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LPGRA Observer

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Hello Friends and Neighbors:

After lots of back and forth and frustration by both residents and management, LPG Management has approved a plan for recycling **ALUMINUM CANS ONLY** inside the community on a trial basis.

You will find 2 very large blue barrels in the **trash area** on Juniper Hills. These barrels are for **ALUMINUM BEVERAGE CANS ONLY**. Please be sure to toss only clean rinsed, empty BEVERAGE cans into those barrels. Please don't discard sticky unrinsed cans in those barrels as they will attract bugs and rodents and contaminate the clean cans.

We are hoping that this will be the beginning of a new recycling program in LPG which can be expanded in the future. The LPGRA Board has been working with Alan Smith, a resident of LPG, to bring this to fruition. Alan is a volunteer and is coordinating this project.

Many thanks to Alan for his excellent proposal and budget which were submitted to LPG Management last month. As a result, LPG management has supplied the start-up funding. Way to go, Alan - many thanks for your commitment to LPG and the environment!

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer to help Alan with the collection and redemption of the cans, please contact any Board member or [Alan Smith](#).

MEMORIAL DAY 2021 BREAKFAST CEREMONY LPG RESIDENTS

The LPG **RED** Friday Group invites LPG residents to attend an off-site Memorial Day Breakfast and Ceremony. Seating is limited and paid-in-advance confirmation is required. If you need transportation to and from the restaurant, we will be happy to provide transportation for you. We will pick you up at your doorstep and return you to your home.

Come join your fellow LPG residents for this very significant holiday to honor all U.S. service members who have sacrificed their lives while serving our country.

Call Dick Nations for reservations at (512) 809-8899. Please provide names of those in your party.

DATE & TIME: 8:30AM MONDAY,
MAY 31, 2021

LOCATION: IHOP RESTAURANT -
[2100 S. POWER ROAD, MESA, AZ 85208](#)

BREAKFAST BUFFET –
SCRAMBLED EGGS,
SAUSAGE, BACON, HASH
BROWNS, PANCAKES,
TOAST, FRUIT, & CHOICE
OF DRINK
\$10 per person

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Pickleball fun here at LPG on Saint Patrick's Day 2021. This group of Intermediate players can be found on the new courts (Courts 3-6) Monday through Friday from 8 to 10am, and at other random times as well. A great group of people with diverse backgrounds so you're sure to find something in common. Newcomers and beginners are also very welcome to join us, so don't be put off by lack of experience and no excuses! Please come to play and gather more details about the fastest growing sport here at LPG and in the USA.

FROM THE EDITOR:

Your next newsletter will have a new Editor, a new look and new EVERYTHING..... I have lost the Microsoft Publisher program that I used, so this issue was done mostly by my husband, on his computer, with his NEW Publisher program. I regret having to leave as Editor, because this is the kind of stuff I love to do but I'm not willing to learn a whole new system.....

From Gary Hookom:

A good way to kill weeds environmentally friendly. The simple ingredient is white vinegar! A spray bottle full with a mixture of a quart of white vinegar and 3 tablespoons of liquid dish soap. The soap helps the mixture to stay on the leaves. Once a week walk around the yard and give each new weed 4 or 5 squirts. No bending over and no inhaling poisonous fumes. Hope this helps you with your yardwork

From Penny Crow:

Read down, then read up:

Today was the worst day of my life

Don't try to convince me that there's something good in every day
Because, when you take a closer look, this world is a pretty evil place

Even if

Some goodness does shine through once in a while,

Satisfaction and happiness don't last

And it's not true that

It's all in the mind and heart

Because

True happiness can be obtained

Only if one's surroundings are good

It's not true that good exists

I'm sure you can agree that

The reality

Creates

Our attitude

It's all beyond our control

And you'll never in a million years hear me say that

Today was a good day

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Neighborhood Watch Program Web Resources

National Neighborhood Watch- free registration of NWP, info and research resources [National Neighborhood Watch | Crime prevention through neighborhood cohesiveness and collaboration \(nnw.org\)](#)

National Sheriffs' Association Crime Prevention Programs
[Crime Prevention | NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION](#)

Mesa Police Programs, Services and Forms, including Neighborhood Watch and GAIN (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods)
[Programs, Services & Forms | City of Mesa \(mesaaz.gov\)](#)

Mesa Police – Crime Prevention Page with bi-monthly newsletter
[Crime Prevention | Mesa Police \(mesaazpolice.gov\)](#)

Mesa Police- Report a Non-Emergency Crime Online
[Report a Non-Emergency Crime Online | City of Mesa \(mesaaz.gov\)](#)

Mesa Police- Submit a Tip by Text Message
[Submit a Tip | City of Mesa \(mesaaz.gov\)](#)

Mesa Police Incidents by Block, Year, Month and Type
Enter Block (enter block, street, city, state) by Date Range or Time Period, Incident Type and more; updated regularly and based on initial police reports taken by officers when responding to calls for service. Las Palmas Grand data can be found at "2500 S. Ellsworth Rd." If you would like to check on follow-up for any reported incident, an incident number, type, date of call and date of service is listed both on the map and in the data table.
[Police Incidents by Year, Month and Type | City of Mesa Data Portal \(mesaaz.gov\)](#)

