



Las Palmas Grand Residents Association

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Happy Thanksgiving!



Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year!



Who Are We?

The Las Palmas Grand Residents Association (LPGRA) is non-profit organization formed for all residents of Las Palmas Grand (LPG). All lease holders are automatically members.

There are NO dues to pay!

The purpose of LPGRA is to provide homeowners with a voice to LPG Management. The LPGRA Board meets with Management monthly and serves as a liaison between residents and managers regarding concerns and interpretation of established rules, policies, and procedures. LPGRA also

works to enhance rapport and camaraderie among its members through fun events. Money raised through recycling and other fund-raising activities is used for annual donations to other non-profit organizations and minor operational expenses.

Come join us! We meet the first Thursday of every month at 9:30 am in the clubhouse, and we'd love to see you there. Our meetings are informational, and our purpose is to enhance the quality of life within LPG. Feel free to bring any questions and concerns you may have.

See you at our next meeting!!

LPGRA ELECTION RESULTS

After counting the ballots at the general meeting on November 6, 2025, along with absentee ballots submitted, Cheryl Jorban was reelected to serve another 2-year term, and Ted Johnston and LuAnn Cameron were elected to serve as new Board members for a 2-year term.

YOUR 2026 BOARD MEMBERS



DONNA PROVOST

Donna was appointed to the Board in May of 2024 as interim 1st Vice President. She served as President in 2025.



PEGGY MARCONE

Peggy will be serving the 2nd year of her third 2-year term. After 4 years as President, she served as Secretary in 2025.



CHERYL JORBAN

Cheryl was reelected to serve another 2-year term on the Board. She served as Treasurer and 2nd Vice President in 2025.



TED JOHNSTON



LUANN CAMERON

Ted and LuAnn are our newest members of the Board. Each was asked to provide a short biography to let you know a little about them.

LuAnn: “Hi, I’m LuAnn Cameron. I moved here from central Minnesota this past January. I’m the oldest of seven kids, mom/stepmom to six, and grandma to twelve. I feel this family has given me patience to deal with lots of different personalities! I retired from the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation, where I was the executive assistant to the district manager, which gave me experience working with management. I love living in Las Palmas Grand, and will do my best to serve my fellow residents!”

Ted: “My wife and I purchased our home in LPG in April of 2025 after selling our previous home in Red Mountain Ranch just 15 minutes north of here. We chose LPG because it is a beautiful, well-maintained community with such a wide range of amenities for the residents to enjoy. We are originally from Calgary, Alberta, and after many years as snowbirds became legal permanent residents (green card) of the United States, so we are full-time year-round residents of LPG.” *(cont. on page 3)*

BOARD MEMBERS (cont.)

"After years of holding senior management positions in food and general merchandise retail both in Canada and the US, I spent the last 10 years of my working life as the head of a large non-profit trade association dealing with governments and regulators at the local, regional and federal levels. It was essentially a lobbyist role dealing with the concerns and protecting the rights of the association membership.

I believe my experience and background will be an asset to the Board of the Las Palmas Grand Residents Association on a number of levels. The primary concern is maintaining the excellent day to day working relationship established by previous boards with community management. We all want to protect and enhance our lifestyle (and property values) and that relationship with management is very important.

I am a member of the Arizona Association of Manufactured Home Owners (AAMHO) and although it is secondary to local concerns, I believe it is essential that our community be an active participant and supporter as that association represents all Arizona manufactured home owners with state and local governments and regulators. My experience relates directly to that role. Collectively we have a strong voice!

Taking on this role is my way of giving back to our community and I am looking forward to working with my fellow board members and all our community members as we encourage participation and involvement and move our agenda forward."



***THANK
YOU
SUE!***

After 5 years of serving on the LPGRA Board of Directors, Sue Smith decided not to run for a 3rd term. During her time on the Board, she served as 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, and acting Secretary. She also was the editor of the Observer from 2001 to 2004. Thank you for being a part of the Board and bringing your "many hats" to our meetings. We will miss you, and look forward to seeing you at our general meetings.

2026 LPGRA Meeting Dates

JANUARY 8, 2026 (1st Thurs is holiday)

FEBRUARY 5, 2026

MARCH 5, 2026

APRIL 2, 2026

MAY 7, 2026

JUNE 4, 2026

JULY 2, 2026

AUGUST 6, 2026

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

OCTOBER 1, 2026

NOVEMBER 5, 2026

DECEMBER 3, 2026



AAMHO NEWS

AAMHO (Arizona Association of Manufactured Home Owners) is a registered 501(c)4 non-profit organization representing YOU as an owner of a manufactured home here in Las Palmas Grand. You live in a community that is governed by the AZ Mobile Home Parks Residential Landlord and Tenant Act (LTA). AAMHO is the organization that introduces and supports legislation in Arizona to protect and strengthen your rights, opposes legislation unfavorable to community residents, and monitors all legislative actions for possible unintended consequences. Additionally, AAMHO is here for you when you have questions or concerns about manufactured home ownership.

