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Cottonwood Palo Verde at Sun Lakes

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COTTONWOOD PALO VERDE'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Time is Running Out to Shape the Future of Cottonwood Palo Verde!

Your perspective, expertise, and voice are vital to keeping our community vibrant, financially sound, and thriving. With eight standing committees supporting the Board of Directors, this is your opportunity to step up, share your talents, and make a direct impact on the decisions that affect us all.

Applications close strictly on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH—don't let this deadline pass you by!

Act Fast—How to Apply Today

- **In Person:** Pick up an application at the Administration Center.
- **Online:** Download the form via the website under Homeowner Services / Document Center.
- **Deadline:** Submit completed forms to the Admin Center by **Tuesday, September 15, 2026**

The deadline is right around the corner—turn in your application today and take an active role in guiding our community forward!



Learn More about our Committees & Task Forces
With many different committees each has a very specific set of goals for our community. Learn more about each of the committees and task forces on our website here

New Administrative & Homeowner Services Lunch Closure Hours



Effective immediately, the Administrative Office and Homeowner Services will close daily from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM for lunch. This operational adjustment is being implemented to optimize scheduling and deliver direct labor cost savings to the community across multiple departments.

Updated Walk-In Office Hours:

- Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Monday – Thursday: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Our Homeowner Services specialists are ready to assist you in person during these open hours or by phone at **480-895-3550.**

Need assistance during the mid-day closure? A robust selection of self-service tools, forms, and community information is always **available 24/7 on our website** at www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com. We appreciate your understanding as we work to keep operational costs low while continuing to serve you!

Important Closures & Maintenance This Week

Today 8/28	Sat 8/29	Sun 8/30	Mon 8/31	Tue 9/1	Wed 9/2	Thu 9/3
Administrative Building & HOS **Closes at Noon** for Summer Hours			**East Lake Closed** for maintenance all day			

Protecting Our Golf Courses: Why a Golf Cart Compliance Program Matters

Privately owned golf carts are an important part of our golf community and provide residents with a convenient way to enjoy the course. As golf carts have evolved, however, many now include larger tires, lift kits, additional seating, and other modifications that can affect how they interact with our golf courses.

Our proposed **Golf Cart Compliance Program** is designed to protect the golf courses while allowing residents to continue enjoying their privately owned carts. The program will establish clear, objective standards for cart **size, tires, safety, and modifications**, along with a consistent inspection and approval process.

The goal is **not to restrict golf cart ownership**. It is to make sure that carts operating on our courses are appropriate for the turf, irrigation systems, bridges, cart paths, and other golf course infrastructure.

The program will also make the process fairer for everyone. Rather than relying on individual opinions about whether a cart is appropriate, every cart will be evaluated using the same standards. Approved carts will receive a registration decal, making it easier for Golf Staff to quickly identify compliant carts without unnecessary interruptions.

Most importantly, the program is about **protecting the investment we have in our golf courses.** Preventing unnecessary turf damage, irrigation repairs, and infrastructure wear helps preserve course conditions and control maintenance costs for everyone.

The program is intended to emphasize **education and voluntary compliance firs**t, with a clear process for correcting problems when they are identified.

Our goal is simple: protect the golf course, improve safety, provide consistent standards, and allow residents to continue enjoying their golf carts responsibly.

Get Ready for Free N Fun Bar Bingo: Launching Tomorrow at Cottonwood!

Looking for a high-energy way to spend your Saturday afternoon? Grab your friends and join us for the grand launch of Free N Fun Bar Bingo tomorrow, **Saturday, August 29th at 2:00 PM** at the Cottonwood Bar & Grill!

Whether you are a seasoned bingo enthusiast or just looking for a fun afternoon with neighbors, this new weekly event brings cash, prizes, and competitive fun right to our neighborhood hub.

Everything You Need to Know Before You Play
To keep games fast, fair, and fun for everyone, please review our simple ground rules before you head over:

- **100% Free to Play:** Every player receives one free card per session. You play using standard physical card.
- **21+ Only:** Participants must be 21 years or older to play and win.
- **First-Come, First-Served:** No table reservations are accepted for Bingo play, so plan to arrive early to secure your spot!
- **Support the Bar:** While playing is free, all seating is reserved for guests ordering food and drinks ($5 minimum purchase per person required). No outside food or beverages are permitted.
- **One Card/Phone Per Person:** To ensure fairness across the board, strictly one card or one phone app is allowed per player.
- **Call It Fast:** Hit a Bingo? Shout it out immediately before the next number is drawn!
- **Late Arrivals:** Entry closes once the first number of Game 6 is called.