Find Crime in Your Neighborhood- mobile app and website to monitor weekly reported police incidents [Home | SpotCrime](#)

USPS Mobile App- monitor mail and package delivery with Informed Delivery, track mail, and more [USPS MOBILE® - Apps on Google Play](#)

Neighborhood Watch Program: A collaboration of the Residents of Las Palmas and Las Palmas Grand, Thesman Management, and the Mesa Police Department

The LP and LPG Neighborhood Watch Program (NWP) is slowly coming together, in collaboration with the Las Palmas Neighborhood Watch Program, Thesman Management, and the Mesa Police Department.

Monthly NWP updates are now being given at the LPGRA meetings; if you can't make it to these meetings in person, please watch on YouTube on the "Las Palmas Grand Activities" channel, or watch for the meeting link each month on Facebook. The LPG Neighborhood Watch Program information will also be available on the www.lpgra.org website. We will have frequent guests (including representatives from Mesa Police and Mesa Fire) at the monthly LPGRA meetings in the future. A Street Leader training is being scheduled for June 10th 2021 that will also be filmed for YouTube viewing, so that LPG and LP residents can view it at their convenience. NWP monthly Committee meeting minutes and NWP forms will also be available on the www.lpgra.org website, on a new NWP web page. Stay tuned as we launch the NWP as we enter the summer months!

Neighborhood Watch Programs are important because crime feeds on apathy. If people simply "mind their own business," their entire neighborhood is vulnerable. Take the following test to help determine if you need to be involved in a Neighborhood Watch Program.

1. Do you know all your neighbors?
2. Do you watch your neighbors' house when they are away?
3. Do your neighbors watch your home when you are away?
4. Do you and your neighbors work together on neighborhood problems?
5. If you hear or see something suspicious, do you call the police?
6. Is your active involvement in your neighborhood and community important?
7. Do you know what is going on in your neighborhood?

****Every resident should be a Neighborhood Watch member.... a concerned, public-spirited person who watches their neighborhood and reports criminal activity to their local law enforcement agency.**

To become involved in the [Las Palmas Grand](#) Neighborhood Watch Program, or to just get connected on the LPGNWP email list for future notifications and updates, contact Sally York, Unit 521, at 253-228-1790 or at LPGNWP@gmail.com.

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MEMORIAL DAY – 31 MAY 2021

By Dick Nations

For countless families across the nation, Memorial Day is a stark and often painful reminder of those who were never afforded the opportunity to be honored as veterans for their service to our country. Their sacrifice is a true expression of selfless service—one that no one would pick for themselves. Whether they volunteered during a time of war, served during peacetime, or never expected to wear our nation's uniform until their draft card arrived, they represent the best America has to offer.

Too many mothers, fathers, siblings and children feel the immense weight of seeing an empty chair year-round. For them, Memorial Day brings some degree of closure knowing that America greatly appreciates what our fallen service members have contributed to our freedom.

Memorial Day is a day that commemorates all men and women who have died while serving in the military for the United States of America. American war deaths have varied dramatically, depending on the war they were volunteering (or being drafted) to fight. Some fell to the enemy, and many more fell to disease. Since the Revolutionary War, 650,000 American troops have died in battle, and more than 539,000 died from other, non-combat related causes.

That is more than 1.3 million of our American Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen who lost their lives during periods of war or conflict. Add to that staggering number of losses another 1.5 million wounded, and 82,000 still missing or unaccounted for that may have been killed, wounded, captured or executed.

So, today, across America, to honor our fallen, we express our gratitude with gravesite visits, limited public addresses, limited community memorial services, limited small gatherings of patriots, flag displays, poppies, and individual prayers. My hope is that on this very special day, parents and guardians are taking a moment to educate their children about the importance of Memorial Day before they depart to the park or to the lake to celebrate just another holiday.

I implore all Americans to honor the memory of our fallen heroes no longer with us. And let us strive every day to live up to the example set by such selfless patriots.

God bless each and every one of our service men and women that have answered the call of duty and paid the ultimate price. And let us all give thanks to them for their patriotism, their heroics, and the sacrifice they made when called upon by this great nation.

Attention potential volunteers!

Are you a full-time resident? Are you dependable? Are you physically able to reach, bend, stoop, and lift individual books above your head? Can you safely use a small step-stool? Are you able to remember instructions, and do you know your alphabet? We are in need of a library volunteer every Friday at the clubhouse. Contact me, **Cathy Bartlow, at 480.589.0757** if you meet the requirements and are interested in a once-a-week volunteer job for an hour or less every Friday. We also are in need of someone to volunteer on Wednesdays from May through September and a few substitutes to fill in occasionally and randomly.

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Department of Veterans Affairs Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War

On the **29th of March**, our Nation will commemorate **National Vietnam War Veterans Day**, an opportunity for VA employees and all Americans to recognize and thank our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice during one of America's longest wars.

