

Las Palmas Grand Residents' Association

LPGRA Observer

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Residents' Association Meetings

CLUBHOUSE BALL ROOM

JUNE 6, 2024, 9:30

JULY 11, 2024, 9:30 – CARD ROOM

AUGUST 1, 2024, 9:30 – CARD ROOM

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Recycling News

The Las Palmas Grand recycling program has been up and running for over 3 years now. There has been substantial cash made from this recycling program which has paid for LPGRA Board expenses (webmaster, donuts and coffee for the General meetings in the summer months, miscellaneous office expenses, and door prizes) and the annual donation in December to a non-profit organization chosen by the Residents. The great part is that it has kept around 3,395 pounds of aluminum and 7,762 pounds of plastic out of the landfill. Kudos to all of you that choose to participate in this beneficial program.

It would be a shame to lose this program, but we have come close to that happening. Once because the recycle center closed but Bob Williams was able to find another center to take the bottles and cans to. Recently, it was because the volunteers were having a major problem with people putting non-recyclable items in the barrels. The volunteers have had to go through each and every bag taken out of the recycle barrels in order to make sure



Plastic Items found at recycling that can NOT be recycled.

they removed items that were not supposed to be in there. Very time-consuming and not a pleasant thing to have to do since not everyone rinses their recyclable. Below are some pictures of items found in the barrels that are NOT to be in the barrels. If in doubt, throw it out. Clear plastic beverage bottles (and the green see through soda bottles) and aluminum beverage cans are the ONLY things that can be recycled. Do not leave items in plastic bags and put them in the barrels. They

all must be opened and removed by the volunteers. Please help those volunteers out and spread the word. So, what do you do when you have the other “stuff” to get rid of or recycle? The big green roll off container in the Green Waste area is NOT for any of your household items that you want to throw away. It is for your yard trimmings only. It doesn’t matter what anyone else may tell you or the fact that others throw things in there. The thing you should know as a resident of LPG is that you cannot throw anything but your yard trimmings in there. So, what to do with the other “stuff”? There



Beer bottles found in recycling bin. We do not recycle glass.

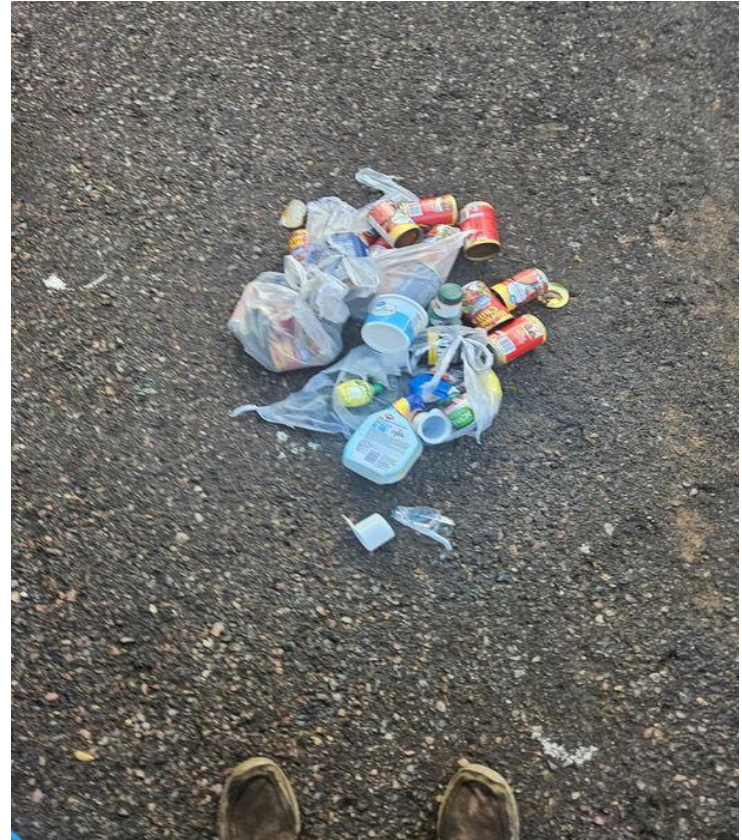
is a place in Mesa that takes recyclable waste. HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS



Items found at recycling that we DO NOT recycle.

