

Las Palmas Grand Residents Association

LPGRA Observer

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Board Meeting Dates

CLUBHOUSE BALL ROOM

SEPTEMBER 2, 2021, 9:30

OCTOBER 7, 2021, 9:30

NOVEMBER 4, 2021, 9:30

ANNUAL ELECTION

The Fall brings new activities and new people to meet. One way to get to know folks in LPG is through participation in the LPG Residents Association (LPGRA) and the Board of Directors. The LPGRA mission is to enhance positive community living by providing an organized, positive approach for resident/management interaction. All homeowners of Las Palmas Grand are members of the LPGRA. The General Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. – September's meeting will be held September 2 in the Ballroom and October's meeting on October 7th.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

We are still looking for a few folks interested in seeking election at the Annual Meeting on November 04, 2021. **Two positions are open for**

election. All homeowners are eligible and encouraged to participate. Please consider supporting YOUR Association by standing for election in November. The new Board members will take office following selection of Officers at the Board meeting of November 11th.

Information about duties and responsibilities of Board Members and Candidate Questionnaire can be found on the website – www.lpgra.org.

Absentee ballots will be available on the website after October 14 and must be returned by 5 pm November 3rd.

Seasonal homeowner-residents are encouraged to participate. Our work can be done even while you are away from LPG - we can connect through technology any time during the year. If you are new to LPG, don't worry – no experience is necessary – just a desire to support community/management relations.

Please contact any Board Member if you have questions or are interested in learning more about the LPGRA. YOUR Association needs your participation and support. We are here for you year-round.

If you are unable to attend the meeting on November 4th to vote, you can obtain an Absentee Ballot after October 14 – just contact Margaret Jacoby by phone or email. Completed Absentee Ballots may be emailed to Margaret or dropped in the ballot box located in the Activities Office or sent by US Mail no later than 5 pm November 3rd.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Margaret Jacoby #661 President
310-621-7339

Peggy Marcone #418 1st Vice President
585-752-8279

Sue Smith # 110 2nd Vice President
801-628-0025

Pam Williams #429 Secretary
559-259-2559

Walt Smiles #354 Treasurer
574-370-2645

VETERANS TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR MILITARY SERVICE

There are those of us who have long been advocates for veterans to document their military experience, if not for their immediate family, for posterity. Unfortunately, so many of our veteran's experiences have yet to be told nor documented. But be assured, somewhere down the road, a distant family member, a comrade in arms, a military unit historian, or the great-great-grandson of a veteran who served with you will launch a search to learn about your military experience. Unfortunately, a military discharge document offers only a summary of your service history and absolutely no information about your personal experiences. However, expounding upon your DD-214 in far more detail with personal experiences will have great value for someone in the future who is anxious to learn about you.

This coming November 11, **Veterans Day** will be celebrated across the U.S. offering all of us the chance to honor the many amazing people who



have served in the nation's armed forces, both at home and abroad. We would like to honor our LPG vets by publishing their military experience in the November edition of *Thesman Lifestyles*, our monthly news magazine. Your stories are important, and be assured, there is no job you may have held in the U.S. military that could be considered insignificant or unimportant. Every service member's job is critical to mission preparedness and mission accomplishment. So, let us share your story. We sincerely want to learn more about your military experiences and how the military prepared and shaped you for your role in the civilian world. Tell us about some of your more unforgettable characters and life lessons learned. We can provide you with a simple form to complete that will highlight your service background. Or we can meet at your home or the Clubhouse so that you can verbally relay your story. We'll take it from there. We will summarize your story in narrative form, send it back to you for final edits or comments, then with your permission, submit it for publication. If you prefer your story not to be published, we'll leave you a copy to pass on to your heirs.

Veterans, never forget.... Our American veterans, as veterans of all militaries of all nations past and present, stand at the top of their country's social ladder. Our nation honors your service. We take immense pride in you. And for your service, regardless of job, rank, citations, duty stations, or individual achievement, we will be eternally grateful to you. Contact Dick Nations 512-809-8899

10 FUN FACTS ABOUT BOCCE BALL

Our LPG Bocce Ball season is going to be starting up soon and we thought it would be a good time to share some fun facts about Bocce Ball.

Bocce Ball has simple rules, making it a fun and easy game for all ages to learn and play. There are two teams, each with 2 players, four large balls (the bocci), and 1 smaller ball, the pallino. Play begins when a member of one team throws the pallino across the court. The teams then switch off throwing the bocci at the pallino where it has landed. After all the bocci balls have been thrown, the team with the bocci closest to the pallino wins the point.



