

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY...

March 3, 1887

Helen Keller meets Anne Sullivan, her teacher and ‘miracle worker’



On March 3, 1887, Anne Sullivan begins teaching six-year-old [Helen Keller](#), who lost her sight and hearing after a severe illness at the age of 19 months. Under [Sullivan’s tutelage](#), including her pioneering “touch teaching” techniques, Keller flourished, eventually graduating from college and becoming an international lecturer and activist. Sullivan, later dubbed “the miracle worker,” remained Keller’s interpreter and constant companion until the older woman’s death in 1936.

Sullivan, born in [Massachusetts](#) in 1866, had firsthand experience with being disabled: As a child, an infection impaired her vision. She then attended the Perkins Institution for the Blind where she learned the manual alphabet in order to communicate with a classmate who was deaf and blind. Eventually, Sullivan had several operations that improved her weakened eyesight.

Helen Adams Keller was born on June 27, 1880, to Arthur Keller, a former Confederate army officer and newspaper publisher, and his wife Kate, of Tuscumbia, [Alabama](#). As a baby, a brief illness, possibly scarlet fever or a [form of bacterial meningitis](#), left Helen unable to see, hear or speak. She was considered a bright but spoiled and strong-willed child. Her parents eventually sought the advice of [Alexander Graham Bell](#), the inventor of the telephone and an authority on the deaf. He suggested the Kellers contact the Perkins Institution, which in turn recommended Anne Sullivan as a teacher.

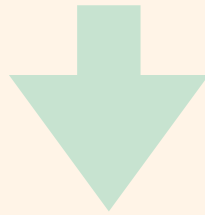
Sullivan, age 20, arrived at Ivy Green, the Keller family estate, in 1887 and began working to socialize her wild, stubborn student and teach her by spelling out words in Keller’s hand. Initially, the finger spelling meant nothing to Keller. However, a breakthrough occurred one day when Sullivan held one of Keller’s hands under water from a pump and spelled out “w-a-t-e-r” in Keller’s palm. Keller went on to learn how to read, write and speak. With Sullivan’s assistance, Keller attended Radcliffe College and graduated with honors in 1904.

Helen Keller became a public speaker and author; her first book, “The Story of My Life” was published in 1902. She was also a fundraiser for the American Foundation for the Blind and an advocate for racial and sexual equality, as well as socialism. From 1920 to 1924, Sullivan and Keller even formed a vaudeville act to educate the public and earn money. Helen Keller died on June 1, 1968, at her home in Easton, [Connecticut](#), at age 87, leaving her mark on the world by helping to alter perceptions about the disabled.

JOKE OF THE WEEK



What type of sandals do frogs wear?



Open-toad!



THE ELECTION BALLOTS ARE OPEN! CAST YOUR VOTE.

Friday, February 27th the ballots to vote for the 2026 Board of Directors and Dues Increase were emailed to homeowners that registered for online voting or have an email on file. All other homeowners will receive a mailed ballot. If you do not receive a ballot, please contact the Administration Office at (480) 895-3550 ext301.

Candidate information can be found on the Cottonwood Palo Verde website at www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com

Your ballot must be received by Vote-Now no later than Wednesday, March 11th to be counted. If you would prefer, you can vote in person, in person voting is available Monday, March 9th through Wednesday March 11th from 2-4 pm each day at the Administration Building.

Results of the 2026 Board of Directors Election will be publicized on our website, by email, in The Flyer, and In The Know.

Timing of Events



BECOME AN HOA2 AMBASSADOR

Do you LOVE living in Cottonwood Palo Verde? Do You Regularly Attend HOA Board Meetings? Do You LOVE meeting new people?

The CWPV New Friends Ambassador Program is recruiting! We seek couples or singles to join our team of friendly, enthusiastic and knowledgeable residents of HOA2 to offer an orientation tour to new homeowners in our community.

If you have two to three hours twice a month to conduct tours and would like to get involved in this rewarding activity, stop by Homeowner Services to pick up an application. Return the completed application to Homeowner Services by Friday, March 27th. Interviews will be conducted in early April.



2026 HOA DUES: **FIRST HALF PAST DUE**

Please remember – The first half of the 2026 HOA Dues were **due January 1, 2026.**

Any HOA Dues NOT paid by January 19th 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.