Cash, Prizes & The Progressive Jackpot
We are packing ten full games into two hours, giving you plenty of chances to take home a prize:

- **10 Free Games:** Play to win food & drink vouchers, special bounce-back coupons, and weekly game prizes!
- **Flash Prizes:** Instant prizes awarded on designated "Flash" numbers called throughout the afternoon.
- **Game 10 Black-Out Cover-All Jackpot:**
  - Starts at $2,000 (52-number draw).
  - Grows by $1,000 every week if unclaimed!
  - Better Odds: Once the pot reaches $8,000, we add an extra draw number every week until someone hits the jackpot!

Event Summary

- When: Every Saturday at 2:00 PM (Kickoff tomorrow, August 29!)
- Where: Cottonwood Bar & Grill
- Duration: Approximately 2 hours (10 total games)

Order an ice-cold drink, grab a bite to eat, and get ready to yell "BINGO!" We'll see you tomorrow at 2:00 PM at Cottonwood Bar & Grill!

The Velvet Lounge: A 1960s Supper Club Experience



Step Back in Time: Experience The Velvet Lounge at Palo Verde

Get ready to channel the effortless glamour of 1960s Palm Springs right here at home! Join us on **Saturday, September 26**, f**rom 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM** at the Palo Verde Restaurant & Lounge for **The Velvet Lounge**—an exclusive, high-society supper club experience celebrating mid-century sophistication, exceptional cuisine, and live jazz music.

Slip into your favorite cocktail attire and step into an upscale, mid-century atmosphere filled with low candle lighting, plush sage green accents, and the smooth sounds of **Summer Breeze** performing live throughout the evening.

An Elevated Culinary & Cocktail Journey for $65 per person (an extraordinary value exceeding $120), guests will indulge in four distinct chef-manned stations, each thoughtfully paired with a handcrafted craft cocktail:

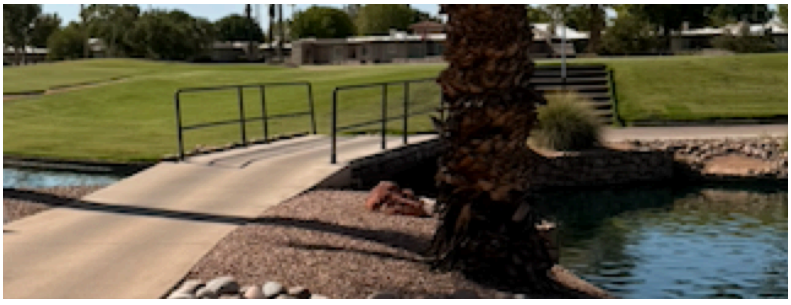
- **First Course:** Duck & Bacon Slider, paired with a bright *Cherry Lemon Drop*
- **Second Course:** Shaved Fennel & Poached Shrimp Salad with range and grapefruit supremes, dried cranberries, aged Parmesan, and a peach-champagne vinaigrette, paired with a refreshing *White Peach Cosmo*
- **Main Course:** Mediterranean Beef over Lemon Couscous, paired with a classic Icy *Dirty Martini*
- **Dessert Course:** Creamy Vanilla Mocha Panna Cotta, paired with a decadent *Espresso Martini*

Event Details at a Glance
Date & Time: Saturday, September 26 | 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Location: Palo Verde Restaurant & Lounge
Entertainment: Live Music by *Summer Breeze*
Attire: Cocktail Attire Encouraged
Price: $65 per person (Includes 4 tasting courses & 4 paired craft cocktails)

Seating for this exclusive evening is limited to maintain an intimate, ultra-chic dining environment. Reserve your table early to ensure you don't miss Sun Lakes' premier event of the season! Call for reservations today 480-895-1981

Golf Cart Compliance Program starting September 2026

To protect our golf course turf and irrigation systems, Cottonwood Country Club and Palo Verde Golf Club are introducing a new Golf Cart Compliance Program starting September 2026. This initiative establishes clear, consistent standards for size, tires, and modifications to ensure privately owned carts are safe for our infrastructure while keeping the evaluation process fair for all homeowners.



