

## ON THIS DAY...



## World chess champion Garry Kasparov loses game to computer

On February 10, 1996, after three hours, world chess champion Garry Kasparov loses the first game of a [six-game match](#) against [Deep Blue](#), an IBM computer capable of evaluating 200 million moves per second. Man was [ultimately victorious](#) over machine, however, as Kasparov bested Deep Blue in the match with three wins and two ties and took home the \$400,000 prize. An estimated 6 million people worldwide followed the action online.

Kasparov had previously defeated Deep Thought, the prototype for Deep Blue developed by IBM researchers in 1989, but he and other chess grandmasters had, on occasion, lost to computers in games that lasted an hour or less. The February 1996 contest was significant in that it represented the first time a human and a computer had duked it out in a regulation, six-game match, in which each player had two hours to make 40 moves, two hours to finish the next 20 moves and then another 60 minutes to wrap up the game.

Kasparov, who was born in 1963 in Baku, Azerbaijan, became the Soviet Union's junior chess champion at age 13 and in 1985, at age 22, the youngest world champ ever when he beat legendary Soviet player Anatoly Karpov. Considered by many to be the greatest chess player in the history of the game, Kasparov was known for his swashbuckling style of play and his ability to switch tactics mid-game.

In 1997, a rematch took place between Kasparov and an enhanced Deep Blue. Kasparov won the first game, the computer the second, with the next three games a draw. On May 11, 1997, Deep Blue came out on top with a surprising sixth game win—and the \$700,000 match prize.

In 2003, Kasparov battled another computer program, "Deep Junior." The match ended in a tie. Kasparov retired from professional chess in 2005.



## JOKE OF THE WEEK!

Q. What did the French groundhog see on February 2nd?

A. His chateau

## 2026 ANNUAL BOARD ELECTION

The end of March 2026, there will be four (4) open positions on the Board. Terms will be ending for Frank Gould and Kathy Skrei. Marty Neilson and Tami Ronnfeldt have the option of running for a second term.

On Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> the results of the Board Election will be reported and publicized in The Flyer and on our website. New Board Members will take office at the Annual Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.



### **Timing of Events**

- ♦Verify Candidate Applications      Tues, Feb 10 @ 10:00am - CLC Mtg Rm #1
- ♦Post Qualified Candidate Names      Wed, Feb 11
- ♦Campaign Period Begins              Wed, Feb. 11
- ♦Deadline for HO Registration for  
    Online & Home Voting              Fri, Feb 13
- ♦"Meet the Candidates Event"        Tues, Feb 24 @ 5:00pm- San Tan Ballroom
- ♦Ballots Mailed for Home Voting      Mon, Feb 23
- ♦Online Voting Available              Fri, Feb 27
- ♦Cut-off Date for Receiving Ballots    Wed, March 11 @ 4:00pm
- ♦In Person Voting Day                Mon – Wed, March 9-11, 2:00-4:00pm daily  
    @ the Admin Office
  
- ♦Results Announced                 Thurs, March 12
- ♦Annual Meeting                        Wed, March 25 @ 4:00pm-San Tan Ballroom



## **BALLOT MEASURE DUES INCREASE PRESENTATION**

You are cordially invited to attend a Board of Directors Workshop Presentation on our Capital Reserve Funds. The Board of Directors have prepared a detailed discussion paper that will share the history of our Reserve Funding program and our current funding position. It also takes a look at the next ten years funding needs and several options to fund those needs.

A ballot measure in the March election will ask voters to approve a ten percent (10%) increase in homeowner dues in each of the next three years to replenish our Capital Reserves.

Several Board Workshops have been scheduled to review and discuss the ballot measure. All the Workshops will be held in the San Tan Ballroom and are scheduled for:

- Wednesday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm
- Monday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 3:00pm

Homeowners must show their Homeowner Card and sign into the Workshop as they enter.

A copy of the Workshop Presentation can be found on our website under the 2026 Election tab. Your opinions are important to the Board, and we look forward to hearing from you. Thank you in advance for your participation.



## 2026 VOTER REGISTRATION

Register for On-Line Voting (**open through Feb. 13**)

- If you registered with Vote-Now in the past you are automatically registered to receive an e-ballot package for the upcoming Election.
- If you already have an e-mail address registered with the HOA, you will automatically be registered to receive an e-ballot package.
- If you have a new email address, you will need to re-register with Vote-Now AND update your email with Homeowner Services.
- If you are not registered, you will receive the ballot package via USPS mail.
  - It is the homeowner's responsibility to mail their ballot to Vote-Now at the address listed on the return envelope via USPS. Mail delivery time needs to be considered when mailing your ballot. Homeowner Services will not accept mailed ballots.

The e-ballot option is a much-preferred option and homeowners using this option will receive an instant confirmation of their vote as soon as they have completed the voting process.

***The link to register for e-voting is on the CWPV website under the 2026 Election Tab, Voter Registration, Register To Vote.***

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## 2026 HOA DUES – Past Due

Please remember – The first half of the 2026 HO Dues were due January 1, 2026. Any HOA Dues NOT paid by January 19<sup>th</sup> have incurred late fees and interest charges. If you are unsure if you have paid your dues, please call the office at 480-895-3550 and we will gladly check for you.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are *presently* enrolled in auto debit for your homeowner dues, you may disregard this notice.



