

Las Palmas Grand Residents' Association

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Residents' Association Meetings

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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.

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

Armistice Day

The [Treaty of Versailles](#) was signed on June 28, 1919, marking the official end of [World War I](#). Nonetheless, the armistice date of November 11, 1918, remained in the public imagination as the date that marked the end of the conflict.

One year later, in November 1919, U.S. President [Woodrow Wilson](#) proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. The day's observation included parades and public gatherings, as well as a brief pause in business and school activities at 11 a.m.

On November 11, 1921, an unidentified American soldier killed in the war was buried at [Arlington National Cemetery](#) near Washington, D.C. On the same day the previous year, unidentified soldiers were laid to rest at [Westminster Abbey](#) in London and at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

On June 4, 1926, Congress passed a resolution that the "recurring anniversary of [November 11, 1918] should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations," and that the president should issue an annual

proclamation calling for the observance of [Armistice Day](#).

By that time, 27 state legislatures had made November 11 a legal holiday. An act approved May 13, 1938 made November 11 a legal Federal holiday, "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'"

In actuality, there are no U.S. national holidays because the states retain the right to designate their own, and the government can only designate holidays for federal employees and for the District of Columbia. In practice, however, states almost always follow the federal lead.

Veterans Day Traditions

In the United States, an official wreath-laying ceremony is held each Veterans Day at the [Tomb of the Unknown Soldier](#) in Arlington National Cemetery, while parades and other celebrations are held in states around the country.



Veterans Day is [not to be confused with Memorial Day](#)—a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

Great Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World War I and II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November). In Europe, Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11.

The Central Arizona Project What it is and What it Means for You

Perhaps you've seen plenty of canals during your days in the desert. But which canal is Central Arizona Project (CAP)? Maybe that majestic canal you noticed from an airplane, swerving through our desert landscape. Or the one daily flashing to view as you cross that bridge. Was it somewhere on social media, or perhaps behind a "CAP" sign affixed to a

neighborhood fence? Maybe you know exactly which one is CAP: the 336-mile Colorado River water delivery system that runs from Lake Havasu to Tucson.

Regardless of your CAP credentials, we now bring you deeper into this amazing water infrastructure that serves more than 80 percent of the state's population, including 12 tribal nations, and is a critical source of Colorado River water for central and southern Arizona.

What is CAP's purpose and mission?

CAP's mission is to reliably manage and deliver Colorado River water to Maricopa, Pinal and Pima counties. The CAP canal system brings Colorado River water to cities, towns, private water companies, and tribes. CAP connects communities in Arizona through the water it delivers, and with the positive impact CAP water has on Arizona's economy and quality of life.



What is the CAP system?

The primary feature of the CAP system is the canal that crosses the state. CAP also includes 14 pumping plants, the Lake Pleasant storage reservoir, and more than 50 turnouts. Quite possibly, these turnouts bring CAP water to your water utility - which delivers it to your tap.

What's a brief history of CAP?

CAP construction was authorized by President Lyndon B. Johnson 1968. Construction began in 1973 and took 20 years to complete. In 1971, before construction even began, the Central Arizona Water Conservation District was created to provide Arizona a means to repay the federal government for the reimbursable costs of construction and to manage the water system.

Story from the Central Arizona Project

So Now What?

We hope this offered more than a glimpse of CAP. Whether this was your first introduction, or a refresher to those already privy to this essential Arizona water supply, we welcome you to "know your water" news – through the following link. www.knowyourwaternews.com

The Colorado River Basin continues to experience drought, exacerbated by the impacts of climate change. Learn how CAP is adapting currently and for the near and long term. www.knowyourwaternews.com

Theme of this Quarterly Observer is "What Makes You Happy!"

This Quarter's theme took some people by surprise in that they had to really think about what made them happy, while others knew immediately. Friends, family and living in LPG seemed to be a general consensus. I too love the fact that I live in LPG. I did choose this place to settle down in for my retirement years. My general response to the question is my recliner, a good movie, my sewing, as well as having a cruise booked sometime in the future and let me not forget, crafting. The question of what makes me happy is almost like Thanksgiving, and what are we feeling blessed or thankful for. My family and all the friends I've made at LPG, whether I can remember their name or not are what I feel thankful for. At the stage in life many of us are in, happiness can also be asked differently; what are you content with in your life. Now that you have done this exercise, you are ready for the Thanksgiving question next month -- what are you grateful for. Enjoy the read of your fellow residents. Thank you all that participated.

Sue Smith, Editor

Glad to be on the ride side of the dirt!
We love our Sunday Night Card group!
Pam and Bob Williams

My husband makes me happy. He is so kind, thoughtful and is always there for me.

Becky Bickford

Good Health and laughing friends.

Anonymous

Doing my crafts and helping others when I can. I do Diamond Dots, crochet, beading and puzzles. Looking forward to cooler weather to get back on my bike.

