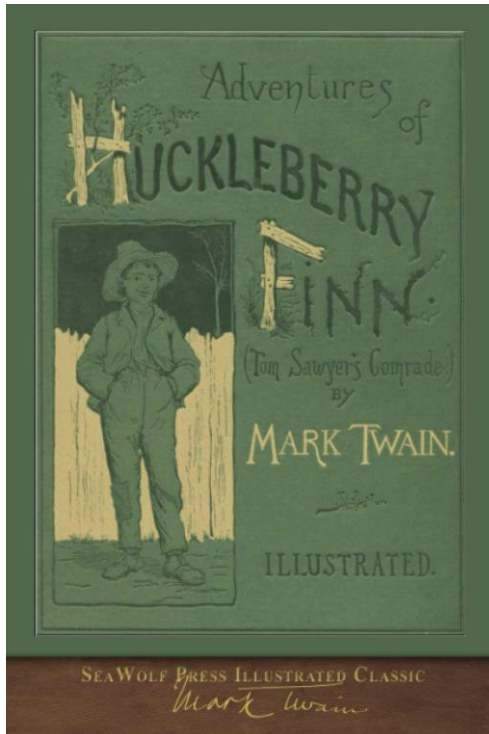


ON THIS DAY...



Mark Twain publishes "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn"

On February 18, 1885, [Mark Twain](#) publishes his famous—and famously controversial—novel *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* in the U.S.

Twain (the pen name of Samuel Clemens) first introduced Huck Finn as the best friend of Tom Sawyer, hero of his tremendously successful novel *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (1876). Though Twain saw Huck's story as a kind of sequel to his earlier book, the new novel was far more serious, focusing on the [institution of slavery](#) and other aspects of life in the antebellum South.

At the book's heart is the journey of Huck and his friend Jim, a runaway enslaved person, down the Mississippi River on a raft. Jim runs away because he is about to be sold and separated from his wife and children, and Huck goes with him to help him get to [Ohio](#) and freedom. Huck narrates the story in his distinctive voice, offering colorful descriptions of

the people and places they encounter along the way. The most striking part of the book is its satirical look at racism, religion and other social attitudes of the time. While Jim is strong, brave, generous and wise, many of the white characters are portrayed as violent, stupid or simply selfish, and the naive Huck ends up questioning the hypocritical, unjust nature of society in general.

Even in 1885, two decades after the [Emancipation Proclamation](#) and the end of the [Civil War](#), *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* landed with a splash. A month after its publication, a Concord, [Massachusetts](#), library banned the book, calling its subject matter "tawdry" and its narrative voice "coarse" and "ignorant." Other libraries followed suit, beginning a controversy that continued long after Twain's death in 1910. In the 1950s, the book came under fire from African American groups for being racist in its portrayal of Black characters, despite the fact that it was seen by many as a strong criticism of racism and slavery. As recently as 1998, an [Arizona](#) parent sued her school district, claiming that making Twain's novel required high school reading made already existing racial tensions even worse.

Aside from its controversial nature and its continuing popularity with young readers, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* has been hailed by many serious literary critics as a masterpiece. No less a judge than Ernest Hemingway famously declared that the book marked the beginning of American literature: "There was nothing before. There has been nothing as good since."



JOKE OF THE WEEK!

What did one hat say to the other?
You wait here, I'll go on ahead.

Did you hear the one about the roof?
Never mind, it's over your head.

2025 BOARD CANDIDATES

The 2025 Board Election Campaign began Wednesday, February 12th.

The end of March 2025, there will be two (2) open positions on the Board. Terms will be ending for Bud Jenssen and Glenn Martinsen. The Election Committee advertised for candidates to fill these positions and had application packets in Homeowner Services since January 27th. The cut-off for candidates to return the applications was 4:00pm on February 10th. Four (4) candidates returned an application, along with the required 50 homeowner signatures on a petition for candidacy. The signatures on the petitions were validated by the Election Committee on February 11th.

The following candidates have been verified and will be running for the two (2) open Board positions:

**PAT DUNCAN
JEAN NELSON
DENISE ORTHEN
MIKE SWOVERLAND**

For more information on each candidate visit our website @ www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com, select the homeowners only section, and the Board Election tab.

MEET THE CANDIDATES EVENT



Pat Duncan



Jean Nelson



Denise Orthen



Mike Swoverland

All SLHOA#2 homeowners are invited to attend the Meet the Candidates Event. Each candidate will present an initial statement and be asked questions on various HOA topics. Homeowners will also have the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates.

When: Thursday, February 27

Time: 5:00pm

Where: San Tan Ballroom

TIMING OF EVENTS

- ♦ "Meet the Candidates Event" -- Thurs, Feb 27 @ 5:00pm - San Tan Ballroom
- ♦ Ballots Mailed for Home Voting -- Tues, Feb 25
- ♦ Online Voting Available -- Fri, Feb 28
- ♦ In Person Voting -- Mon–Wed, March 10-12, 2:00-4:00pm daily @ the Admin Office
- ♦ Cut-off Date for Receiving Ballots -- Wed, March 12 @ 4:00pm
- ♦ Results Announced -- Thurs, March 13
- ♦ Annual Meeting -- Wed, March 26 @ 4:00pm - San Tan Ballroom

COFFEE WITH THE GENERAL MANAGER

- Wednesday, February 26
- 9:00am in the Saguaro Room
- Special Guests:
David Guthrie, Active Lifestyle Director
Neil Hicks, Fitness Center Manager



2025 HOA DUES – PAST DUE

Please remember – The first half of the 2025 HO Dues were due January 1, 2025 any HOA Dues NOT paid by January 20th will incur 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.



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.



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!**

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.





JANUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

David Green is our January Employee of the Month. David was employed by our association on December 23rd of 2019. Reliability is hard to come by and he is someone we can really count on. He has been the Lead Pool Technician since shortly after his employment and with his knowledge of pool mechanical systems as a former pool repair technician, has saved the HOA considerable funds. He is a core member of our team and has worked through staffing issues with the help of our maintenance team to keep our pools safe, clean and open for our homeowners to enjoy.

Thank you for your excellent performance. Our organization is lucky to have you. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication!

2024 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Esteban Figueroa, the Foreman at Cottonwood Golf Maintenance, has done a great job of communicating the daily goals for the team. He is pleasant, very calm and manages the team with a mature attitude. In the past year, Esteban learned a new complex irrigation control operating system. The sprinkler and satellite controller project at Cottonwood taught Esteban a new skill in computer language.

Esteban developed new overseeding programs for both CW Golf Course and the Common Areas to include the 5-Lakes, Swan Lake etc. He worked additional hours adjusting run-times up-n-down, rewriting programs to ensure the field station data matches the computer programs by verifying the satellite identifications from the field matched central irrigation control system. There were several problematic days getting the field satellite controllers to correctly 'talk' to each other, such as, he changed out several irrigation nozzles to ensure we weren't overapplying water to unwanted areas.

Lastly, Esteban has worked tirelessly through obstacles of balancing the lake levels throughout the property. Esteban developed programs to manage irrigation usage against water deliveries for lake levels while working within the budgeted annual allotment from Pima / ADWR.

Thank you, Esteban, for being awesome! Congratulations on the well-deserved honor as our 2024 Employee of the Year!



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!





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.

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.



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.



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.





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 YOU A NEW HOMEOWNER?

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



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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VP / TREASURER



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IMPORTANT HOMEOWNER INFORMATION *(Click subject lines below)*

- [HOMEOWNER ACCOUNT CHANGES](#)
- [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 – 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