

Lake Park Village Newsletter

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Message from the President

It's hard to believe that another year is coming to an end and the Holiday is once again upon us. Where did 2019 go? Here at Lake Park Village much time was spent repairing damage that was done by the storm of 2018. Many of the tile roofs were repaired and new tiles were installed. Although this did not make a noticeable impact, these roofs should last for years to come.

Our goal for 2020, beyond our regular maintenance, is to start upgrading the lake corners and to replace the roadway. Both are major projects.

I would like to thank our Social Committee for providing us with several social events during the year and for also planning a Christmas event. These events are designed to bring people together and for us to get to know our neighbors and what better time is there than Christmas for us to spread the Holiday joy. So, let's not forget to greet each other when passing on the road.

Have a great Holiday season and a Very Merry Christmas.

Changes to Mesa Recycling

Mesa is changing its program due to changes in the recycling world.

See the information on page 3 from the City of Mesa Environmental Management & Sustainability Department to explain the changes to the program. If you currently have a sticker on the top of your blue barrel describing what can be recycled, remove it or ignore the instructions.

Reminder: Items left on top or around the container will not be picked up. Items placed into the blue barrel should **NOT** be bagged.



Light the Night

Sunday, December 22
6:30pm @ the Clubhouse

Leading up to this night we encourage you all to spread holiday cheer by decorating for the holidays with lights outside.

Every house that participates will be put into a drawing to win one of four \$25 gift cards.

This year, we will meet at the clubhouse, have some hot cocoa and cookies, grab some glow bracelets, and go walk around and look at the lights.

Please join us for this community event and feel free to wear your own light up hats, bracelets, etc. and to bring your own drink along if you prefer.

Go to Lake Park Village website to find all our community documentation: www.LakeParkVillageAZ.com/Documents.htm
Send a request to be added to the email distribution list to Secretary@LakeParkVillageAZ.com or pm@lakeparkvillageaz.com

Road Replacement and Water Valve Repair

During 2020, we will be replacing the roads and driveways. This will involve removal of the present roadway, re-grading, and replacement. The project will be done in sections to minimize the impact on the community.

The water lines in Lake Park were originally designed to allow water in one part of the community to be shut off without affecting the rest. Since these lines were installed 40 or more years ago, we have hesitated to use the valves for fear they would break or freeze in the closed position. Some are inoperable or unreachable. As a result, any requirement to shut off water anywhere has been done by shutting off the main valve to the entire community.

Repaving is normally done every 24 years, so we literally have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to do some repairs that would normally require cutting the asphalt and patching it at each valve. When the project is complete, we should be able to accommodate most all water line repairs by shutting off only about one fourth of the community at a time.

Initial testing showed that we will need to excavate at least 3 valves to make them operational. More information will be forthcoming as the project draws near.

Revised Parking Regulations

In the annual meeting packet, there will be new parking regulations for approval by homeowners. This is a complete re-write of the parking sections in the rules and regulations in order to simplify language that had gotten convoluted by being revised many times.

In addition, some changes were made to simplify enforcement. Previously, cars parked in visitors more than 4 times in 4 weeks were in violation. That is essentially one night per week, so the regulations have been changed to say one time in a week.

Also, residents with more cars than parking spots would rotate the cars parked in visitor parking so that it took much longer for any one vehicle to be noted more than four times. In the new regulations, the one-time per week applies to the total of all the cars visiting (or residing at) a unit so fines or towing can be initiated sooner.

On the other hand, the board felt that the regulations were too strict in requiring that a vehicle such as a camping trailer or moving truck be allowed only four hours for loading or unloading without a permit. That has been extended to 24 hours.

The board requests your approval of these revisions that should help us keep visitor parking spaces available for short time visitors.

Trash Barrels

We have both 90 and 60 gallon barrels in the complex. As we look for savings, the trash barrels are one source where we can save \$3.15 for every 90 gallon barrel, we exchange for a 60 gallon barrel. Currently Mesa charges us for 102 of the 90 gallon barrels and 24 of the sixty gallon barrels. The annual savings per barrel for exchanging the larger for the smaller barrel is about \$38. You can look on our web site under "Community Info" - "Trash/Recycle" for details of requesting a change in trash barrels as well as replacing a damaged barrel.



Finally, please remember to "**Bag & Tie**" your trash before placing it into the BLACK barrel! This helps to reduce litter in the streets.

Surveillance Cameras

Due to several issues such as, vandalism, dog poop, illegal parking, etc., the Board has voted to install some surveillance cameras in certain areas. These are not meant to invade anyone's personal privacy, but to identify offenders and correct the problems. Their purpose is to make Lake Park a cleaner and safer place.

Mesa's recycling program has changed

Mesa's recycling program has recently changed to adapt to the new recycling industry. With increasing processing fees, a global decline in market value and demand for recyclable materials, and the need to decrease contamination in the recycling stream, the program was revamped to maintain its sustainability.

Mesa's list of accepted items has been reduced and simplified

The list of items that were previously accepted were reviewed to determine which of the items continued to have a stronger market value and demand. In addition, staff also looked at which items would help reduce overall contamination if removed from the accepted list. During random barrel inspections and audits, it was found that some categories of items were more susceptible to being deposited in the recycle container in a contaminated form (e.g. - liners left in cereal boxes, food waste left in glass jars and plastic containers, etc.) which could impact their ability to actually be recycled and in some cases, could also jeopardize the recycling of other items.

What is the "NEW" list of accepted items?

Mesa's "NEW" recycling program accepts the following:

- Beverage bottles, jugs and cans (water bottles, milk jugs, soda bottles, soda cans, beer bottles, wine bottles, juice bottles, etc.)
- Metal food cans (vegetable, canned fruit, tuna, pet food, tomato sauce, soup, etc.)
- Corrugated cardboard
 - How to tell if it's corrugated: Tear a small piece. If you see a flat top and bottom layer with a wavy middle layer, it is accepted.
- Paper (newspaper, magazines, office paper, mail)

If an item does not fit under one of these categories, it is no longer accepted. And as always, items should be empty, clean and dry.

What items are no longer accepted under the new program that were previously accepted?

The following items have been removed from the program due to their low market value/demand and for historically having a higher chance of being contaminated:

- Milk, juice & ice cream paper cartons
- Paperboard boxes (cake mix, cereal, tissue, detergent, soda case, cracker, frozen food packaging, etc.)
 - These items are often confused as being the same as a corrugated cardboard box but they are processed in a different manner
- Non-beverage plastic or glass bottles, jugs, jars and containers (laundry, shampoo, household cleaners, yogurt, margarine, jelly, salad dressing, fresh berry containers, other food products, etc.)
- Plastic & paper cups

Of course, we remind everyone that recycling should be our last go to measure when it comes to managing our waste stream. We should always reduce first. If we don't create waste, we don't need to worry about what to do with it. Then we should reuse by avoiding single-use products whenever possible. And finally, we should recycle but recycle right.

We appreciate your understanding and thank you for your recycling participation.

For more information, visit www.mesarecycles.org.