What You Need to Know

- **Registration & Decals:** All personal carts must be inspected and registered at either the Cottonwood or Palo Verde pro shop. Once approved, you will receive an official compliance decal for display.
- **Requirements:** Carts must meet the size and modification guidelines outlined in the current community Golf Cart Policy.
- **Timeline:** Registration opens in September 2026, and **all carts must display an approved decal by March 2027** to maintain course access.

By participating, you help prevent costly damage, preserve course conditions, and protect our community's investment. Please review the Golf Cart Policy and visit either pro shop starting September 5 to get your golf cart registered for the courses!

Navigating Community News: How to Stay in the Know at Cottonwood Palo Verde

Staying connected to community updates, dining specials, golf news, and HOA announcements is essential to getting the most out of life at Cottonwood Palo Verde.

Your Official Communication Channels

- **Twice-Weekly eNewsletters:** Direct-to-inbox updates featuring weekly dining specials, event schedules, and timely HOA notices.
- **Website** (www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com): Your 24/7 hub for forms, committee info, calendars, and digital documents.
- **The Flyer Print Publication:** Monthly feature stories, detailed schedules, community and club news.
- **On-Site Digital Screens:** updates posted across our amenities.
- **Email Subscription:** dedicated emails informing you of important notices, closures, meetings, deals, events, concerts, and more**. Sign up here**

To ensure fairness and maximum impact across the community, communication coverage is prioritized based on program revenue potential and operational scope—never favoritism—as we manage tight limits on print space, digital bandwidth, and labor costs.

Behind the Scenes: The Communications Role

Managing community communications requires a strategic, high-volume effort behind every email, event, tournament, announcement and more.

On any given week, the Communications Director handles:

- **Photography & Creative Design:** community flyers, signs, emails, newsletters, calendars, menus events, wine dinners, and more require creative development, copywriting, approvals, updates, and management on timing.
- **Content & Publishing:** Writing two weekly eNewsletters, managing The Flyer, and drafting administrative notices.
- **Multi-Platform Management:** Keeping website calendars, digital displays, and facility notifications accurate and up to date.
- **Cross-Departmental Marketing:** Partnering with Golf, Food & Beverage, Recreation, and Facilities to promote events and amenities.
- **Revenue Support:** Driving awareness for Cottonwood Bar & Grill, Palo Verde Restaurant, and our golf courses to support overall HOA operations.

Clear, centralized communication bridges the gap between management and residents, keeping our community transparent, efficient, and engaged.

The next time you ask what the Communications Director actually does, imagine this community without a central strategic driver: double-booked facilities, fragmented messaging, declining event attendance, drained foot traffic, and hemorrhaging amenity revenue. When we align our efforts under one unified strategy, we reverse those trends and drive real, measurable results.

Be sure to subscribe to our email blasts and bookmark the website to stay in the know!

Stake Your Claim: Annual Flag Tournament Coming to Palo Verde Country Club!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 9th, as Palo Verde Country Club hosts its popular Flag Tournament! Test your skills, manage your strokes, and see how far around the course your game can take you.

How the Tournament Works

The Flag Tournament is an Individual Play competition where every stroke counts.

- Target Score: Each player receives a target stroke allotment calculated using 80% of their established Handicap Index plus course par.
- Plant Your Flag: Play until you exhaust your allotted strokes. Wherever your final ball comes to rest, plant your flag directly in the ground!
- The Goal: The player who plants their flag the furthest along the course wins.

Tournament Details & Rules

- Date & Time: Wednesday, **September 9th** | Tee times run from **6:00 AM – 9:00 AM**
- Location: **Palo Verde Country Club**
- **Tee Box Designations:** Men play off the White Tees; Ladies play off the Red Tees.
- **Eligibility**: All participants must have an established Handicap Index.
- **Lunch Included:** Refuel after your round with lunch included for all registered players!

Pricing & Registration

- Annual Golf Members: **$50 per golfer**
- Non-Annual Members: **$55 per golfer**

Ready to plant your flag? Sign-ups are open now. Stop by either the Cottonwood or Palo Verde Pro Shop to secure your tee time!