Did you know that there are over 300,000 manufactured/mobile, RV and park model home owners in the state of Arizona? The greater our numbers, the greater power and influence our AAMHO lobbyist carries with her when she visits the AZ Capitol to tell lawmakers how they can make our lives better.

Please consider joining AAMHO today. You can go to their website, aamho.org, to apply for membership, which is only \$35.00 for 1 year, \$60 for two years, or \$150.00 for 5 years. You can also sign up for the AAMHO Newsletter on their website.



LPG Residents Bob Abeling and Jean Cagley are volunteering to coordinate a wonderful service in our community called **"SANTA MAIL SERVICE."**



Santa Mail Service is a free volunteer Christmas card delivery service starting the Monday after Thanksgiving through December 20th, encouraging residents to send holiday cards to neighbors and friends in the park to spread cheer. LPG residents wishing to send cards through this free service are advised to use inexpensive or homemade holiday-themed cards, include the name and unit number of the recipient on the envelope, and place the cards in a designated receptacle next to the door of the activity office in the clubhouse hallway for delivery by volunteer "elves." The program aims to foster community connection and festive goodwill during the holiday season.

If you would like volunteer as an "elf" to help Bob and Jane deliver these cards throughout the community after December 20th, please contact Bob at 319-480-1669.

WE STILL HAVE BAGS FOR SALE!

(but only a very few left)



Get your RED Las Palmas Grand Residents Association thermal cooler bag TODAY (before it's too late)! This handy zippered bag is insulated and has a roomy front pocket and a side pocket for water bottle or cell phone. It comes with a plastic ID tag, plus complimentary name insert, if requested. It is a perfect bag to bring to LPG events, or buy as a gift. And here's the good part:

IT ONLY COSTS

\$10.00!

To purchase, please contact

Cheryl Jorban

Text: 253-224-4453

Email: cheryljorban@gmail.com

The following article from last quarter's Observer is being reprinted at the request of residents attending the LPGRA meeting in October:

RESIDENT SAFETY REMINDERS



We want everyone to be safe here at LPG. There have been some accidents and many near-misses in our community due to unsafe driving. Here are some things to remember when driving your vehicles in the park:

- The speed limit is **15 mph** in all areas. Please do not drive faster than the speed limit. Many of our elderly residents walk on our streets and can easily be startled by cars moving very fast.
- Be careful and look both ways before backing out of your driveway. Then look again before you continue backing out. Watch for on-coming cars, bicycles, golf carts, and people walking.
- Drive on the right side of the road. Do not drive down the middle of the street.
- **STOP** at all the stop signs. Stop completely and look both ways before continuing. Again, watch for pedestrians, golf carts, and cars that have the right-of-way.
- Golf carts and bicycles have the same rights as vehicles. If driving your car, do not recklessly try to pass a bicycle or golf cart just because it might be moving a little slower than 15 miles per hour. *(cont.)*

- Golf carts and bicycles should follow the same traffic rules as cars regarding stop signs and driving/riding on the right-hand side of the road.
- When pulling into the mailroom parking spaces, look to see if there are any oncoming cars or golf carts. Watch for cars backing out. When pulling out of the mailroom parking spaces, back up slowly and look both ways before continuing.
- And finally, please use common sense when allowing your grandchildren to drive your golf cart. If they don't know how to drive safely and follow the traffic rules, they should not be allowed to drive your golf cart without adult supervision.

**PLEASE HELP KEEP LPG
A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE!**

Recycle Program



Once again, the recycling program at Las Palmas Grand continues to do very well, thanks to Bob Williams. The total dollar amount collected from recycling so far this year is now over **\$1,800.00!**

As a reminder, the LPGRA recycling program **ONLY** recycles aluminum beverage cans and clear plastic beverage bottles. Please do not place any other materials (i.e. glass or non-clear plastic containers) in the blue barrels, which are located in the green waste area on Juniper Hills. Thank you to all who participate in our recycling program!

LPGRA GIVES BACK

Did you know that on an annual basis, your resident association (LPGRA) gives back to the community the majority of profits earned through donations to other well-deserving non-profit organizations? Last year LPGRA donated \$500 each to Sunshine Acres and the 100 Club. The deserving organization(s) and the amount given was determined by vote at the LPGRA general meeting in December.

So, if you want to have a voice in who should receive your LPGRA money earned by fundraisers (bag sales, 50/50) and recycling, please come to the general meetings!



HOME SAFETY

The Home Safety Education (HSE) Program is a free program by the Mesa Fire & Medical Department to help Mesa residents reduce fire and fall risks in the home.