With these fun facts, you can be the most bocce-savvy on the court.

1. Bocce is the third most popular sport in the world, after soccer and golf.
2. Bocce in its current form was played as early as 264 B.C. in Rome. No one really knows how old bocce is, but stone balls dating back to 9000 B.C. have been found in Turkey.
3. 25 million people in the U.S. alone play bocce.
4. Notable bocce players have included the Roman Emperor Augustus, the ancient

Greek physician Hippocrates, and the astronomer Galileo.

5. George Washington built a bocce court at Mount Vernon in the 1780s.
6. The pallino must cross the middle of the court for the game to start. If not, it must be rethrown, or given to the other team to throw.



7. A bocci is considered dead (or “morte” in Italian) when it goes out of bounds. The bocci is removed from play and not allowed to be rethrown.
8. A game is typically played to 12 points in the U.S., though some games can go to 15 or 21 points.
9. The surface of the bocce court can be composed of stone dust, dirt, clay, grass, or an artificial material.
10. Regulation bocce courts are 91 feet long by 13 feet wide, and variations are acceptable if the foul lines, mid-court lines, and inbound markers are designated.

Come out and try your skills while socializing and having fun. Submitted by Gayle Connell

LPG NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

The LPG Neighborhood Watch (NW) is steadily growing strong. We have been working closely with Las Palmas Neighborhood Watch Coordinators George Griffin and Ellen Tryon, learning what works for Las Palmas and then working on how to adapt their approach to LPG, which is a much larger community (LP has 540 homes, LPG has almost 840). Our LPG Committee and volunteers have been wonderful in providing constructive input, suggestions, and feedback to make the LPG NW successful.



Our first Street Captain training is now scheduled for Monday August 16 from 3:30 to 5pm in the Cardroom at the Clubhouse; cookies and newly updated and simplified NW forms will be provided. Thesman management is in the process of ordering ID holders and lanyards for us to give street captains, hopefully these will be available in time for this training. All are welcome! Even if you don't want to be a Street Captain, just come, and learn what NW is and how we can use NW to help improve community safety and security, and then decide if or how you want to be involved.

Most importantly, NW can keep our community informed, and educate us to be active observers in our community, and improve communication as appropriate, whether that means calling your neighbor if something doesn't look right, reporting

non-resident suspicious activity to Mesa Police non-emergency number 480-644-2211 x2 (you can put this number in your cell phone), or calling 911 if a crime is in progress. And lock your vehicle(s) and doors by 9pm nightly- this is a good habit that makes a difference.



Stay on top of local police incident calls at LPG and our surrounding area with www.spotcrime.com by registering with the 2550 S. Ellsworth Rd address to receive daily and/or weekly reports via email or use the mobile Spot Crime app. Police service calls are reported on this app within 24-48 hours by block, not by house address.

Monthly NW updates are provided at the LPGRA meeting (1st Thursday of every month at 9:30am) and via monthly emails by me, as well as a brief update in the monthly Thesman newspaper. Our committee meeting minutes, relevant web links, and forms are posted on www.lpgra.org/neighborhoodWatch. The Mesa Police Crime Prevention newsletter is available at mesaazpolice.gov click on Community and then click on Neighborhood Watch

If you would like to be on the LPG NW email list to stay informed if anything comes up, or just to stay informed about NW in general, please email me at LPGNWP@gmail.com or call me at 253-228-1790. Everyone's support is truly appreciated! Sally York, LPG Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Unit 521

Wimpies, Yip Yips, or Sloppy Joes ?

What you call this sandwich depends on what part of the country you come from. This "Wimpies" recipe has been in Peggy Marcone's family for at least 4 generations. Most everyone now calls the sandwich Sloppy Joes. Super easy and everyone always loves them.

- 1 cup ketchup
- 2 TBSP sugar
- 2 TBSP mustard
- 2 drops tabasco
- 1 TBSP vinegar
- 1 TBSP Worcestershire Sauce



Brown 1 1/2 pounds of ground beef with 1 chopped onion. Drain fat. Add sauce. Simmer 1/2 hour and enjoy.