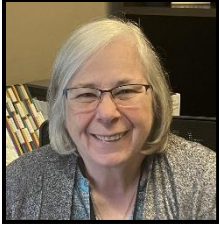
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## ARE YOUR HOMEOWNER RECORDS CURRENT?

It is important that you check periodically to be sure we have your current information in your homeowner account. This is especially important when we need to contact you in an emergency or send important HOA mailings. You can update your information by submitting a **HOMEOWNER INFORMATION CHANGE SHEET**. This form can be completed at Homeowner Services or you can access a copy on our website: [www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com](http://www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com) under Homeowner Services, Document Center and choose the Homeowner Information Change Sheet button. Complete the form, sign and return to the Administration Office.



## FEBRUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



We are delighted to celebrate Brenda Tietz as our February Employee of the Month!

Many homeowners know Brenda from her time as the HOA Receptionist and now as the Administrative Assistant for Architectural Compliance and Rentals.

Since stepping into her new role in August, Brenda has streamlined key administrative processes, mastered new software to support Architectural Compliance applications, assisted and welcomed Renters, and continued to provide exceptional assistance in Homeowner Services.

Brenda's positive attitude, dedication, and energetic spirit make her an invaluable member of our team, and we are thrilled to recognize her outstanding contributions.

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## 2025 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

We are proud to announce that **Mike Page, Painter in the Facilities Department**, has been selected as our **2025 Employee of the Year**.

Mike consistently sets the standard for excellence through his craftsmanship, reliability, and pride in his work. His attention to detail and commitment to maintaining our facilities at the highest level does not go unnoticed. Whether tackling routine projects or responding to urgent needs, Mike approaches every task with professionalism, a positive attitude, and a strong sense of ownership.

This recognition reflects not only Mike's technical skill, but also the respect he has earned from coworkers and leadership alike. His contributions make a real difference every day, and we are fortunate to have him on our team.

When you see Mike, please take a moment to congratulate him on this well-deserved honor and thanking him for his outstanding dedication and service.



## PLEASE DRIVE - 25!

Please remember the SPEED LIMIT in Cottonwood and Palo Verde is a maximum of **25 MPH**. Why? Because we have walkers, pets, bikers and golf carts on our roads and we all want to be safe.

Some of us still work, so we must be somewhere on a schedule. Or, thank goodness, some of us are involved in our community by serving on committees or belonging to one of our fine recreation clubs. Again, we are on a set schedule. But guess what? The speed limit is still **25 MPH!**

Please pay attention to your surroundings when driving on our streets. Please pay attention to the road signs when driving on our streets. Please use your turn signals when driving on our streets. **AND – PLEASE WATCH YOUR SPEEDOMETER WHEN DRIVING ON OUR STREETS! THANK YOU!**

**OUR NEW  
website is LIVE!**

## VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

We are excited to announce our redesigned website is up and running. The website address remains the same, [www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com](http://www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com), but with a brand-new look. The Board & Management are very excited about the website and hope everyone enjoys the new features including an improved user experience, better performance, and enhanced security.

## PET OWNERS

When you are out walking your pet and enjoying the Cottonwood Palo Verde surroundings, please don't be one of the inconsiderate pet owners who does not pick up after their pet. This failure forces the rest of us who wish to enjoy the same surroundings to tip toe around the mess created by you and your pet. PLEASE pick up after your pet at all times.

Pets must be on a leash at all times and don't walk your pets next to the greenbelt fence line. Walk them next to the walking path.

CHAPTER 6-03 SECTION II of the Sun Lakes HOA #2 Policy Manual defines all the rules and fines for pet violations.

The Homeowner Handbook states: No homeowner shall permit his or her dog, cat or other animal to create unsanitary conditions anywhere on common properties.

Please be accountable for you and your pet.



## COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS

We are introducing a new and convenient way for residents to share their thoughts and suggestions with Management! Beginning this month, you'll see **QR Codes** posted throughout the community, including at the clubhouses, golf courses, and dining areas.

Your input is very important and comment cards are an excellent means of voicing concerns, compliments, thoughts, etc. You can fill out comment cards using one of the following options:

- Scan one of the QR Codes with your smartphone for **comments or suggestions** on community operations, golf, or food and beverage services. QR codes can be found throughout the community, at both restaurants and Pro Shops.
- Go to our website, [www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com](http://www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com), and select Communications or Dining and the Comment Card button.
- White Comment Cards / Boxes are still available at the following locations until the 1<sup>st</sup> of the Year:
  - Next to Cottonwood bulletin boards across from the Main Pool
  - Outside the Saquaro Room (North Entrance)
  - At the Palo Verde Clubhouse Bar Entrance
  - At the Fitness Center
  - At the Administration Center

All submissions will be reviewed by the General Manager, who will respond directly when appropriate. Your feedback helps us continue improving the experience for all residents—thank you for taking the time to share your input!