MATERIALS FACILITY. It is at 2412 N. Center Street Bldg. #2 Mesa, 85201. Enter using the Lehi Road entrance. You don't even have to get out of your vehicle. It's free too. American Furniture on Power Road just off the 202 will take your COLLAPSED cardboard boxes in the last bay at the back of the building. Lowe's will take your dead batteries. You can arrange pickup dates for usable items like furniture and working appliances through Sunshine Acres, Vietnam Vets, Goodwill, and the Salvation Army. We have a couple in our own community that will take reuseable items. Contact Tim and Joan Most (listed in the LPG phonebook). Medications can be taken to the Mesa Police Department right next to our community to

be dropped off or CVS has a receptacle for those if the MPD one is not available. Any



More items found at recycling that we DO NOT recycle.

kind of eyeglasses and hearing aids can be dropped off at Peggy Marcone's #418. Those go to the Lyons Club for repair and reuse for the less fortunate. There are so many ways you can help with keeping items out of the landfills and back into useful items again. We just need to take a little time and effort to succeed.

Neighbors Watching Out for Neighbors

As a matter of safety for all of us in Las Palmas Grand:

- Get to know your neighbors – especially those in front, behind, and to each side of your house. Exchange phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Let each other know when you're planning to be gone for any extended period of time.
- **If you SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.**
- And, these guidelines come directly from the Mesa Police Department (MPD):
 - The old adage of “when in doubt, always call 9-1-1 first” – **no**, the message from MPD was always clear:
 - If Residents see something that appears suspicious, just doesn't look right, but there's no threat of danger to person/property, then call the non-emergency number 480-644-2211.
 - If Residents witness some kind of suspicious or criminal activity or behavior, that is a non-emergency, but you feel should be reported to MPD, then **call 480-644-2211**
 - If Residents witness illegal/criminal activity, injury or damage to person/property, or perceive imminent threat to human life – i.e. an EMERGENCY situation, then call 9-1-1 immediately.



MPD was clear that they did NOT encourage calling 9-1-1 for NON-EMERGENCY situations.

LOCK IT! EVERY TIME, EVERY DAY!

- *LOCK your house!*
- LOCK your car(s)!
- LOCK your golf cart!
- LOCK your bicycle!
- LOCK your Arizona Room!
- LOCK your shed!
- DON'T leave spare keys outside!



LIGHTS!

- Install a (motion–detector) security light at your patio and/or car-port
- Install timer-controlled switches inside your home, to turn lights on/off, randomly, when you are gone away.
- Don't leave outside lights on ALL THE TIME; it says, "*I'm not home.*"

If you see something, say something!

**NON-EMERGENCY INCIDENTS:
(480) 641-2211**

LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCIES: 9-1-1

Compliments from the Mesa Police Department, 2024

Newsletter Theme for this Quarter

The theme of this quarter's newsletter is chance meeting with a celebrity, movie star, singer, politician; just meeting a famous

person or being on television or in a movie. See the interesting stories below.

Old Time Rockers

My husband did a part time job driving for a limousine service. One evening he picked up the Three Dog Night (a rock group). He escorted them to their concert and after the concert, took them pub crawling. He got home very early in the morning. I couldn't get him awake to do the run back to the airport. The owner of the limousine service told me I would have to do the run. I offered to take their sound equipment and guitars, but I ended up driving them. It was an interesting trip from the hotel to the airport -and I didn't even get a tip!

Submitted by Mary Dudinski

Chuck Norris

We were at Six Flags Magic Mountain, back in August of 1996, when a major black out took place. We were standing in line for the big roller coaster ride for quite a while, when all of a sudden it was announced that the rides were done, because of no power. We didn't know or realize that Chuck Norris was in front of us, and he turned around and said, "Well I guess it's time to go to customer service and ask for our money back, seeing that there is no power for the rides for the rest of the day." He is shorter than I thought.

Submitted by Joan Swanson

Hall of Fame

Another time - I was traveling first class from WI back to AZ, and the passenger taking the seat next to me was Hall of Fame - Rolli Fingers, who was inducted into the hall in 1992. Rolli finished his career with 114 wins, a record of 341 saves, 1299 strikeouts, a 2.90 ERA and 1,701.1 innings pitched in 944 Games. He was with the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball team from 1981-1982 then again 1985-1986. He is on the Milwaukee Brewers Wall of Fame, his #34 Retired in the stadium.

