Cottonwood Palo Verde at Sun Lakes

Patrol

You won't want to miss these tips

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
join us in Meeting Room 1 on **November 4 | 11:00am**

SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER 4 | 10:00AM
MEETING ROOM 1 | CLC

Upcoming
Neighborhood Watch Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Join our neighborhood watch group - help us grow in the Sun Lakes Community! Join us at our next group meeting
November 11 | 4:30pm
CLC Meeting Room

SUN LAKES POSSE 501(c)(3)
9531 East Riggs Road
Sun Lakes, Arizona 85248-7412
(480) 895-8751 Fax: (480) 895-6691

Sun Lakes Posse Is Here To Serve You

The Sun Lakes Posse maintains **medical equipment items** that are available for use by all **residents of Sun Lakes and SunBird for 3 months, free of charge.**

The following is a representative listing of our **available medical equipment**:

Metal Canes - Height Adjustable
Walkers – With seats, and Walkers with Wheels
Crutches
Knee Scooters
Potty Chairs
Bath and Shower Seats and Stools
Companion Chairs
Wheel Chairs

If you need to use any of these medical equipment items, please visit the Sun Lakes Posse's Office during the hours of 9 a.m. – 12 noon on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We are located at 9531 E. Riggs Road in Sun Lakes. If you have any questions, you can call us at 480-895-8751 during office hours or visit our website at https://www.sunlakesposse.org and **click on Medical Equipment.**

Our volunteers for the Community Posse log over 2000 hours a year providing this free service to Sun Lakes and Sun Bird residents. We check out over 1200 pieces of medical equipment a year.

The Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse continues to patrol the communities of Sun Lakes. We are committed to serving the communities we live in and call home. The Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse logs over 6,000 volunteer hours a year patrolling the Sun Lakes communities. Our organization is funded 100% by your donations. We do not receive any government funding. We are a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization so **your donations are tax deductible.**

We are a volunteer organization and if you would like to **join us in helping with the medical equipment**, you can go to this website (https://www.sunlakesposse.org/recruiting.html), download and fill out the application for a Volunteer. You can either mail it to us or drop it by our office. Alternatively, you can drop by the office to pick up an application.

If you would like to **join the Maricopa County Sheriff's Posse Program** to assist our Deputies in public safety and law enforcement, go to https://posse.mcso.org and then click on **Contact a Recruiter.**

Donate online at www.SunLakesPosse.org
Also, please set us as your charity on Smile.Amazon.com

The Who, What, and Where of Safety at Cottonwood Palo Verde

The Safety Hierarchy at CWPV
At Cottonwood Palo Verde, safety is a partnership between professional operations and resident volunteers. Each group plays an important role in helping keep our community safe and secure.

Safety & Security Committee (Strategic)
The Safety & Security Committee is a Board-appointed committee that focuses on the "big picture" of community safety. The committee reviews policies, evaluates safety concerns, and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors. It also sponsors educational seminars and events that help homeowners learn how to stay safe in their homes and throughout the community.

Patrol (Operational)
Our uniformed Patrol team is a division of the HOA management staff. They are the boots on the ground, providing 24/7 monitoring of community gates, common areas, and facilities. Their visible presence helps deter unusual activity while ensuring community rules and regulations are followed.

Neighborhood Watch (Community Support)
Neighborhood Watch is a dedicated group of resident volunteers who serve as an extra set of eyes and ears throughout the community. Their involvement helps strengthen neighborhood awareness and encourages residents to look out for one another.

Patrol: Vigilant, But Not Law Enforcement
Our Patrol team provides an important service to the community; however, they are not law enforcement officers. Patrol personnel enforce community rules, monitor facilities, assist with guest access, and provide a visible security presence.

Because they are not law enforcement, Patrol cannot make arrests or intervene in criminal matters. Their role is to observe, document, and report concerns while serving as the first point of contact for HOA-related issues.

Safety & Security: The Power of Prevention
Safety and security are built on prevention. In today's world, being proactive remains one of the most effective ways to protect ourselves and our community.

Simple habits can make a significant difference:
• Ensure garage doors are closed and secure.
• Use timers on lights when away from home.
• Keep guest lists current with Patrol.
• Lock vehicles and remove valuables from sight.
• Report suspicious activity promptly.

Prevention is not about living in fear. It is about making our community a less attractive target for crime and maintaining a safe environment for everyone.

Neighborhood Watch: Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Neighborhood Watch adds another layer of support that helps make our community stronger. Members do more than watch for suspicious activity. They help foster a culture where neighbors know and communicate with one another.

When residents stay connected, unusual activity is recognized more quickly, and concerns can be addressed before they become larger problems.

