

Greetings to all of you in our HOA ,

November 8, 2021

Welcome back to our Snowbirds. We have missed you. It is fun to visit again with one and all.

Welcome to our new Homeowners. Looking forward to getting to know you. If we haven't met before we hope to meet and greet at our first Gathering on the Green Tuesday, November 16. Plans are to meet in the green belt behind Sutherlands at 3PM. Depending on the grass we may need to change our meeting place and will let you know if different. Remember to bring your chair, an appetizer to pass around and something to drink. New homeowners bring just your chair and something to drink. As an added item for the gathering, the paint committee has the selected colors for painting our homes and will bring the paint board to the gathering so you can get a preliminary look at them.

GROUNDS has some very important information to share with you:

Rye grass has been seeded and is growing nicely. Treat it with care and try and stay off it until the first cutting. We spent almost \$5000 dollars for seed this year. Due to the heat the Bermuda grass keeps on growing and spreading as you may have noticed. The lawn is being watered about 4 times a day for short periods but Ray is starting a cut back on that. The areas run at different times and not a schedule I can give you.

Our shrubs are also growing and I know many of you want them trimmed but we will not be trimming until the grass can be cut. By leaving them more bushy through the summer heat we have not lost many like we did last summer. Ray and Luwanda recently planted a number of shrubs replacing those lost. If they are by your home make sure they are getting water. Bubblers should be running Monday, Wednesday and Saturday around 6 and 9 AM. Our trees did take some beating from the summer heat. We will be assessing trimming them in the near future.

WATER: Grounds has a big request for all of you. This concerns our irrigation system shut off valves. You have all been so good this summer to keep us informed of any system problems. A number of valves have had to be replaced along with actual pipes, risers and heads etc. Tree roots have actually collapsed some of our system. Right now, when we are heavy watering we have more problems. Do keep up the good work you are doing. We monitor the usage carefully and have shut down the system whenever we have had rain all which has helped us save over \$4000 so far this year.

Most of you are aware that EPCOR has taken over our water and sewer and combined cities so our rates will be going up. The Supreme Court of AZ ruled in favor of EPCOR even though Sun City West fought hard to stay independent. We will need to continue to look for ways to save.

IRRIGATION SHUT OFF VALVES: We are asking all of you to learn where our Irrigation shut off valves are so if we have a MAJOR leak that keeps running the area can be shut off until we can fix it. Regular problems with our system that end when the sprinkler or bubbler cycle is done should still be flagged and Jan notified. We recently had a break in a riser in a bubbler line, along with a valve problem. Because no one was around to see it we used 51000 Gallons more water at that meter at \$2.95/per thousand gallons, than the month before. When I received the call and shut the valve off the front lawn was flooded. It was not a geyser so not noticed as easily. The only homeowner present did not see it until later in the day and did not know where the shut off valve was. He was also unaware that valve only shut off irrigation water NOT household water. I can understand that as I did not know for several years after I moved here how that worked. The valve is located

next to the garage near the front either in the bush or in front of it and in front of the knee wall in the bushes at 12715 Castle Rock. To turn the valve off just move the lever crosswise to the pipe. All work the same way. They are located at the following 11 addresses as listed along with the houses that are attached to each valve. Please take time to locate yours. We will have a large HOA valve location diagram at the Gathering on the Green Nov 16.

12730 Omega – For 12718, 12724,12730,12738

12710 Omega- For12702, 12706,12710,12714

12626 Prospect – For 12618, 12622, 12626,12630

12610 Prospect – For 12602, 12606, 12610, 12614

12534 Prospect – For 12526, 12530, 12534, 12538

12518 Prospect – For 12402, 12506, 12510, 12514, 12518, 12522,

12507 Castle Rock – For 12503, 12507, 12511, 12515

12523 Castle Rock – For 12519, 12523, 12527, 12531

12607 Castle Rock – For 12603, 12607, 12611, 12615, 12619, 12623

12711 Castle Rock – For 12627, 12631,12703, 12707, 12711,12713

12729 Castle Rock -For 12721, 12729, 12735, 12739

Each valve is for the 2 or three houses listed.

Any of us on the grounds committee will be happy to show you where the valve is located and how it works. Some of course are stiff to turn. Please take the time to locate yours. They all work the same.

REMINDER: When you leave for a weekend or more please shut off you house water. Pipes are old and do break.

Again, thanks to all of you for helping us to keep our grounds looking nice and saving water.

Grounds Committee, Jan N Chairman.