

2023

# June Newsletter



**RES 1-2-U**

CHERRY HILLS PENINSULA PROJECT: Completed April, 2023...See "Cherry Hills article"

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## Board of Directors



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**Jay Agoado**

## **PGA WEST Residential Association President's Message for June 2023**

Dear Homeowners,

As you know, the PGA WEST Residential Association held its Annual Meeting and election of Board of Directors on April 6, 2023. It was encouraging to see that several homeowners expressed interest in becoming members of our Board. We had three open positions. Two new Board members, Jay Agoado and Jim Young, and one incumbent, Carol Nolte were elected. It is positive for the governance of our homeowner's Association to have new Board members who bring their individual talents and a fresh perspective. Congratulations to Carol, Jay and Jim.

Jay has served on other Boards and has real estate experience, with sensitivity to property resale values. He also brings the perspective of a part time resident. Jim is a CPA and has a strong interest in the financial well-being of the Association. Both have demonstrated their interest in contributing to our governance.

Jay is now a member of our Architectural Committee and serves as our representative to the Compliance Committee of the Master Association.

Jim is serving as our Treasurer and is member of our Investment and Compensation Committees. Jim was also elected by the Board to be our representative to the Master Association Board where he will also serve as its Treasurer.

Carol continues in her role on the Landscape Committee and leads our Communications which includes this Newsletter.

I look forward to working with all of our Board members. I know that we, as homeowners, all appreciate the fact that they volunteer their time and talent.

I wish you all the best, wherever you may be and look forward to seeing you around our community.

Sincerely,

Jan Van Willigen

President



## **WELCOME TO SUMMER AT PGA WEST!**

This issue is dedicated to the hardy folks who choose to stay here during the long, hot summer. This newsletter also includes a comprehensive article describing the amazing wildlife often seen at PGA WEST, and what to do if you have a concern involving these creatures. Hopefully, in the coolness of your desert home, you will take some time to peruse this information.

### **Just think about the advantages of staying here for the summer:**

**Traffic in the desert is greatly reduced.**

**Your AC bill may be higher, but your natural gas bill is reasonable.**

**The only HOA pools that need heat are the spas.**

**It is easier to get a reservation at restaurants.**

**There is typically very little strong wind during the summer months.**

**The lines at Ralphs are short.**

**Golf courses are not very crowded....tee times are easier to get.**

No matter where you are,  
we hope you have a wonderful summer  
and we look forward to your return in the fall.

# CHERRY HILLS PROJECT



**Before**



**After**

For the last several months, the peninsula on the Cherry Hills lake has been under construction.

PINNACLE DESIGN COMPANY was hired to address problems with soil erosion into the lake, grading issues, replacement of the old palm trees, overgrown and dying plants.

New accent lighting and a new drip irrigation system were also installed.

VINTAGE LANDSCAPE COMPANY did a great job on the installation.

The pictures show the scope of the project. As you can see, the landscape is newly planted and with the warm summer weather, we expect to see growth and color on the peninsula by the end of the year.

**Before**



**After**





## A REMINDER FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE:

PURSUANT TO THE ASSOCIATION'S COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS (CC&Rs), and THE ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES, IT IS MANDATORY THAT OWNERS GAIN APPROVAL PRIOR TO MAKING CHANGES TO THE EXTERIOR OF THEIR RESIDENCE. RECENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL OWNERS WHO HAVE ATTACHED ORNAMENTAL METAL ACCENTS TO THEIR GARAGE DOORS, SIMILAR TO THE PHOTO BELOW. PLEASE NOTE, THESE INSTALLATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE ASSOCIATION AND WE ARE REQUIRING THAT THE GARAGE DOOR ORNAMENTS BE REMOVED.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN ARCHITECTURAL IMPROVEMENT TO THE EXTERIOR OF YOUR PGA WEST RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION HOME, PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT AN ARCHITECTURAL IMPROVEMENT APPLICATION. THE APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE at [PGAWEST.ORG](http://PGAWEST.ORG), or YOU MAY CONTACT THE OFFICE at (760) 771-1234 TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION.