RECYCLING UPDATE

The recycling program of aluminum cans has taken off. Because of its success, management has given

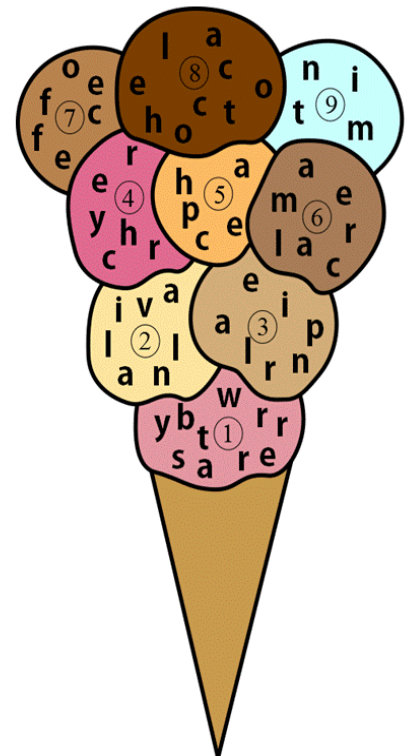
us the go ahead to start the plastic bottle recycling program which we hope to have up and running by



September 1. CLEAR plastic bottles will be recycled, like water bottles or clear beverage bottles. NO plastic milk jugs! If in doubt call Alan Smith 515-943-1415 or Sue Smith 801-628-0025. We will keep LPG residents informed when it gets started.

Andrew couldn't decide what flavor of ice cream he wanted most, so he just asked for a nine scoop cone. Unscramble the letters on each scoop to find out what flavors he enjoyed.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____



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REMINDER TO PET OWNERS

Dog owners are reminded of the importance of the pet rules that have been set for Las Palmas Grand.

- When outside your home, your dog must be leashed. From greeting the neighbor at the end of your driveway to walks and golf cart rides – your dog must be on a leash that you control.



- When out of your home, it is not acceptable for your dog to be in our common areas. That includes all areas of the clubhouse grounds – the mail room, sidewalks, and any grassy areas. It is not ok to leave your dog on the golf cart while you retrieve your mail, nor is it permitted to take your pet into the mail area.
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- A dog park has been provided for all pet owners. Please use the park instead of the



common areas or a neighbor's yard. Most importantly, **clean up after your pet.**

REMEMBER WHEN. . .

You're almost an Arizona Native if you remember some of these memories of the East Valley, 20-30 years ago:

- Mill St bridge getting washed away in the flood of '93
- Grand Hotel in Apache junction
- Keating 5
- Diamondbacks winning the World Series!!



- When there was NO Superstition Springs!
- Phoenix Suns in the 1993 NBA Finals!!

- The 'Don's Trek' out in the Superstitions



- Cardinals in the Super Bowl!!
- State Route 360 (now US 60), when it ended at Country Club Dr, then Power Rd
- Valley Lutheran & Mesa Lutheran Hospitals

Gone, but not forgotten restaurants:

- Perkin's restaurants in the Valley



- Luby's Cafeteria at Superstition Springs

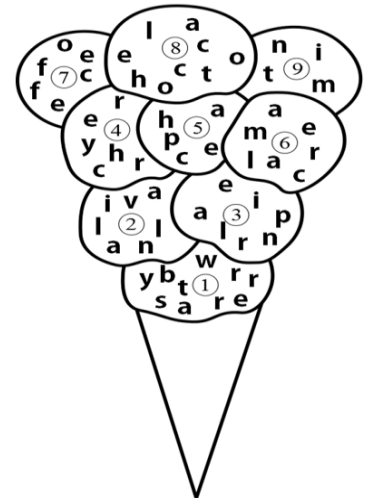
Submitted by John Latson

Next newsletter November 15, - deadline for articles is Nov 1, 2021

Answers to puzzle from page 5

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1. chocolate
2. vanilla
3. praline
4. cherry
5. peach
6. caramel
7. coffee
8. chocolate
9. mint



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DO YOU KNOW YOUR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS ?

Good to know information. We live in Legislative District 16; Website: www.azleg.gov

Senator: Kelly Townsend; email KTOWNSEND; legislative phone no.: 602-926-4467

House Representative: John H. Fillmore; email jfillmore; legislative phone no.: 602-926-3127

House Representative: Jacqueline Parker; email jparker; legislative phone no.: 602-926-3375

We live in Congressional District 5

Congressman Andy Biggs Mesa Office 480-699-8239 To email go to the following website: www.biggs.house.gov and email forms will be available.