922-6158
12th W	724-737	Marlene Rocklin	734	480-284-4222
13th E	679-687	Earlene Davis Beth Campbell	679 682	515-314-1419 941-961-2371
Augusta S	468-472, 659-665	Dan Shanahan Gayle Connell	663 661	480-634-4485 310-621-5134
Augusta S	667-678	John Jones	668	314-409-7160
Clubhouse Dr. S.	519-524, 792-794	Sally (York) Nostrand	521	253-228-1790
Juniper Hills N	281-290	Fred Hammann Dee Hammann	282 282	480-309-8912
Palm Circle	260-265, 439-447	Cathy Skinner	439	406-691-0965
Palm Circle	448-457	Donna Mueller	456	480-433-2347
Riviera Circle	291-300	Mike Jarecki	294	480-492-0964

Happy Thanksgiving and
Merry Christmas
The LPGRA Board

Answers to Riddles from Page 7

- 1. It's Christmas, Eve**
- 2. Silent Night**
- 3. Jungle Bells, Jungle Bells**
- 4. Yule Tide**
- 5. Because they always drop their needles**
- 6. In Tinsel Town**
- 7. Star-bucks**
- 8. Reindeer Flew**
- 9. Looks like Rain, Dear**
- 10. Because every buck is dear to him**
- 11. This one will sleigh you**
- 12. Comet**
- 13. A pineapple**
- 14. Claustrophobia**

Next Newsletter: February 15, 2022
Deadline for submissions is February 1, 2022