EXAMPLE



## PGA WEST RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION RESIDENTS



### SAFETY INFORMATION

**Planning to vacate your house for a prolonged period?  
If so, use this safety checklist to assist you  
in preparing your home for your departure.**

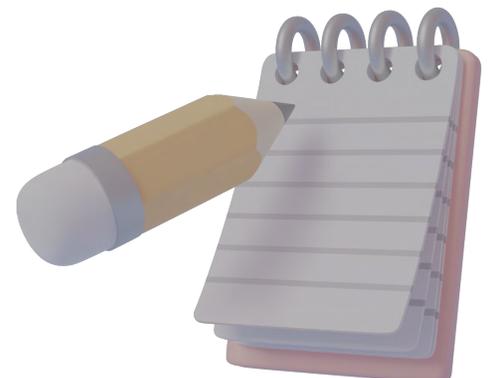
Unwanted events may occur when your home is left unattended for long periods of time. The following information can assist homeowners in taking precautions to avoid losses caused by fire, water, theft and wind. Besides necessary maintenance, spending a few minutes to review your home's safety is time well spent. It provides a homeowner with an advantage against unwanted loss.

Good Loss Prevention equals peace of mind and savings of time and money. When homes are left unattended, events may occur. Electrical systems can short, storage of flammables, combustibles and oily rags can be a fire hazard. Water pipes and connections, hoses and icemaker lines can break. Burglars can invite themselves in. Sprinkler risers can break or become clogged.

It is everybody's wish to find their home as they left it....no fire, water, theft, wind or other losses. Take a few minutes to inspect your home before you leave.

The following check-list will help you target any areas you may not have thought about. Check the items that need your attention.

### HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY



# VACATION CHECKLIST...When you are away for long

ELECTRICAL			
	Check for appliances left plugged in or turned on		
	Check garage for plugged in power tools or extension cords		
	Any temporary electrical wiring plugged in?		
	Are explosive and flammable products separated?		
	Any oily rags left stored in the house or garage?		
	Are Thermostats set to avoid extreme inside temperatures?		

WATER			
	Are clothes washing machine hoses shut off?		
	Are water connections free of corrosion? (toilets, icemakers, sinks, etc)?		
	Are outside faucets in good repair and not leaking?		
	Are landscaping irrigation systems in good repair?		
	Are instructions and/or keys left with neighbor or responsible person?		
	Will someone periodically check your home?		
	Does the HOA have the name and number of person who will have access to your home?		
	If you are leaving for an extended period of time, is your house water shut off?		

THEFT			
	If you have a security system, is it working properly?		
	Are doors and windows locked?		
	Does anyone have a key to your house?		
	Have you arranged to stop mail and newspaper delivery?		
	Do you have an indoor light set on a timer?		

MISC.			
	Is patio furniture stored or secured in case of heavy winds?		
	Are plants in pots secure and watered if necessary?		
	Have you turned off the gas or set to VACATION?		
	Is all perishable food removed?		

# LOCKED GATES

**PLEASE THINK CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU LOCK YOUR COURTYARD GATES**

Our landscape crews maintain your courtyards as well as the general landscaping in Res 1. If your courtyard gates are locked, the gardeners are unable to enter and care for your plants and irrigation needs. If you leave your PGA WEST home for several days or if you are away for the hot summer months, you probably expect the landscaping in your courtyard will be watered and maintained.



**IN THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, THE GARDENERS HAVE FOUND AT LEAST  
20 COURTYARD GATES THAT WERE LOCKED**

There is no master key for the courtyard gates, therefore if your gates are locked, gardeners cannot do the required maintenance and any irrigation malfunctions would not be DETECTED AND REPAIRED. Should an irrigation pipe break, or if a sprinkler valve does not shut off properly, there could be water damage, or at least a very large water bill.

*In most cases, water usage in the courtyards is on the Homeowner's water bill*



## WIND & POOLS

NOT A GREAT  
COMBINATION



If you were at PGA WEST during April and May, you probably endured some serious wind events. The winds knocked over trees and left a trail of debris, a lot of which lands in our pools and spas.

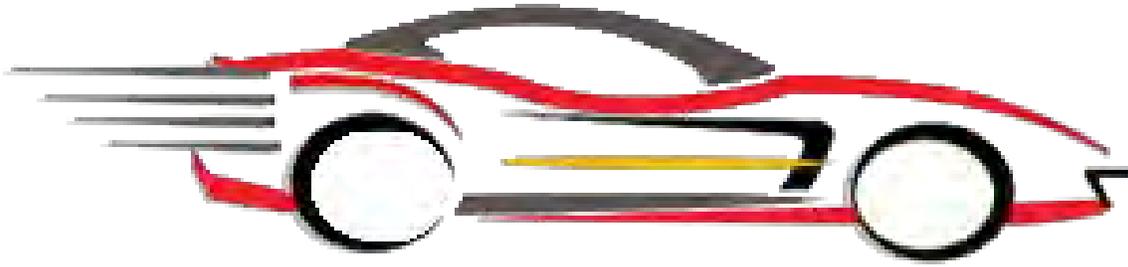
At each pool you will see a sign indicating the three days per week the pool is serviced. Each pool varies on the length of cleaning time. Some pools can take as little as 15 minutes to clean while other pools can take up to 45 minutes. Strong winds completely disrupt the regular pool cleaning schedule. It may take up to 2 hours for a pool to be cleaned after a windstorm and will need 1 or 2 more regular services to bring the pools back to acceptable condition. With 54 pools and spas, you can see how the pool maintenance schedule can get backed up. This was the case in mid-May when we experienced several major wind events.

### WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU SEE A POOL IN NEED OF ATTENTION?

No matter if a pool is a victim of wind, or if it simply does not look clean, we would like to know. We cannot fix a problem if we are not aware of it.

You may utilize the [pgawest.org](http://pgawest.org) website to create a work order or during office hours call the HOA office: **760-771-1234** as soon as you observe the problem. If you wait a day or two, our crews may not be able to observe what you saw. There are so many issues that can affect the proper operation and appearance of the pools, such as pumps, heaters, chemicals, or mechanical problems.

If you have an issue on a weekend, call the office number and you will be connected to the answering service. Tell them your issue and if it is a major problem, someone from the HOA will be contacted.



## WHY ARE SO MANY PEOPLE DRIVING SO FAST?

**RES 1** had 49 speeding violations between March 19 and April 23. Eighteen of those violations (over one third) were for 10 miles or more over the speed limit. The festivals were held in April. Seventeen violations happened during festival days.

- Our speed limit is 20 MPH.
- Our streets are narrow.
- Many walkers, bikers and golf carts use our streets.
- We do not have sidewalks.
- Many cars and vendor vehicles are often parked on our streets.

**Once again we ask Homeowners to observe the Res 1 speed limit,  
and once again we thank those who do!**

**IF YOU HAVE GUESTS OR TENANTS,  
PLEASE MAKE THEM AWARE OF  
OUR SPEED LIMIT.**



# RES 1 - SPEEDING REPORT

For the months of January, February and March 2023



Below are the results of the radar device that records traveling speeds on our HOA streets. You will also notice the percentage of cars traveling over the speed limit on each street.

Please remember that this device records the speed of any vehicle traveling past it. There is no way to know the identity of the vehicle, so no citations are issued from this information.

The HOA uses this device to determine the traffic habits on our various streets and remind our Homeowners to follow our 20mph speed limit.

## RESULTS FROM JANUARY 2, to FEBRUARY 2, 2023

**STREETS**      HIGHEST SPEED

Oak Hill.....46 mph  
 Inverness.....47 mph  
 Shoal Creek.....32 mph

**NUMBER OF VEHICLES COUNTED....814**

Time of day.....7AM to 4PM

**NUMBER OF CARS OVER SPEED LIMIT... 302 (37.1%)**

9 CARS WERE TRAVELING OVER 30 MPH

4 CARS WERE TRAVELING OVER 40 MPH

## RESULTS FROM FEBRUARY 1 to FEBRUARY 28, 2023

**STREETS**      HIGHEST SPEED

Pebble Beach.....39 mph  
 Inverness.....39 mph  
 Firestone.....39 mph

**NUMBER OF VEHICLES COUNTED....1467**

Time of day.....7AM to 4PM

**NUMBER OF CARS OVER SPEED LIMIT... 600 (40.9%)**

25 CARS WERE TRAVELING OVER 30 MPH

1 CAR WAS TRAVELING OVER 40 MPH

## RESULTS FROM FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH 10, 2023

**STREETS**      HIGHEST SPEED

Oak Tree....(2-27 to 3-3) = 6 days.....42 mph  
 Riviera.....(3-6 to 3-10) = 5 days....32 mph

**NUMBER OF VEHICLES COUNTED....32**

Time of day.....7AM to 4PM

**CARS OVER SPEED LIMIT... 16 (50%)**

3 CARS WERE TRAVELING OVER 30 MPH

1 CAR WAS TRAVELING OVER 40 MPH

# RES 1 CRITTERS

*There is a reason why so many people come to the Coachella Valley to live and spend vacation time. Our winters are mild, our fall and spring seasons are beautiful, and even though our summers are very hot, many still choose to stay year round.*

*Humans are not the only ones who enjoy our environment. Many “critters” call the desert home. With the warm spring and summer weather, they become regular visitors to our alluring desert oasis.*

*Animals are beautiful and delightful to watch, but some may not be welcome visitors to our homes and gardens. You may have seen, or will see, many of the “critters” shown here. Res 1 HOA has encountered many of these animals. We are aware of their beauty and also realize the responsibility of being a home to wildlife. Our aim is to share the good and the “not so good” of some of those who share the desert with us.*



**GEESE** are large, beautiful, and sometimes noisy, messy, and aggressive animals. They love our RES 1 lakes and are known to fly into our pools, which can be very annoying. You may have seen the “goose fences” at some of our lake-side pools.