Anonymous

Donuts at the LPGRA meetings! I like the groups I attend and the presentations that LPG schedules. I like all the new friends I've made since moving in last March!

Terry Toser

I've had a good life. I've traveled, I've met all sorts of people, I have good health and a wonderful partner, and I've learned to adapt. I'm happy.

Pat Wittman

LOL . . . dancing, sisterhood, family and friends.

Chris Farrell

We celebrate birthdays for all relatives. We start early afternoon and last until about 9:00pm. We play online games, watch sports

on TV, swim, play basketball, and do song and dance. The person on their birthday gets to pick their favorite cake and one more. The best birthday is the next one, Oct 5th. (guess who?) The food and fun is fantastic, and the love can't be beaten.

Mike Jarecki

Donuts at the LPGRA meetings! So many things, I try to remain always grateful.

Paddi Catapano

Being with LPG friends to have fun, play cards, laugh and be silly!

Dan and Lois Shanahan

Oceans, grasslands, mountains, camping and nature. Being retired to be able to explore our country. Living here, we love it! Chiefs winning!

Traci Thoman

There are so many things that make me happy. One of these is living in LPG. I moved here 5 years ago, single and hoping to stay active. From day one I was able to get involved in the many activities that are available here – bus trips to all kinds of places, dinners in the ballroom, cards and mahjogg, concerts, Bill Harrison presentations, bingo, and so much more. Now I'm involved in our singles group which provides friendship and support, plus

fantastic outings. When I think of where I currently live, I'm happy.

Cheryl Jorban

Back when I was in high school I fell in love with Barbershop Harmony music. We had a group of 8 guys that sang some popular songs at school gatherings and Saturday nights at a local dance gathering.

Later in life I got connected with a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society and joined up to sing with the Arlington's Chorus that eventually reached up to 97 members. We sang in international competitions and finally received fifth place medals for three years. I ended up singing in the competitions for 35 years.

I retired in 1986 and moved to a rural location in Missouri and ultimately to Mesa, Arizona.

Bud Rolley

Happiness is often elusive, and depends on circumstances, but it still seems I have been blessed with an abundance of it. When I stop to consider what makes me happy, I believe it is simply trying to follow God's blueprint for my life. This includes daily loving and serving others in even small ways, which creates joy . . . and it's hard not to be happy when you have joy deep inside.

Mary Ruth Amundson

Singing makes me happy.

Peggy Johnson

The thing that makes me the happiest is my relationship with Jesus Christ. He is my Savior. Then the worldly things come in. Horseback riding, ice cream, bacon, dark chocolate, living in Las Palmas Grand, and some very special friends makes me happy.

Peggy Marcone

52 Year Old Birthday Card

It all started 52 years ago on a birthday. Pat Wittman's sister Judy sent Pat a birthday card in July 1972. Pat thought it was so pretty that on Judy's birthday she sent the card back to Judy in Feb 1973.

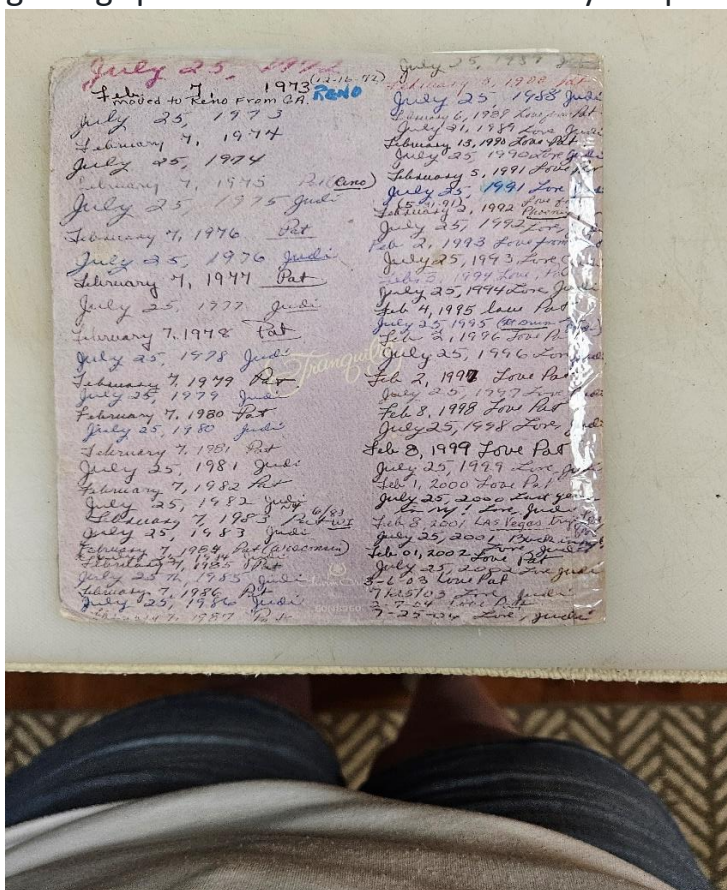


Then Judy sent it to Pat on her next birthday. They kept this up and saved a lot of money by not buying birthday cards each year. In 2005 one of the sisters attached some paper to the inside of the birthday card and they started writing what was going on in their life. It was a journal of family lives and history but also what was happening in our country. Just short snippets. The card is getting quite thick now. Pat and Judy keep

Some family member will inherit the card and marvel at the lives of two women.