Palo Verde Restaurant & Lounge

HAPPY HOUR
Mon-Sat 11am-5pm
Sunday ALL DAY

RESERVATIONS OR TAKEOUT:
480-895-9688
Reservations requested for parties of 8+

LAST CALL
9:00pm

Cottonwood Bar & Grill

HAPPY HOUR
Tue-Sat 1pm-4pm
Sunday ALL DAY

RESERVATIONS OR TAKEOUT:
480-895-1981

LAST CALL
9:00pm

Cocktail Corner Buffet | 4pm | **Pork Chops** | $20 Fish Fry	FRI	8/28	Soup: **Clam Chowder** **Friday Fish Fry** | $18 **Vixanne** | 6-9pm | Restaurant
Prime Rib Special | $25+ **Build Your Own Pizza**	SAT	8/29	Chef's Special | **Katsu Chicken** | $20 **Free N Fun Bar Bingo | 2pm**
Lounge | 10am-7pm **All Day Happy Hour**	SUN	8/30	**Brunch Buffet** | 7am - Noon | $15 Chef's Special | $20 | **Crispy Skin Trout** **All Day Happy Hour**
	MON	8/31	Buffet | 3pm | $15 | Crispy Chicken **Limited Bingo Menu** **Music Video Bingo** | 3:30pm | San Tan Ballroom
	TUE	9/1	**Prime Rib Buffet** | 4pm | $22
Reign N Country | 6-9pm Chef's Special | **Seared Ahi** | $30	WED	9/2	**Pasta Buffet** | 4pm | $16 Cottonwood **Twilight Golf** Dinner | Golf @ 4pm
Palo Verde **Twilight Golf |** Golf Starts @ 4pm Chef's Special | **Seared Ahi** | $30 **Rhonda Townes** 5-8pm	THU	9/3	Chef's Special | $20 | **Shredded BBQ Short Rib Sandwich** **Team Trivia** | 4:00pm | Restaurant
Cocktail Corner Buffet | 4pm | **Fried Chicken** | $20 **Fish Fry**	FRI	9/4	Soup: **Clam Chowder** **Friday Fish Fry** | $18 **Smashing Cranberries** | 6-9pm | Restaurant
Prime Rib Special | $25+ **Build Your Own Pizza**	SAT	9/5	Chef's Special | Short Rib Taco | $20 **Free N Fun Bar Bingo | 2pm**
Lounge | 10am-7pm **All Day Happy Hour**	SUN	9/6	**Brunch Buffet** | 7am - Noon | $15 Chef's Special | $20 | **Chicken Flauta** **All Day Happy Hour**

The Boardroom: Decisions that impact our community

Upcoming Board Meetings & Workshops

Board Workshop (Closed) Reciprocal Task Force Findings Discussion

- Thursday, September 3 | Noon

Board Workshop

- Friday, September 4
  - 9:00 am - **Closed Session**
  - 10:00 am - Open Session
- CLC Lecture Hall

Monthly Board Meeting

- Wednesday, September 30 | 3:00 pm
- CLC Lecture Hall

Board Monthly meeting minutes can be viewed on our website using the QR code below and are posted on the association bulletin boards.

Link

August unapproved meeting minutes are available on the website. Same link as above.

*Board meeting dates are posted on the bulletin boards, website and In the Know. Please note that Board Meeting dates & locations are subject to change. Executive Sessions & Workshops will be held as needed.

Homeowner cards will be scanned upon entry and are required to attend meetings. Please hold homeowner comments until the scheduled meeting time per agendas.

Upcoming Committee & Task Force Meetings

Committee	Date	Time	Meeting Room
Architectural Compliance	September 15	8:30am	Don Hicks Conf. Room
Audit & Finance	September 3	2:00pm	Lecture Hall
Facilties & Grounds	September 1	10:00am	Phoenix Room
Food & Beverage	September 3	11:00am	Phoenix Room
Golf Committee	September 2	2:00pm	Lecture Hall
Capital Reserve Task Force	TBD	TBD	TBD
Capital Planning Committee	TBD	TBD	TBD
Recreation & Entertainment	September 8	10:00am	Phoenix Room
Safety & Security	October 14	10:00am	Meeting Room 1

Unit 19 Townhome Owners

Important Notice: When monthly board meetings resume in September, there will be a **NEW meeting schedule:**

- **Planning Meetings** will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month from 1:30pm - 3:00pm
- **Executive & Monthly OPEN Board Meetings** will take place on the 4th Monday of each month from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Please note that when the Board conducts an executive CLOSED meeting, it will take place at 5:30pm, prior to the open session. A " No Admittance" sign will be displayed on the door until the Closed session has concluded.