Submitted by Joan Swanson

Skipper Sam

Somewhere around 1962-63, my dance teacher obtained a spot for me to dance on the Skipper Sam Show on Channel 8 in Rochester, NY. I was quite excited. I was about 11 years old and thought that I would one day be a famous ballerina. My dad gave me specific instructions that I was to speak up and answer Skipper Sam's questions with complete sentences and smile. We rehearsed how I was supposed to answer.

Simple questions like what my name was, how old was I, how long had I been dancing. The day of the show, my parents took me to the TV station but before we left, my older sister took me aside and told me that Skipper Sam had a fake hand that was made out of wood, and it was the hand he always put on the entertainer's shoulder. She scared me with her gruesome description of it. We went, I danced, and then the fateful moment came when Skipper Sam put his arm over my shoulder and rested

his wooden hand on my shoulder. He had gloves on so no one could see it, but I knew what was in that glove.



I had a look of total fear when my head turned to stare at the hand. I shrugged my shoulders and mumbled my answers to Skipper Sam's questions all while staring at the HAND. My parents were not too pleased. My sister laughed at me when it played on TV. My parents weren't too happy with her either. I wish they still had the recording of it. Back then, they didn't keep the local show tapes.

Submitted by Peggy Marcone

Voice Overs

I did voice overs for a presidential campaign film for Pat Robertson.

Submitted by Bill Mustard

Musicians

You were looking for stories of famous people we have met. I have lived a very awesome and interesting life. Throughout the years I

have met many famous people, mostly musicians. I still consider many of them my friend.

Part One – Famous People

One of the first I met was Merilee Rush, of Merilee Rush and the Turnabouts, who sang “Angel of the Morning”. Some of my very



close friends were her backup band at the time. Next was Goldy McJohn, keyboard extraordinaire for Steppenwolf. Once again, close friends of mine were playing with him. In fact, I gave him and his wife Sonja, my 1970's vintage dining room table.

I met even more musicians when I tended bar as a supplemental income in live music venues for almost 18 years off and on. I figured if I had to work two jobs, I might as well enjoy myself. Back in the 1980's, many famous and waning national and internal acts would play popular nightclubs in the Seattle area, such as Astor Park, Ballard Firehouse and Parker's. I worked at all three of these venues at one point in time. I have seen and

met some really cool bands. But I only will tell you a couple of good stories.

The Romantics used to play a lot at Astor Park and the Ballard Firehouse, so I got to know them a little. One night my best friend and I went to see them play at another club. We got invited to their after-hours party. Really fun time. I wound up chatting with one guy in particular. At one point in time, my best friend and I decided it was time to go. The guitar player Coz walked us to our car. After we left and got about a ½ mile down the road, my best friend said to me “that guy you were talking with sure looked like Johnny Depp”. My response ... “it was”. Her response, “turn around, go back!” Nope, wasn't happening.

In 1991, I met Ann and Nancy Wilson of Heart when their side project band “The Lovemongers” played at Parkers in the Seattle area where I worked. It was the only time in my life I asked for an autograph.

The next stories are of people that I still know and consider friends.

Many years of friendship and lots of fun memories with Michael Wansley. Too numerous to count. He always jokes with me about wanting to date my daughters. I keep telling him absolutely not! You might know him by “Wanz” who sang the tag line “I gonna pop some tags, got \$20 in my pocket ...” in Macklemore's first hit song “Thrift Shop”.

The rest of the original “Heart” are my friends ... Roger Fisher (guitar), Steve Fossen

(bass) and Mike Derosier (drums). I initially met all three of them at Astor Park after they left Heart while I was tending bar. They were all playing in a band called Ten Bulls and were also Astor Park customers. Once again, so many fun memories. Camping at the ocean, Moonfest, backyard BBQ's, renting a small tour bus and driving to Leavenworth, WA in search of hats at the hat store for my first annual Hat Party, and so much more with "Rog", his wife Linda and our whole group of friends. There were times when Roger, Steve, Mike, and everyone would meet in the Monroe, WA area to listen to music at either one of two bars. One particular night, Mike bought shots of jaeger for a number of us ... one of my friends who didn't get a shot gave mine away as it was still sitting on the table, because she said I didn't drink jaeger. Wrong answer! Mike asked where my shot was, and I told him. With that, he walked back to the bar and bought me another shot. Taught her a lesson! That same night Mike asked me out to breakfast. Unfortunately, I was "babysitting" a very drunk friend (the same one who gave my shot away) and had to decline. All three still play music. Steve and Mike play in a band called Heart by Heart playing early Heart songs with Steve's wife Somar singing the lead. They perform shows throughout the US. They are so awesome. I try to see whenever I can. Roger has multiple projects going on, most are with his brother Mike (the Magic Man). He plays solo and with his band Roger Fisher and the Human Tribe and teaches guitar.