Pat Wittman



Inside of card with dates

the card in a resealable bag from birthday to birthday. The birthday card is a treasure trove of information and happy times in their lives. The picture on the card is growing faint and states "On Your Birthday" on the front but it holds a ton of memories on the inside.

LPGRA is Selling Coffee Mugs



The mugs are cobalt blue with white lettering. They sell for \$10 for one or \$15 for two. Las Palmas Grand Resident's Association is selling the coffee mugs as a fund raiser. There are monthly expenses that the board has such as recycling supplies, office supplies and website maintenance. Also, it will help with the amount at the end of the year that we are able to give to a nonprofit organization. Cheryl Jorban is in charge of the selling of the mugs, and she can be reached at 253-224-4453.

Thanksgiving is Coming . . . Late

Thanksgiving, one of the major national holidays, is a time that involves a number of traditions: family gatherings, [indulging in a large meal](#) (usually turkey and sides; sometimes a [DiGiorno Thanksgiving pizza](#)), snagging Black Friday deals, or watching football and the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Every year, Thanksgiving falls on the fourth Thursday in November, but this year the holiday occurs much later than in years past. Here's what to know about this year's Turkey Day.

Why is Thanksgiving late this year?

Thanksgiving is on its latest possible date in 2024, according to [NBC Chicago](#). The holiday always occurs on the fourth Thursday of November, but the dates can differ based on leap years. We had a leap year in 2024.

A Nov. 28 Thanksgiving happens roughly every five-to-six years, meaning that the next time we'll see a Thanksgiving on Nov. 28 will be in 2030 (another year when Halloween is on a Thursday and Nov. 1 is a Friday).

With its comfort and joy, heart-warming spirit, and magical moments with friends and family gathered 'round the [Christmas tree](#), it's no wonder Christmas is lovingly called the most wonderful time of the year. And along with that merry moniker comes festive [Christmas decorations](#)—from creative [Christmas mantel decor](#) inside your home to welcoming [Christmas wreaths](#) on every door outside.

When Is “Too Early” to Decorate for Christmas? So Many Opinions!

As the garland and bows go up at home, in stores and restaurants, and all-around town, it seems every year you hear someone comment, “The Christmas decorations go up earlier and earlier,” which is typically followed by an opinion of whether or not this mad dash to decorate for the holidays is acceptable. So when is too early to decorate for Christmas? When is it acceptable to decorate for Christmas? And does it really matter?

We're here to report, it matters! In fact, this topic is as hot as chestnuts roasting on an open fire. The internet is all abuzz with opinion polls, but we conducted some research of our very own and quizzed who we believe to be the very finest Christmas

decorating experts of all—magazine editors. Here's where the results landed.



A solid, merry majority of our editor friends (65% to be exact) said that you should decorate for Christmas right after Thanksgiving or the first week of December, citing that this timeline gives Thanksgiving its well-deserved due, thus a clean transition into the yuletide season. This is no surprise, as this schedule is in accordance with tradition and aligns with the start of Advent. And for what it's worth, the [Ritz-Carlton New York, Central Park](#) decorates on Thanksgiving Day.

Fifteen percent of the editors in our office agree that decorating for Christmas after Thanksgiving is indeed the way to go, but they suggest waiting a little longer into the month of December. The remaining 20%? Let's just say they were not shy about decking the halls well before the turkey dinner is served, proclaiming,

"Decorating for Christmas is a lot of work, so we enjoy our decorations as long as possible," and "No waiting! Give me Christmas early," even as soon as November 1, the day after Halloween. These folks are right in line with ['Christmas at Biltmore'](#), which begins November 2, 2024.

Do NOT Feed the Birds or Animals

You might think you are doing a great service to the birds or animals in the area by feeding them, but, you AREN'T. Why is it so terrible to feed the birds and animals? You make them dependent upon you and that is not a good thing. You move or get sick; they depend on you and you're not there. Birds and animals can find food on their own and keep up their skills by doing so. Feeding the birds sometimes ends up feeding other animals and there lies a problem. The animals tend to live in surrounding properties which makes a problem for the neighbors. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service stated that feeding animals in the end hurts them, no matter how good the intention is.

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Have an idea for a theme for the newsletter? Share your thoughts with me! I'm running out of ideas. Sue Smith suesmithpc@yahoo.com.