Services include in-home appointments with trained volunteers, including fall prevention measures, home escape planning, smoke alarm checks/installation (including alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing), and grab bar installation

To sign up for an in-home appointment, email the City of Mesa Fire & Medical Department at FDHomeSafety@mesaaz.gov or call 480-644-2200.

LPGRA'S 1ST ANNUAL



CHILI Cookoff!



JANUARY 20, 2026

4:00 PM

LPG BALLROOM

The Las Palmas Grand Residents Association (LPGRA) is hosting a chili cookoff for all LPG Residents on January 20, 2026. There will be prizes for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall best chili, based on votes from residents attending.

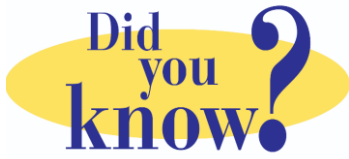
After the vote, everyone will have a chance to enjoy a bowl of chili, along with cornbread, crackers, dessert, and water. **FREE** – no tickets required!

If you would like to participate by entering a crockpot of your favorite chili recipe, please sign up on the Pen and Quill Board in the hallway of the clubhouse. More information for all chili cooks will be forthcoming through email.

All residents planning to attend the chili cookoff are also asked to sign up on the Pen and Quill board, so that we know how many to plan for. The sign-up sheets will be available after November 1st.

PLEASE COME!

ALL LPG RESIDENTS ONLY ARE WELCOME!



Do you wonder why some residents put their garbage barrels on the street and not on the concrete area? Here are the guidelines from Mesa Solid Waste Service (**NOT** LPG rules and guidelines):

Barrels should be placed on the blacktop and not on the sidewalk.

Placement exception: Only customers residing on streets that have a 35 MPH or higher speed limit should place their containers on the sidewalk.

When placing your barrel out for collection, please remember the following:

- Place the barrel out any time after 6 p.m. the night before but no later than 6 a.m. on your scheduled collection day, **including all holidays**, to ensure service. Remove the barrel from the street no later than 6 a.m. the following day.
- Place the barrel with the handle of the barrel facing the house. To allow free and clear pedestrian access, please do not block sidewalk.
- Avoid placing barrel near objects that may prevent collection (e.g. light poles, planters, walls, etc.) **There should be a 4-foot distance between barrels and other objects.**
- Do not park vehicles near or in front of barrels that are placed out for service. Keep a 5-foot distance between a vehicle and a barrel.
- Do not overfill your barrel. The lid must be closed in order for the container to be serviced.

- Do not exceed 200 lb. weight limit.
- Do not place items on the ground around the barrel or on top of the barrel itself.
- Do not use any other containers other than Mesa provided barrels for garbage.
- Place barrel out for collection on a weekly basis to avoid generating odors.

Note from editor: If your barrel is damaged, contact LPG office. They will notify Mesa Solid Waste Service that your barrel needs to be replaced.



HOW SMART IS YOUR RIGHT FOOT?

This is hysterical. You have to try this. It is absolutely true. I guess there are some things that the brain cannot handle!

1. While sitting in a chair, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.
2. Now, while doing this, draw the number '6' in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction.

I told you so! And there is absolutely nothing you can do about it! You and I both know how stupid it is, but before the day is done you are going to try it again, if you've not already done so!

The following pages of this edition of the **OBSERVER** say "HAPPY VETERANS DAY, HAPPY THANKSGIVING, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR" to all residents of Las Palmas Grand! (Plus a few fun articles.)



On November 11th, we celebrate Veterans Day to honor all soldiers, past and present, who have made sacrifices for our freedom. This year the federal holiday falls on a Tuesday. You can expect banks, government offices, the post office, and some schools and businesses to be closed in observation of the day.

This Veterans Day and every day, honor the servicemen and women in your life and community by letting them know just how much you appreciate them. While a simple "Happy Veterans Day" or "Thank you for your service" will be appreciated, there are even better ways to show gratitude to our courageous veterans – like sharing these Veterans Day quotes from past and present Presidents to put into words the appreciation we all feel for our nation's soldiers.

"There is no greater act of selfless service than defending America's God-given freedoms and liberty. The traditions of excellence and integrity demonstrated by our men and women in uniform never fade after leaving the Military—once a Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine, Coast Guardsman, or Guardian--always." —Donald Trump

"You have shielded your fellow citizens from danger. You have defended the beliefs of your country and advanced the rights of the downtrodden. You have been the face of hope and mercy in dark places and a force for good in the world." —George W. Bush

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."—John F. Kennedy

"Everything that we hold precious in this country was made possible by Americans who gave their all. And because of them, our nation is stronger, safer, and will always remain a shining beacon of freedom for the rest of the world." —Barack Obama

"Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in the world. A veteran doesn't have that problem."—Ronald Reagan

"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices."—Harry S. Truman

"Never before have men crossed the seas to a foreign land to fight for a cause which they did not pretend was peculiarly their own but knew was the cause of humanity and of mankind." – Woodrow Wilson

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