Part Two – Commercial work

Back in the early 2000's my car broke down. As I was waiting at a restaurant across the street for a tow truck, I saw an ad on the bathroom stall door. On a whim, I responded. It was for the Kim Brooke Group, a talent agency. I wound up being represented by her for about 20 years. I did land a speaking part in a medical insurance commercial. As they say ... don't quit your day job. I left her agency when I moved out of the Seattle area. Thinking of getting back into it for something to do. On my list of things to do.

My life has never been dull. Life is for living and enjoying. I look forward to what my future holds.

Submitted by Pam Toole

Colin Firth

I saw him sitting in a café with his son. I waited until they got up to leave before I went and asked if I could get an autograph for my mom (who's a huge fan). He asked me a few questions about her and wrote a quite nice autograph for her. He asked if I wanted one as well and I told him that meeting him was more than enough.

I had told Colin where my mom worked, and he went in the next day and made a point to stop and chat with her. Truly a class act.

Anonymous

Sha Na Na Dance Contest

I went to an outdoor concert of Sha Na Na with my 2 sons, 7 and 10, and we

had tent seating. It came to the part of the concert when they have a dance contest with girls from the audience going on stage. I got picked and immediately left my two young sons in the audience. On stage the band member quietly asked me if I could follow dance steps and I said yes. He threw me up on one hip and my feet



went up in the air and then he threw me on his other hip and wrapped me around his body and I ended up standing in front of him. Wow ! I could hardly believe what had just happened. Then the band member whispered in my ear that we wouldn't win as the lady next to us fell and she was going to win.

Just the experience was good enough for me.

Submitted by Sue Smith

John McCain & Grant Woods

Way back when John McCain was still a Congressman (not a Senator) my husband was president of the Arizona Chiefs of Police Association. He invited McCain to speak at one of the monthly meetings in Tucson, and McCain accepted. He was flying into Tucson from Washington DC, and I was the designated driver to pick him up at the airport and deliver him to the meeting. He had his aide with him, who, at the time was Grant Woods. Both men were very friendly, and we had a lovely conversation, though I was shy and intimidated by this powerhouse! But he couldn't have been nicer, and asked about our family, etc. We also talked briefly about his time as a POW, as Fred and I were working in Vietnam during those same years.

After the meeting our whole family, including our two kids, about 8 and 10, took the men back to the airport for their flight out. While McCain and Fred talked in the front, Grant Woods was having a great time with our kids, even digging out a hand puppet he'd bought for his own kids and moving it behind McCain's head, as if the puppet were doing the talking, causing our kids to crack up. At the airport we asked Grant Woods, (the mere aide) to take a picture of McCain with our family. Interestingly, Woods later became the Arizona State Attorney General and is



well known in his own right. We should have also asked McCain to take a pic of us with him!

Submitted by Dee Dees

Jean Smart

About a month after the Oklahoma City bombing, my husband and I were flying there where I would be speaking and training at a Toastmasters conference. I had a middle seat, and my husband had the aisle. The window seat was empty so far. Across the aisle, a woman was seated, but turned around talking to someone in the row behind. A man came along, looked at her and said, rather gruffly, "You're in my seat." She looked at her ticket and sure enough, she was supposed to be on our side of the aisle. She apologized to us, saying, "I guess I need to be in there. I thought I had an aisle seat." Fred, being ever the gentleman, said, "I can

take the window if you'd rather have the aisle." She thanked him, we all got settled, and that was it for much of the flight. I kept thinking she looked familiar, and even her voice sounded familiar, but she was so ordinary looking, with a big old tote bag for a purse, that I thought, no, she can't be anyone famous. But after hearing her speak again to the flight attendant, I recognized the voice, and it matched with the face! I got my nerve up and said, "You look so familiar, are you on TV?" She replied, "Yes, I'm on Designing Women. I'm **Jean Smart**."