All of us at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) encourage everyone to remember and respect the nine million American men and women—more than six million of whom are living today—who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces during our involvement in Vietnam from November 1, 1955 to May 7, 1975. Whether they were stationed in-country, in-theater or elsewhere during those two decades, they answered the country's call to service.

This year, VA will again join more than 11,000 organizations across the country as a commemorative partner supporting the Department of Defense in this Vietnam War Commemoration. The program was launched in 2012 by then President Barack Obama, and the commemoration and recognition activities will continue until 2025.

Because of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 pandemic, we must safely avoid large in-person events, but I invite all VA leaders to find safe opportunities to plan or participate in small community sponsored activities from March 25 - March 29. Outside of these dates, we should remember that we can always thank and welcome home Vietnam Veterans any time of the year.

Please remember and help us reach out to Vietnam Veterans who may be living in remote locations, those who are physically unable to attend commemorative events and those in assisted living, geriatric, rehabilitative or palliative care facilities. We encourage every American to show their deep gratitude to this generation of warriors and their families. Vietnam Veterans living in these conditions may especially appreciate your care and concern.

I also encourage everyone to visit the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War **website at the following link:** <https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/> to learn how you as an individual, as a member of an organization or an employee at a facility can be a commemorative partner and participate in this year's important tribute. Official commemorative partnerships offer historical media and opportunities

RED FRIDAY

Each Friday morning, a LPG men's group meets for a breakfast social adorned in Red Shirts. The group is comprised of both U.S. veterans and non-veterans, but all share a common goal each Friday, and that is to remember and honor all U.S. military personnel that are currently deployed overseas.

RED is an acronym that stands for **REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED**. R.E.D. Friday was created to remind people of our heroes overseas and to show that we are thinking of them. Men, women and children across the country wear red every Friday to serve as a reminder and to spread the message of how important it is that we keep our troops in our thoughts and prayers.

Troop morale is as important as their intense training. If morale is low, mistakes are made and our service members may suffer the consequence. By visually and verbally supporting our troops here at home and showing we care, we can, and we do help increase their morale.

Those of us who support our troops, are the silent majority. We are not "organized" to reflect who we are, or to reflect what our opinions are. Our idea of showing our solidarity and support for our deployed service members will continue on each and every Friday until our troops are home.

We encourage you to support our initiative by wearing **RED** on Fridays! Better yet.....come join us. We meet in front of the LPG clubhouse and depart for breakfast at 8 AM. We always have more than ample transportation if you wish to carpool. Need a ride? We will gladly pick you up and deliver you back to your home if required.

If you wish to meet us at the restaurant, drive over to IHOP on S. Power Road just south of Baseline Road. Require more information? Feel free to contact Dick Nations at (512) 809-8899, or Richard Bartlow at (480) 665-1038.

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From Pam Williams

We recently had Bob's younger brother Jim and sister-in-law Deb visiting us from Visalia, CA. This is the first time they have brought their trailer and stayed for two weeks. Jim and Deb, being from CA ,were very surprised how open everything is in AZ. We taught them several new games; playing daily. We took them up to the lake to see the wild horse and enjoyed having lunch on the patio at Shiprock Restaurant. We all had a great time at the LPG Lawn games, they were really surprised at the activities that are open at the community. They wanted to thank all the residents who made them feel right at home. Their hope is to possibly move to AZ and LPG, but they have four dogs at this time.

HODGE PODGE SOUP

BY Shirley Anne

I got this recipe from a friend in Cottage Grove, OR...she has a lovely flower and gift shop and I would work for her on the busy holidays tending the store with her. She made this very hearty soup on those days and bring it in a crock pot....when we had a minute of a break, we'd run to the back room and fill our coffee mugs with this soup. It's so easy and tasty... and so easy!

Brown together

1 c chopped onion
1 1/2 c chopped celery
2 lbs hamburger

Add

2 cans minestrone soup
3 cans water
1 lg can pork and beans
1 lg can chopped tomatoes
1 tsp oregano
1 Tbs Worchester sauce

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HUMOR IN UNIFORM

By Dick Nations

Some years ago while serving as my Army battalion's senior enlisted advisor, I had the necessity to reprimand one of my junior NCOs to a minor infraction

When I finished our face-to-face chat, I smiled at him and said, "I guess when I die you'll dance on my grave, won't you?" The Sergeant shook his head and said, "Not me, Sergeant Major, I promised myself that when I get out of the Army, I'll never stand in another line.

He was one sharp NCO.

By John Latson

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

Valley National Bank

Bank One

Camelot Country Club

Western Savings & Loan

Smitty's Grocery stores (and having breakfast at Smitty's Café)

ABCO Food stores

Willie Days at Williams AFB

The Grand Hotel in AJ

Wallace & Ladmo

The Keating 5

Gone, but not forgotten restaurants:

Nacho's Mexican (Main/Power)

The Panhandler (Main/Power)

Bob's Big Boy restaurants in AZ

The Feed Bag in AJ

The original Matta's on Main St.

Bill Johnson's Big Apple

Arizona Jack's (Main/63rd)

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