

LAKE PARK VILLAGE VOICE



Here we are in mid-summer and COVID-19 is still with us. Who would have guessed? It certainly has changed the way many of us have been doing things, including eating out, taking trips, exercising, etc. It certainly has brought us closer to home. I have noticed more people walking and biking than ever before. We are lucky that we live in an enclosed community where we can walk 1/3 of a mile, safely, just by walking around our loop.

A positive that has come out of this is, by walking around our community, it gives us a great opportunity to meet our neighbors, even if it is just to say hello. We have a great community with some really nice people. So whether you're out walking your dog or just walking around, make someone's day by saying hello.

On another note, our volunteer board members along with our property manager, do their best to maintain our community and manage our vendors. One way we do this is to take pictures of areas in need of attention to forward to the property manager, so he can see exactly what the issue is. As they say, "A picture is worth a thousand words." If you notice an area of the property that requires attention, you are encouraged to snap a picture and forward it to our property manager and/or the board along with a brief description. We just ask that you respect your neighbors' privacy.

Be safe and mask up. Better days are ahead.

Don Kozak

Algae Update

While normally a challenge during the summer months, controlling the algae blooms in moat #1 has been especially tough this year. According to Jeff Jenkins, owner of Arizona Lake and Pond Management, a chief contributing factor is the shallow depth of our moats which allows sunlight to reach the bottom, stimulating algae growth. In addition, moat #1 receives more direct sunlight each day, which is why excessive algae growth is more prevalent there than in the lake or the other moats. Also, our system of moats is fed by fresh water entering Moat #1 first. That water is full of nutrients that the algae feeds on.

Balancing chemicals in the water is an imperfect science, which was made apparent a few weeks ago when a number of fish died after the water was treated by Arizona Lake and Pond. In the aftermath of this, board members met with Jenkins requesting an explanation. According to Jenkins, while killing several dozen fish and threatening other marine life that reside in the moat was certainly not a desired outcome, he said it was an unpleasantness that was unavoidable and not uncommon when trying to contain rampant algae blooms.

In order to hold Arizona Lake and Pond accountable, the board has asked that the previously once-a-week visits to LPV be increased to twice weekly. One of those weekly visits will be conducted by a senior member of Jenkins' crew. In addition, Arizona Lake and Pond has been asked to provide the property manager with weekly reports on the health of our waters.

While we are certainly not where we would like to be, the good news is that the seemingly drastic action taken last month appears to have us heading in the right direction, in terms of controlling the algae. The fish and other marine life that survived seem to be thriving again, and Arizona Lake and Pond has offered to stock the moat to replace the fish that were lost.

Please Don't Feed the Birds

At times it seems our community is under siege— by pigeons. Areas of LPV can often look like a scene from an Alfred Hitchcock film. Not only are pigeons known to spread disease and carry parasites, their excrement dirties our patios, window ledges, and the sides of our buildings, which can be difficult and costly to clean. Bird droppings are acidic, and can damage the paint on vehicles. A number of LPV residents have resorted to spending hundreds of dollars on pigeon deterrent systems.



The problem is compounded when well-meaning residents feed the ducks, geese, and other birds. While it may be enjoyable for humans to feed ducks and geese bread, it's not doing them any favors. The U.S. Department of Agriculture generally discourages humans from feeding wildlife, which includes ducks and geese, as they require very specific diets. Feeding waterfowl bread is essentially giving them junk food, as it fills the birds up, but it doesn't carry much nutritional value. Baby birds are more likely to end up malnourished, without the plant nutrients they need to grow properly. The constant availability of human-supplied junk food keeps ducklings from learning how to forage healthy food for themselves. Meanwhile, grown-up birds who gorge on carbs are more likely to get fat and sick. In addition to being bad for their health, food left for ducks, geese and other birds often attracts nuisance birds such as pigeons, as well as rats and other vermin. Uneaten bread and food on the water can trigger algae blooms.

Pigeons are not a problem unique to Lake Park Village. Last year, Mesa enacted a city-wide ban on feeding wild birds. Violators of the Mesa ordinance face a fine of \$250 for a first offense.



It's not easy being GREEN

The city of Mesa's recycling program continues to be suspended due to financial concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic. As reported in the last issue of the *LPV Voice*, the blue bins are still being collected on Wednesdays; however, the contents will not be recycled, and is instead being sent directly to the landfill.