Our HOA is attempting to keep the geese and other birds off our lakes. A laser device has been installed on some of our lakes which discourages them. So far this has been working well where it has been tried.

**BIGHORN SHEEP** Our long-awaited sheep fence is nearly complete. We are waiting for the lambing season to be over and hope the last section of the fence will be in place this fall. We will miss these beautiful animals, but because they will not be here to eat our flowers, our streets will be more colorful.



**SKUNKS** If you have been walking in the evening, or sitting on your patio at night, you may have seen a skunk family out for a stroll. Don't disturb them or you may get “skunked”! If you are bothered by skunks, please call the HOA and they will set a trap for them and turn them over to animal control.



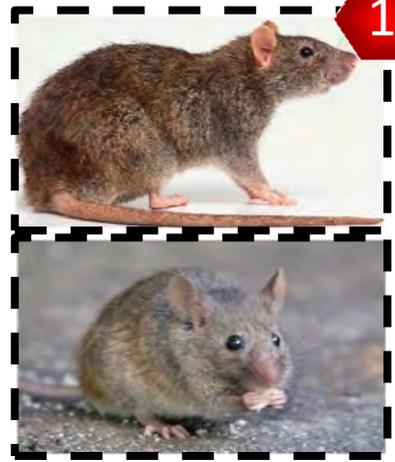
**SWAN:** Our resident swan seems to have settled into a normal life on what is now dubbed “Swan Lake”. (Located between Inverness, Pebble Beach and Cherry Hills)

People know not to feed the swan or allow children to tease or bother the swan in any way.



**RATS AND MICE:** The difference between rats and mice is largely their size, with rats being much larger and heavier than mice. Rats tend to live in urban areas, while mice are more common in suburban areas.

You may have noticed black boxes inserted under the bushes around RES 1. These boxes are bait stations which attempt to eliminate whatever rodents may be in the area. They are checked regularly.



**BLACK WIDOW SPIDERS:** Black widows are venomous spiders. They have a bulbous abdomen and can have up to 4 red dots on the top. They build their webs close to the ground, in log piles or holes between bricks or pipes, often in dark garages. They are nocturnal, so you won't see them in daylight. **If you are bitten by a black widow, get medical help right away.**

**BATS:** Bats are largely fruit and insect eaters. Most are nocturnal and may be seen in the late evening hours. You may find them hanging in dark, quiet corners such as patio covers. They like calm places. Bats are also known to carry rabies.



**BOBCAT:** These animals are about twice the size of a housecat. They are nocturnal and have been recently spotted here in the desert at PGA WEST. They eat rabbits and other small animals. They are territorial, largely solitary and travel at night time.

**COYOTES:** Coyotes are common to our desert areas. They are often a hazard to pet dogs and cats. In the early days of PGA WEST you could hear them howling down the fairways after a kill. Mostly they were after the rabbits that used to live in the golf course bushes, which have now been removed. Small dogs and cats can be in danger if out in the evening or nighttime. We have had recent reports of coyotes in our area.



**RAVENS & CROWS:** Ravens are about the size of a hawk. Crows are the size of a pigeon. Ravens travel in pairs, or solo, crows travel in flocks. Ravens are a good reason to put your garbage bags in the trash container. If left in the street Ravens will peck through the bag and your garbage will be scattered all over the streets and yards.



**BEEES:** Bees are entirely dependent on flowers for food and this is the way they pollinate plants. Occasionally you may see a bee swarm. This happens when a bee colony decides to anoint a new queen. Once the new queen hatches, the old queen takes off with about half the workers. Since they have to find a new place to go, they will form a clump around the queen as the scout goes out to find a new location. Eventually the bees will depart their temporary location and begin building their new comb.