### Food & Beverage



### General Comments





## ADMINISTRATION CENTER: DROP BOX

For your convenience, a Drop Box is located east of the entrance of the John R. Dobson Administration Center. This box is provided for homeowners to drop off HOA paperwork, such as their dues assessments and comment cards when the office is closed.



## THESE PATHS ARE MADE FOR GOLFERS

Every path on and around the golf courses are made for golfers to get around. At no time are these paths to be used by non-golfers for walking, jogging, bike riding, dog walking, etc.

Anyone caught violating these rules will be stopped and asked to leave. The rules apply to everyone who is not golfing and will be enforced 24 hours a day-7 days a week. Yes, this means no walking at night .

There are walking paths around the Five Lakes in Cottonwood for walking and exercise. Please enjoy our amenities and use them as intended.

## LOST AND FOUND

The San Tan Gate provides a secure location for items that are lost or found and is open 24 hours for your convenience. Homeowners must give a description of the missing item prior to release. Call (480)895-6846.



## ARE YOU A NEW HOMEOWNER?

Be sure to come to Homeowner Services and get your picture taken for your member ID card(s).



## GUEST PASSES

**If you are expecting family and friends, get your Guest Passes AHEAD of TIME to avoid the lines.**

Print the form from our website and have it ready when you come in. Go to [www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com](http://www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com), click on Homeowner Services, Document Center, and select Guest Card Form & Guidelines.

Guests are defined as persons residing in the household of the homeowner or renter **(while the owner or renter is in residence)** for periods not to exceed 30 days per year.

**REMEMBER** - Guests require a pass to use any of the amenities if they are not with you. Guest Passes are required at the Fitness Activity Center along with a \$5/day fee!



## BIKING AND WALKING SAFETY

Each year in the U.S., more than 65,000 pedestrians are injured and about 5,000 are killed by cars. This hasn't yet happened in our community. We want to do all that we can to prevent such accidents. We don't have sidewalks, so a few precautions for walkers and bikers are important, especially this time of year when more walkers are out and visitors are in town.



- **Walk facing traffic.** Do all that you can to be seen by drivers. Wear light colored clothing and something reflective. In the dark, carry and wave a flashlight as you walk. Try to make eye contact with oncoming drivers. If walking your dog, keep your pet on a short leash, wearing a reflective collar or leash. Most importantly, walk facing traffic, close to the curb, NOT in the automobile traffic lane.
- **Bike with traffic.** At night, be sure your bike has a light and reflectors, especially on the back. Wear light colored clothing. Be extra aware of traffic approaching you from behind. Install a mirror. Bike close to the curb, NOT in the automobile traffic lane.

Be sure to have identification with you and carry your cell phone. **DRIVERS**, please be extra alert during the dark hours and drive SLOWLY.

# The Board of Directors holds two regularly scheduled public meetings per month:



**The Agenda Planning Meeting**, the primary purpose of which is to set the agenda for the more formal Board Meeting. This meeting also provides an opportunity for homeowners to raise any matter of concern.

**The Monthly Board Meeting**, traditionally held on the last Wednesday of the month, addresses the Board agenda set at the Agenda Planning Meeting. This meeting typically includes a financial report; Board, Committee, and Management reports; Board comments; recommendations from administration and committees and presentations by invited guests. This meeting also provides the forum for homeowner's comments or questions.

**Workshops** are occasionally planned and are posted before the scheduled date.

***Be sure to check the bulletin boards, "The Flyer" and "In The Know" for any changes to the date, time or location of these meetings.***

## 2025 - 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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PRESIDENT



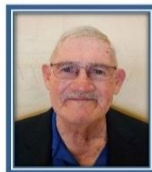
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## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Fire & Emergency	911	Cottonwood Pro Shop	480-895-9449
Maricopa County Sheriff	602-876-1011	Palo Verde Pro Shop	480-895-0300
Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse	480-895-8751	Cottonwood Bar & Grill	480-895-9688
Arizona Rangers Comp.	602-663-2509	PV Restaurant Reservations	480-895-1981
Poison Control	602-253-3334	Banquets/Catering	480-219-7009
SRP ( <i>street light issues</i> )	602-236-8888	CWPV Administration Office	480-895-3550
SRP Emergency	602-236-8811	Homeowner Services	480-207-7618
CWPV Mobile Patrol	480-895-9277	Fitness Activity Center	480-272-6484
San Tan Gate	480-895-6846		

## JOHN R. DOBSON ADMINISTRATION CENTER SUMMER HOURS OF OPERATION

### HOMEOWNER SERVICES

Monday – Friday      8:00am - 4:00PM  
Saturday - Sunday    **CLOSED**

### ADMINISTRATION

Reception Desk and "Back Office"

Monday - Friday   8:00am - 4:00pm (*Closed for Lunch 12-1pm*)  
Saturday - Sunday    **CLOSED**



If we are closed, please call and leave a message at 480-895-3550 and we will get back to you during business hours.

If you have business requiring the assistance of Administration Staff, please call to make an appointment or contact us Monday-Friday, 8AM-4PM.

- Thank You