For those looking for a more sustainable alternative, the city of Tempe is still operating their recycling program, and has several drop off locations. The closest locations to LPV are:

- Tempe Pyle Center/Library (southwest corner of Rural & Southern)
- Kiwanis Park Recreation Center (S. All-America Way, between Guadalupe & Baseline)

If You See Something, Say Something!

As neighbors, we rely on one another to keep our community safe. Please watch out for and report suspicious activity. If you see anything that doesn't look right, don't hesitate to call the Mesa PD non-emergency number at 480-644-2211. If you witness an immediate threat to life or property, call 911.



Made in the Shade

Like most HOAs, our governing documents require that the Association approve all proposed architectural, design and landscaping changes **before** any work is started. This includes virtually anything visible from the exterior of your unit. The purpose of this requirement is to protect our property values. The value of your home is directly related to the condition, appearances and aesthetics of our **community as a whole**. By regulating the kind and types of architectural changes that can be done, our Association is better able to maintain our property values.

In order to achieve a certain community aesthetic, the Architectural Control Committee will focus on a different topic each month. This month's focus is outdoor shades. A temporary team was formed at the June meeting to develop standards for the shades hung in courtyards, patios, and balconies. Please review the following, and ensure your property adheres to these guidelines:

- Shades should be hung **only after** approval of your submitted ACC request
- Shades should be secured at all ends so they do not flap in the wind and should not hang over railings/walls
- Shades must be in the color family of **browns/earth-tones**
- All shades must be easily removable to allow roofers, painters, or maintenance personnel to access the house/roof
- **Front Courtyards:** Only shade sails (in triangle or rectangle shape) made of outdoor shade material will be considered



- **Rear (ground floor) Patio:** Only Roll-up/roll-down shades intended for outdoor use will be considered



- **Rear (second floor) Balcony:** Roll-up/roll-down shades intended for outdoor use, **or** solid-colored curtains made for outdoor use will be considered



Effective immediately, these standards will be enforced by our property manager. Please visit the LPV website to see other examples and to obtain an ACC (Architectural Control Committee) request form.

Reminder: “New” Pool Rules

As you likely recall, earlier this year our pool was closed by an order from the governor. In mid-May when the order was lifted and we were permitted to reopen our pool, new temporary rules were put in place in order to meet state and local guidelines devised to minimize the spread of COVID-19. While we thank the majority of residents who have complied with the new rules, we continue to receive occasional reports of non-compliance. Please review the below information regarding the pool:

- Pool hours are 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Pool area occupancy is limited to **no more than** 10 people
- Lake Park Village residents only; **no guests** or extended family members
- The clubhouse and restrooms remain closed
- Limit your stay during peak times and when other residents are waiting to use the pool
- Maintain social distancing in and out of the pool (at least six feet from people not living in the same residence)
- Masks should be worn when not in the water
- Those at higher risk for severe illness should avoid the pool area. (People at higher risk include adults 65 and older, and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions)
- If you are sick or believe you may have been exposed to COVID-19, **please stay home!**
- All existing pool rules (i.e., no glass, no pets, etc.) remain in effect

A reminder that use of the pool area is at your own risk. The Association is in no way ensuring that the pool area is free of COVID-19.



Please Pick Up After Your Pets

LPV Rules and Regulations prohibit residents from allowing pets to roam freely at any time. This includes, but is not limited to, both **dogs and cats**. Please ensure your pet is on a leash or in a crate whenever it is in any of the common areas of the community.

All pet excrement must be picked up immediately and properly disposed of. Violators are subject to fines.

Thanks for being a good neighbor and a responsible pet owner.



Pest Control for Homeowners

Our current vendor for pest control is **Great Western Pest Control**. They offer a monthly pest control service to homeowners at a discounted rate of \$25/month. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, here are the steps for homeowners to sign up:



1. Call their office at 480-507-7803
2. Let them know that you are a resident of Lake Park Village and would like to set up regular service at the discounted rate.
3. Provide payment arrangements

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A Message from the Property Manager

Due to COVID-19, our offices remain closed for the safety and well being of our staff and their families. However, we are still here to assist you, but are eliminating face to face encounters where possible. If you need to make a payment or pass along correspondence, there are lockboxes at our offices that can be utilized for that purpose. If you need to pick up something from our offices, please make arrangements in advance.

If your matter is urgent or time sensitive and during business hours, please email Audrey Cadillo at acadillo@tcpm.net or call our office and speak to the receptionist. If you have a physical emergency and it is *after* business hours, please call our office and follow the prompts for the emergency dispatch service.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Stay healthy and stay safe!

Next Board Meetings

Tuesday, September 1 at 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 6 at 4:30 p.m.