I said, "Oh, I thought I recognized that drawl!" And she said, "Really, do you think I have a drawl? I never noticed that." She was very pleasant, and once I clued Fred into who she was, she and he had a great conversation as well. It turned out that she and several other celebrities were all on their way to do a benefit for the first responders of the OKC tragedy. She even told me who the others were, and when I said I knew of two of them from a favorite show, she even pointed out where they were sitting. As with all the really great celebrities, she, too, was very down to earth and friendly.

Submitted by Dee Dees

Dick Van Dyke

As a bonus, though I did meet him face-to-face in typical circumstances (book signing and photo op), my "close encounter" came in the form of a totally unexpected phone call from one of my all-time favorite actors, Dick Van Dyke. I had written to him to ask if I could

do an interview for North Phoenix Magazine (I was freelancing for them at the time) while he was in town for a show. I didn't really expect to hear back, but I had tickets to the show, so went and enjoyed every second. I'd known getting an interview was a long shot.



But the next morning, I answered my phone, and heard, "Hi, this is Dick Van Dyke." He apologized for not getting back to me earlier, explained that he was only in town for the day of the show and overnight and was heading back to the airport that morning. We chatted for a few minutes, and he even confessed that while performing the night before, he had a horrible case of shingles that was driving him nuts. No one in the audience would have known, as he sang and danced his heart out. I think I blew the chance for the interview though, when my first response to him was a shocked, "*Dick Van Dyke! No Way!*" SO unprofessional! At least he laughed, before continuing with the friendly conversation. He was just the same

person I used to watch on the Dick Van Dyke show, an ordinary guy, friendly and fun to talk to.

Submitted by Dee Dees

Ozzie Smith

Back in the 80's, Larry Smith was stationed at Altus, OK. We went home one summer and part of our trip home to the St. Louis area was to watch a St. Louis Cardinal baseball game. While we were home on one trip, there was going to be an autograph day for Ozzie Smith. We were at that outing as Ozzie Smith was a fantastic shortstop. He was inducted into the baseball Hall of Fame in 2002. At the picture signing we told him how we planned our vacation around when the Cardinals would be in St. Louis. He was dumbfounded; he couldn't believe it. He asked where Larry was stationed and talked to us about Larry's next assignment being Germany. I started to feel bad for the people behind us as he was spending so much time with us.

Submitted by Sue Smith



AAMHO is the statewide organization that has been fighting for the rights of homeowners on leased land for nearly 50 years. With the passage of the Arizona Mobile Home Parks Residential Landlord and Tenant Act in 1975 through the revisions up to the present day, AAMHO has been at the

forefront of the legislative process with support from dues paying members and the help of a team of volunteers made up of homeowners themselves.

AAMHO is here for anyone when they have concerns about manufactured home ownership. We answer all calls both from members and non-members. But it is from your memberships that we cannot only answer your questions, but we can impact changes in the current laws as well.

Recently an Arizona bill was introduced by State Rep. David Cook (R-[District 7](#)), and passed the power of Air Conditioner placement in the hands of the resident, not the landlord. In older mobile homes, many parks do not allow window air conditioners and that is the only way many people have to cool their homes in the hot Arizona summers. The AAMHO lobbyist worked with the legislature to get this passed. The AZ bill aims to cut down on heat deaths.

AAMHO at work. While this bill does not affect LPG residents as all the homes have central air conditioning, there are other bills in the past and in the future that have and will affect LPG residents.

Go to AAMHO.ORG to apply for or renew membership. \$35 for a year, \$60 for two years, and \$150 for 5 years. Join Today!

Did You Know

Did you know that as a pedestrian or “walker”, you are to walk facing the traffic.

This is a safety issue. Facing the traffic, a person can see if a car looks like it is coming too close to them, and they can move over or jump out of the way. Also, when walking at nighttime, it is best to wear light colored clothes or a reflector belt in order for cars to know you are there. By walking with the traffic a person cannot tell if a car is going to possibly hit them. Even though the speed limit is a slow 15 mph, getting hit at that speed can still cause a good deal of bodily damage. At the age of this community, bodies do not heal as quickly as in the past. This is being mentioned for safety reasons. Also, bicycle riders are to ride with the traffic. There are way too many bicyclists that ride facing the traffic.

SRP News

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