YOUR COMMUNITY. YOUR VOICE. YOUR NEWS.

Because staying informed should be simple, relevant, and transparent.



Michelle Keddel
Communications
Manager

I'm excited to introduce myself and step into this role serving our community. Clear, transparent, and timely communication is incredibly important to me, and my goal is to make sure you receive the information you care about — in the ways you prefer to receive it.

I'm focused on streamlining how we share updates so communication feels organized, consistent, and easy to access. Whether it's community news, important notices, events, or board updates, I want to ensure information is clear, relevant, and helpful — not overwhelming.

Your feedback truly matters. I am open to ideas, suggestions, and constructive input as we continue improving together. My commitment is to listen, adapt, and provide straightforward communication that keeps everyone informed and connected.

I look forward to getting to know you and working together to strengthen how we stay informed as a community.

Warmly,
Michelle

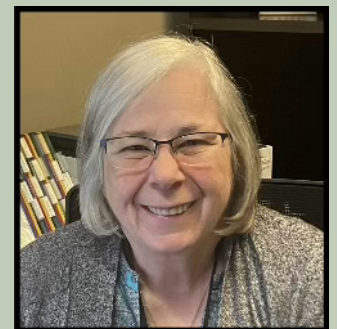
FEBRUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

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.



Brenda Tietz
Administrative Assistant
Architectural Compliance
and Rentals

2025 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Mike Page
Painter,
Facilities Dept.

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.

SPEED LIMIT REMINDER: 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!

BIKING & WALKING SAFETY IN THE COMMUNITY

Did you know?

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 on your bike
- 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**

ARE YOUR HOMEOWNER RECORDS CURRENT?

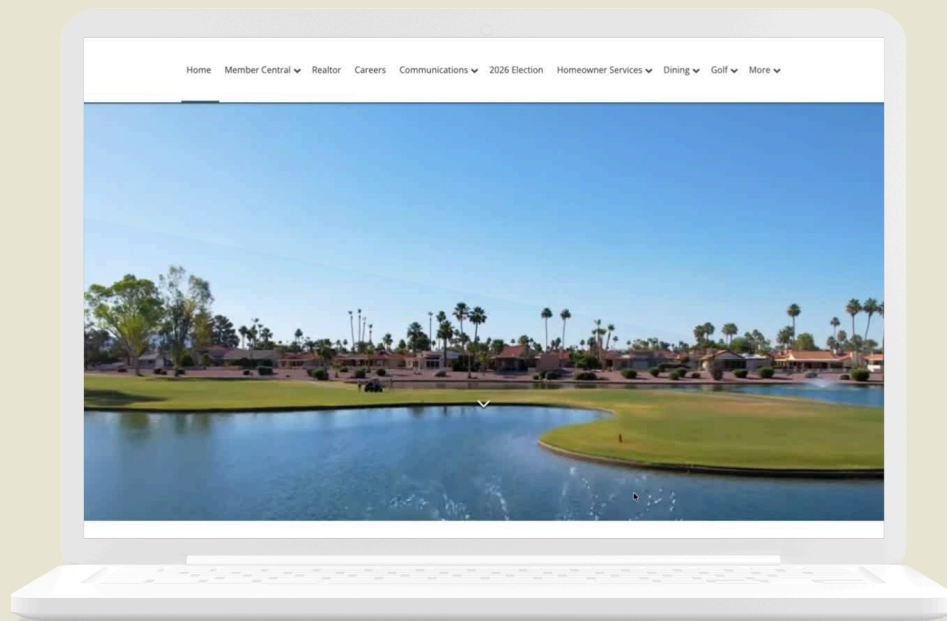
Did you know?

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 under Homeowner Services, Document Center and choose the Homeowner Information Change Sheet button.

Complete the form, sign and return to the Administration Office.

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE



We are excited to announce our redesigned website is up and running. The website address remains the same, 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.

INFORMATION & NEWS

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

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.

ATTENTION 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.

NEW HOMEOWNER?

Be sure to stop by
Homeowner Services
to get your picture taken
for your member ID card(s)

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.

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, and select Communications or Dining and the Comment Card button.
- White Comment Cards / Boxes are still available at the following locations until the 1st 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



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, 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!

INFORMATION & NEWS

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.

Important Phone Numbers

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| 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 (street light issues) | 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 & 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.