

ON THIS DAY...



The [Constitution of the United States of America](#) is [signed by 39](#) delegates present at the conclusion of the [Constitutional Convention](#) in Philadelphia. Supporters of the document waged a hard-won battle to win ratification by the necessary nine out of 13 U.S. states.

The [Articles of Confederation](#), ratified several months before the British surrender at Yorktown in 1781, provided for a loose confederation of U.S. states, which were sovereign in most of their affairs. On paper, Congress—the central

authority—had the power to govern foreign affairs, conduct war, and regulate currency, but in practice these powers were sharply limited because Congress was given no authority to enforce its requests to the states for money or troops. By 1786, it was apparent that the Union would soon break up if the Articles of Confederation were not amended or replaced. Five states met in Annapolis, [Maryland](#), to discuss the issue, and all the states were invited to send delegates to a new constitutional convention to be held in Philadelphia.

On May 25, 1787, delegates representing every state except [Rhode Island](#) convened at Philadelphia's [Pennsylvania](#) State House for the Constitutional Convention. The building, which is now known as Independence Hall, had earlier seen the drafting of the [Declaration of Independence](#) and the signing of the Articles of Confederation. The assembly immediately discarded the idea of amending the Articles of Confederation and set about drawing up a new scheme of government. Revolutionary War hero [George Washington](#), a delegate from [Virginia](#), was elected convention president.

During an intensive debate, the delegates devised a brilliant federal organization characterized by an intricate system of checks and balances. The convention was divided over the issue of state representation in Congress, as more-populated states sought proportional legislation, and smaller states wanted equal representation. The problem was resolved by the Connecticut Compromise, which proposed a bicameral legislature with proportional representation in the lower house ([House of Representatives](#)) and equal representation of the states in the upper house (Senate).

On September 17, 1787, the Constitution was signed. As dictated by Article VII, the document would not become binding until it was ratified by nine of the 13 states. Beginning on December 7, five states—[Delaware](#), Pennsylvania, [New Jersey](#), [Georgia](#) and Connecticut—ratified it in quick succession. However, other states, especially [Massachusetts](#), opposed the document, as it failed to reserve un-delegated powers to the states and lacked constitutional protection of basic political rights, such as freedom of speech, religion, and the press. In February 1788, a compromise was reached under which Massachusetts and other states would agree to ratify the document with the assurance that amendments would be immediately proposed. The Constitution was thus narrowly ratified in Massachusetts, followed by Maryland and [South Carolina](#). On June 21, 1788, [New Hampshire](#) became the ninth state to ratify the document, and it was subsequently agreed that government under the U.S. Constitution would begin on March 4, 1789. In June, Virginia ratified the Constitution, followed by [New York](#) in July.

On September 25, 1789, the first Congress of the United States adopted 12 amendments to the U.S. Constitution—the Bill of Rights—and sent them to the states for ratification. Ten of these amendments were ratified in 1791. In November 1789, [North Carolina](#) became the 12th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. Rhode Island, which opposed federal control of currency and was critical of compromise on the issue of slavery, resisted ratifying the Constitution until the U.S. government threatened to sever commercial relations with the state. On May 29, 1790, Rhode Island voted by two votes to ratify the document, and the last of the original 13 colonies joined the United States. Today, the U.S. Constitution is the oldest written constitution in operation in the world.



JOKE OF THE WEEK

A husband and wife died and went to Heaven together. They were met at the gates by an angel who was to show them the place.

"Right over here we have our very own golf course!" the angel said.

"Wow! It's beautiful! Can we play it now?!" they exclaimed.

"Sure!" said the angel.

So the couple began playing. It was the most beautiful course they had ever seen. Everything was perfect — the fairways, the greens, even the rough was well kept. The more they played, the more the woman beamed with happiness, but she noticed her husband was becoming disheartened and angry.

The woman confronted her husband on what was wrong.

"I can't understand why you're not happy," she said. "We're in Heaven! We're together! We're playing on the most beautiful and most perfect golf course ever! What's wrong with you?"

"That's just it," he fired back. "If you hadn't fed us those damn bran muffins, we'd have been here years ago!"

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR HOMEOWNERS WHO APPLIED FOR COMMITTEES!

The 2024 Committee year will soon come to a close. It has been an exciting time for our Committees and we thank them for the dedication of their time and talent. We had many applications submitted for the 2024-2025 year. This is a true testament to the fact that our wonderful community cares and wants to be involved.

If you were unable to serve on a committee this year, know that you are always welcome to submit an application any time during the year. There is always a possibility of an opening occurring from time to time. Applications are kept on file and made accessible to committees when an opening occurs. Again, thank you for your participation.



CWPV COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Start gathering your treasures! Saturday, November 8th is the date Cottonwood Palo Verde homeowners may hold a garage sale on their property.