Important Safety Contacts

Emergencies
Call 911 Immediately
• Life-threatening emergencies
• Crimes in progress
• Medical emergencies
• Fire or hazardous situations

HOA Patrol
Cottonwood Palo Verde Patrol (480-298-8723)
• Suspicious activity
• Guest access concerns
• Community rule violations
• Facility and common area issues
• Non-criminal safety concerns

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (Non-Emergency)
602-876-1011
• Non-urgent criminal activity
• Theft reports
• Vandalism
• Suspicious persons or vehicles requiring law enforcement response

Remember:
See Something, Say Something. If something doesn't look right, report it. Quick reporting helps keep our community safe and allows concerns to be addressed before they become larger problems.

Enhanced Security in Cottonwood Palo Verde

With the full support of HOA #2, the Sun Lakes Rangers will continue providing patrol services in Cottonwood Palo Verde alongside our Safety Patrol staff. Both teams share one goal: providing effective, responsive security for our residents and guests.

To ensure maximum safety and a swift response, Patrol and Rangers will:

- Maintain constant radio communication
- Provide immediate back-up assistance during law enforcement-related incidents
- No Solicitation Policy

Solicitation of any kind is strictly prohibited within our community. If an aggressive door-to-door solicitor approaches your home:

- Do not engage in conversation or arguments.

Simply say, "No thank you" or "I'm not interested," and close the door.
Immediately report the activity to Patrol at 480-298-8723.

Crime Awareness

Staying informed helps us maintain a safe community. Understanding crime trends and suspicious activity allows residents to:

- Take proactive steps to protect their homes and property.
- Recognize and report unusual behavior.
- Work together to reduce criminal opportunities and strengthen neighborhood safety.

Together, we can help keep Sun Lakes safe, secure, and welcoming place to live.

BE A RESPONSIBLE DRIVER: SHARE THE ROAD SAFELY

Maintaining safe streets is a shared responsibility. Whether you are driving a vehicle or a golf cart, safe driving habits help protect everyone in our community.
Please keep these important safety reminders in mind:

Obey Residential Speed Limits

The maximum speed limit on residential streets is 25 MPH, unless otherwise posted. Driving at or below the speed limit gives you valuable time to react to unexpected situations. Check your speed frequently. You may be traveling faster than you realize.

Stay Alert

Keep your attention on the road and avoid distractions, even on short trips through the neighborhood.

Golf Cart Courtesy

Under Arizona law, golf carts are classified as motor vehicles and may legally operate on the roadway alongside other traffic. However, traveling significantly below the normal flow of traffic can create congestion and frustration for other drivers.

Keep Right When Possible

Golf cart operators should drive as close as practical to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, allowing faster-moving vehicles to pass safely on the left.

Prioritize Safety

Always choose safety over speed. Be mindful of motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and fellow residents as we all share the road.

GATE ACCESS & TRAFFIC SAFETY

PALO VERDE GATE ACCESS: VISITOR GUIDE

Have you ever wondered why GPS sometimes sends your guests to the wrong gate? Digital navigation systems can occasionally misroute visitors due to signal interference, outdated mapping information, or blocked satellite connections.

To avoid confusion, delays, and potential damage to gate equipment or vehicles, please share the following information with all family members, guests, and contractors before they arrive:

All Visitors Must Use the San Tan Gate

Direct visitors to the staffed main entrance located at:

• 10704 E. San Tan Blvd. (Just east of Alma School Road)

• Visitors must check in with the gate attendant before entering the community.

Michigan Avenue Gate Is for Residents Only

• Although visible from Alma School Road, the Michigan Avenue gate is unstaffed and accessible only through a resident RFID windshield transmitter.

• Please remind your visitors not to use the Michigan Avenue gate and instead proceed directly to the San Tan Gate for entry.

Thank you for helping us ensure a smooth and safe arrival process for all guests.

Palo Verde Residents: Help Keep Gate Traffic Moving

Please remind guests and contractors that they may not enter Palo Verde through the Michigan Gate. This gate is unattended and reserved for residents and long-term renters only.

All visitors must enter through the San Tan Gate, which is staffed 24/7.

Pre-register visitors using the Gatehouse Portal, mobile app, or by calling 480-895-6846.

Keeping your visitor list current helps speed up entry and reduce delays.

Automatic Gate Safety

When entering or exiting the automatic gates at the San Tan Boulevard and Michigan Avenue entrances, please proceed slowly and use caution.

These gates contain heavy moving components, and careful driving helps protect both community equipment and residents.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS & RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Accessible Parking Etiquette

• Accessible parking spaces are reserved for individuals with mobility limitations and provide convenient access to community facilities.

•Accessible spaces may only be used when a disabled individual is the driver or passenger.

•A valid disability placard or handicap license plate must be clearly displayed.

• Never Park in or block the striped access aisle adjacent to an accessible parking space.

Thank you for helping to keep our facilities accessible to everyone.

Safety is a team effort. Thank you for doing your part!

PET OWNERSHIP & NEIGHBORHOOD COURTESY

Pet Control and Leash Requirements

Pet owners are responsible for keeping their pets under control and securely confined to their property.