A SWARM OF BEES

**CRICKETS:** Crickets are mainly nocturnal and are best known for the loud chirping of males trying to attract females. The hotter the weather, the faster the chirping, which is created by rubbing their front legs together. Many are scavengers and consume decaying plants and insects. They have relatively powerful jaws and have been known to bite humans.



**SCORPION:** These animals are recognized by their narrow segmented tail which is topped by a stinger. Their sting is similar to a bee sting. If a scorpion bites a healthy adult, it is usually not a cause for medical attention. They can enter our garages through doors left slightly open.

**OWLS:** Many local residents have seen and heard owls at PGA West. They prey on mice, rats and other rodents and can be a danger to small cats and dogs. Owls have excellent hearing and prey in total darkness. They like to roost in dense trees. These two Owls are commonly found in significant numbers in Southern California.



GREAT-HORNED OWL



WESTERN SCREECH OWL

**LIZARDS:** Many species of lizards live in the California deserts, many in our PGA WEST gardens. They can be helpful because they eat small insects and spiders. Most lizards are quite docile and not dangerous to humans and we could all use a few less insects.



**SNAKES** There are more than 3000 species of snakes in the world and are found on all the continents except Antarctica. Here are three snakes common to our desert area. All of these have been seen at PGA WEST.



**DIAMOND-BACKED RATTLESNAKE:** is probably the best-known and most feared snake in our area. They will sometimes be seen in the golf-course sand traps.

They are also found in rocky and grassy areas. Hikers should be alert to rattlesnakes on the local hiking trails. Never provoke or poke at a snake as they can be very aggressive. If you see a snake in your residential area, be sure to alert

**ANIMAL CONTROL 760-343-3644 or call 911.**

**SIDEWINDER:** The sidewinder rattlesnake is a pit viper with small horns above its eyes. It feeds on rodents and lizards and is mostly nocturnal. This snake's bite is less venomous than a rattlesnake, but should be given medical attention immediately. It moves sideways in a sidewinding manner and is nocturnal during hot months. From November to March, you may see these snakes during the day.



**GOPHER SNAKES:** Many gopher snakes are mistaken for rattle snakes because they sometimes imitate rattlers. It has a loud hiss when it believes it is being threatened, but it does not have rattles. The fact is they make good pets and in nature they prey on undesirable rodents, including gophers, which is where it got its name.

**FIRE ANTS:** Most of us have seen fire ant nests (mounds) in grassy areas. They are also seen between the joints in concrete paths. These ants nest in the soil often near moist areas. They first bite to get a grip and then sting from the abdomen and inject a toxic venom called solenopsin. These bites are painful and can be serious to sensitive people.



*If you see nests of fire ants, please alert the HOA and tell them the location of the nests.*



**RACCOONS:** Raccoons are nocturnal omnivores, meaning they will eat both meat and vegetables and love to rake through garbage which is why we don't leave bags of garbage on the street. They are drawn to outdoor cat and dog food. They may carry rabies and can be aggressive and will attack if threatened.

**MALLARD DUCKS:** These ducks are familiar to PGA Residents. A pair will often return to the same breeding spot every year which is usually in early spring. Incubation takes 27-28 days and the fledglings are able to swim immediately. Unfortunately, the chicks are easy prey for larger animals.



**COOTS:** Most golfers are familiar with the coots that often populate our golf course lakes. They are usually in large flocks and often leave quite a mess. You will often see them with the ducks and geese.



**WOODPECKERS:** You may have heard a woodpecker tapping away at one of our tall palm trees. Chances are it is a Downy Woodpecker which is common throughout California. They may also be seen trying to drink out of hummingbird feeders.

Woodpeckers eat a variety of insects and grubs that are found within the trees where they peck.





**ROADRUNNER:** These animals are fun to watch as they can run up to 30 KM per hour. (18 mph) Males and females have identical plumage. They feed on small animals such as insects spiders, black widows, scorpions, mice, lizards and small snakes. You may see a roadrunner occasionally sunning itself for warmth.

**HAWKS:** Pictured is the Cooper's Hawk, one of 9 species of hawks found in California. Typically hawks have a "flap-flap-glide" pattern allowing them to creep quietly up to their prey. The female is usually larger than the male. Hawks are territorial and will attack if they feel provoked. Small pets can be prey to these animals.

If you see a hawk, keep your distance and gather in your small cat or dog. When they spot their prey, they quickly fly towards it using their agile bodies to maneuver around obstacles and catch them off guard.



## Contact Information

The Res 1 Newsletter is compiled and edited to bring news that is relevant to our HOA.

If there is something you would like to see included that would be of interest to all Homeowners...

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