- Items for sale must be contained in the garage or driveway area of the property.
- Homeowners will be responsible for their own advertisement. Signs will be allowed on this day only and one self-supporting "tent" style Garage Sale sign, no larger than 25"x24", is permitted on a homeowner's property. **HOMEMADE SIGNS ARE PERMITTED.**
- Only Sun Lakes residents (Cottonwood Palo Verde, IronOaks, Sun Lakes Country Club) with identifying windshield stickers or homeowner cards are permitted into Palo Verde. per Board Policy Chapter 9-04.
- Homeowners are not permitted to submit lists of non-Sun Lakes residents to allow entry through the Palo Verde gates for a Garage Sale.
- **All items must be removed from the driveway by 3:00 p.m.**





EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH (August)

We are happy to announce that Brenda Tietz is our August Employee of the Month. Brenda joined our HOA 1-year ago as the Receptionist in the Administration Office. Since joining the team, Brenda has become someone we all depend on. She is very knowledgeable in her position and always willing to help wherever and whenever she is needed. During the summer she has taken on more responsibility helping with Architectural Compliance and Rentals. Brenda takes great pride in completing tasks in a timely and accurate manner. If she has questions she does not hesitate to ask. Brenda is a huge source of information and assistance for our homeowners and guests. She is always upbeat, professional, and has a positive attitude, even when things are hectic. Brenda is someone we all look forward to seeing each and every day. Congratulations Brenda on this well-deserving honor.

2023 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Judy Purcell is our 2023 Employee of the Year. Judy has worked for the HOA since October of 2022 and has made an immediate impact on everyone she works with and the homeowners she encounters. She has seamlessly transitioned from Homeowner Services Attendant to Receptionist to her newest role as AP Staff Accountant. In the process Judy has reorganized and improved numerous procedures at the front office and has helped negotiate a new office supply program saving the HOA 20-25% on what we were previously paying. She has also challenged the Managers on existing Agreements to ensure we are not overpaying for services.



Judy has the ability to make everyone, homeowners and co-workers alike, feel at ease with her quick wit and knowledge. She is always looking for savings for the HOA, is very detail oriented with a positive and professional attitude, while being fun loving. Congratulations Judy on a very well deserved honor!

ADMINISTRATION & HOMEOWNER SERVICES SUMMER HOURS

May 1st, Homeowner Services and the Administration Office started their Summer Hours (May 1 - Sept. 30) as noted below.

- Monday - Thursday: 8am-4pm
- Friday: 8am-12pm
- Saturday & Sunday: Closed



HOW TO GET AROUND ON THE CWPV WEBSITE

For those of you who are new to the neighborhood or simply need a refresher, here's how:

- ENTER INTO YOUR WEB BROWSER **www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com**
- CLICK **Homeowners Only Access**. From here you will see tabs providing access to HOA information and events.

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 under the "Homeowners Only" Section and then click on "Forms & Guides" and choose the Homeowner Information Change Sheet. Complete the form, sign and return to the Administration Office.



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.

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 Homeowners Only, Forms and Guides, 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!

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.



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.

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!**

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The library volunteers would like to thank all the people who have donated books to the CWPV library. We appreciate being able to update our reading selections for the many people who use the library.

If you would like to donate books with a copyright date of 2014 to 2024 please leave them on the counter at the library.

Reminder: We CAN NOT accept cookbooks, textbooks, magazines, pamphlets, periodicals, reference books, religious books, VHS, and cassette format media.

We are fortunate to have so many libraries located near us. Please remember to return books to the correct library from which you checked them out.



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**.

ARE YOU A NEW HOMEOWNER?

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



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.



COMMENT CARDS

Your input is very important and comment cards are an excellent means of voicing concerns, compliments, thoughts, etc. You can find the **White Comment Cards / Boxes** throughout our Community at the following locations:

- 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



FOOD & BEVERAGE COMMENT CARDS are available at the Cottonwood Bar & Grill and Palo Verde Restaurant.

GOLF COMMENT CARDS are available at the Cottonwood and Palo Verde Pro Shops.

Other options for submitting your comments or concerns include:

- Send an email to Admin@sunlakes2.com
- Send in an email to the appropriate Manager
- Call the Administration Office
- And of course, the annual survey takes comments

Please SIGN your comment card and include your phone number so Management can contact you regarding your concern. All cards received are documented and acknowledged by Management for an appropriate action or response.

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.

2024 - 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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IMPORTANT HOMEOWNER INFORMATION *(Click subject lines below)*

- [HOMEOWNERS WHO RENT THEIR CWPV HOME\(S\)](#)
- [HOMEOWNER ACCOUNT CHANGES](#)
- [ID CARDS & GUEST CARDS FOR ACCESS TO CWPV RESTAURANTS/AMENITIES](#)
- [PALO VERDE RESIDENTS](#)
- [WIRELESS LOCATIONS IN COTTONWOOD PALO VERDE](#)

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 – Thursday 8:00AM - 4:00PM
Friday 8:00AM - 12:00PM
Saturday - Sunday **CLOSED**

ADMINISTRATION

Reception Desk and "Back Office"

Monday - Thursday 8:00AM - 4:00PM (*Closed for Lunch 12-1pm*)
Friday 8:00AM - 12:00PM
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-Thursday, 8AM-4PM or Friday, 8AM-12PM.

- Thank You