When dogs are outside your property:

• They must be kept within a secure enclosure when on your lot.

• They must be on a leash no longer than six feet when being walked within the community.

• Handling Barking Dog Disturbances

Excessive barking can become a neighborhood concern. The following steps are recommended:

Step 1: Speak with Your Neighbor

A friendly conversation or note is often the quickest solution. Pet owners may not realize their dog is creating a disturbance.

Step 2: Take Responsibility

If you are informed that your dog is disturbing neighbors, please take prompt action to correct the behavior.

Step 3: Escalate if Necessary

If the issue continues:

• Contact Cottonwood Palo Verde Patrol for assistance and documentation.

• Contact the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office to report an official noise violation.

Waste and Recycling Containers

To maintain the appearance of our community, all trash and recycling containers must be stored out of sight when not in use.

Collection guidelines:

• Containers may be placed at the curbside no earlier than the day before collection.

• Containers must be removed and stored out of sight by the end of collection day.

Thank you for helping keep our community attractive and well maintained.

ARCHITECTURAL MODIFICATION PERMITS

An Important Reminder for All Homeowners

Before making any exterior alteration to your property, you must obtain approval through an Architectural Modification Application Permit.

Permits play an important role in protecting our community by:

• Preserving Community Aesthetics: Ensuring all modifications contribute to a cohesive, attractive neighborhood appearance.

• Maintaining Permanent Records: Providing documentation of completed work and any required inspections.

• Protecting Home Values: Helping ensure projects are structurally sound and compliant, which can preserve or enhance property values when it comes time to sell.

Please help maintain the quality and integrity of our community by obtaining approval before beginning any exterior project.

ACC GUIDELINES: OUTDOOR SECURITY CAMERA PLACEMENT

In Arizona, homeowners have the legal right to install outdoor security cameras to protect and monitor their property. However, these devices must never violate a neighbor's reasonable expectation of privacy.

• To maintain harmony in our neighborhoods, our Architectural Control Committee (ACC) guidelines require all outdoor security devices to respect adjacent properties:

• Protect Your Perimeter Only:
Security cameras mounted on or near your home must be aimed exclusively at your own property.

• Respect Private Areas:
Cameras must be positioned so that they point away from neighboring properties, including side yards, backyards, windows, and other private zones.

• Focus on the Main Purpose:
Keep the focus on the true goal of outdoor surveillance-deterring criminal activity and monitoring your own home's immediate perimeter.

By keeping your cameras properly aimed, you can safeguard your home while fully respecting the privacy of those living around you.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS: ESSENTIAL SAFETY TIPS

Scammers are becoming increasingly sophisticated in their attempts to steal your money and personal information. Staying alert is your best defense. Protect y:ourself and y:ourassets by following these essential security tips:

• Know Who You Are Dealing With:
Never take a sender's or caller's word at face value. If you cannot independently verify their identity, do not engage

• Handle Digital Messages with Caution:
Do not open suspicious text messages, pop-up windows, links, or email attachments. Delete them immediately

• Hang Up on Remote Access Requests:
Never respond to unsolicited phone calls about your computer, and never allow a stranger remote access to your device. Hang up immediately

• Keep Personal Details Secure:
Lock down your mobile devices and computers. Use strong, unique passwords, and routinely check your privacy and security settings on social media and all digital apps

• Be Skeptical of Money Requests:
Beware of any sudden, urgent requests for your financial details or money, and always use caution when shopping online

Remember the golden rule of fraud prevention:
If it looks too good to be true, it probably is.

GARAGE DOOR SAFETY REMINDER

Keeping your garage door open just a small amount-even a foot or two-might seem like a good way to vent heat, but it introduces significant security risks. During the overnight hours, a cracked garage door signals a lapse in vigilance, making your home an easy target for opportunistic criminals. As we head into mid-summer, keeping our homes locked down is more important than ever:

• Peak Crime Months:
July and August are peak months for thefts and burglaries right here in our Community

• Secure All Points of Entry:
Fully closing and securing your main garage door, as well as any attached side doors, is the easiest way to deter unwanted visitors

• Protect Your Assets:
A shut door protects your vehicles, valuable belongings, and your family's overall home security Don't give thieves an easy window of opportunity. Keep your garage doors completely closed,

Stay vigilant, and let's keep our neighborhood safe this summer!

COMMUNITY SAFETY REMINDER

Living in a large, active community means safety depends on all of us. Please keep these simple habits in mind to keep our neighborhoods secure:

• Stay Aware: Be mindful of your surroundings whether you are driving, walking, or at home.
• Report Suspicious Activity: If you see something out of place, report it to Patrol or local authorities immediately.
• Look Out for Neighbors: Watch out for pedestrians and golf carts on the road and check in on those around you.

Safety is a team effort. Thank you for doing your part!