

ON THIS DAY...

Great Blizzard of '88 hits East Coast



On March 11, 1888, [one of the worst blizzards in American history](#) strikes the Northeast, killing more than 400 people and dumping as much as 55 inches of snow in some areas. [New York City](#) ground to a near halt in the face of massive snow drifts and powerful winds from the storm. At the time, approximately one in every four Americans lived in the area between [Washington, D.C.](#) and [Maine](#), the area affected by the Great Blizzard of 1888.

On March 10, temperatures in the Northeast hovered in the mid-50s. But on March 11, cold Arctic air from Canada collided with Gulf air from the south and temperatures plunged. Rain turned to snow and winds reached hurricane-strength levels. By midnight on March 11, gusts were recorded at 85 miles per hour in New York City. Along with heavy snow, there was a complete whiteout in the city when the residents awoke the next morning.

Despite drifts that reached the second story of some buildings, many city residents trudged out to New York's elevated trains to go to work, only to find many of them blocked by snow drifts and unable to move. Up to 15,000 people were stranded on the elevated trains; in many areas, enterprising people with ladders offered to rescue the passengers for a small fee. In addition to the trains, telegraph lines, water mains and gas lines were also located above ground. Each was no match for the powerful blizzard, freezing and then becoming inaccessible to repair crews. Simply walking the streets was perilous. In fact, only 30 people out of 1,000 were able to make it to the New York Stock Exchange for work; Wall Street was forced to close for three straight days. There were also several instances of people collapsing in snow drifts and dying, including Senator Roscoe Conkling, New York's Republican Party leader.

Many New Yorkers camped out in hotel lobbies waiting for the worst of the blizzard to pass. [Mark Twain](#) was in New York at the time and was stranded at his hotel for several days. P.T. Barnum entertained some of the stranded at Madison Square Garden. The East River, running between Manhattan and Queens, froze over, an extremely rare occurrence. This inspired some brave souls to cross the river on foot, which proved a terrible mistake when the tides changed and broke up the ice, stranding the adventurers on ice floes. Overall, about 200 people were killed by the blizzard in New York City alone.

But New York was not the only area to suffer. Along the Atlantic coast, hundreds of boats were sunk in the high winds and heavy waves. The snowfall totals north of New York City were historic: Keene, [New Hampshire](#), received 36 inches; New Haven, [Connecticut](#), got 45 inches; and Troy, New York, was hit by 55 inches of snow over 3 days. In addition, thousands of wild and farm animals froze to death in the blizzard.

In the wake of the storm, officials realized the dangers of above-ground telegraph, water and gas lines and moved them below ground. In New York City, a similar determination was made about the trains, and within 10 years, construction began on an underground subway system that is still in use today.



JOKE OF THE WEEK!

A man walks into a library and asks the librarian for books about paranoia. She whispers, "They're right behind you!"



Pat Duncan



Jean Nelson



Denise Orthen



Mike Swoverland

2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Friday, February 28th the ballots to vote for the 2025 Board of Directors will be 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.

Your ballot must be received by Vote-Now no later than Wednesday, March 12th to be counted. If you would prefer, you can vote in person Monday, March 10th, Tuesday, March 11th or Wednesday, March 12th from 2-4pm each day at the Administration Building.

Results of the 2025 Board of Directors Election will be publicized on our website, by eblast, in *The Flyer*, and *In The Know*.

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.

TIMING OF EVENTS

- 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, March 26
- 9:00am in the Saguaro Room
- Special Guests: Jennifer Todisco, Food & Beverage Manager





PUBLIC ROADWAY REGULATIONS & COTTONWOOD POOL PROJECT VOTE

The upcoming vote on the Public Roadway Regulations and Cottonwood Pool Project will take place March 19th through April 2nd.

Public Roadway Regulations, if the vote passes, would retain the Association's authority to enforce parking restrictions pertaining to Recreational Vehicles on the public roadways.

The Board of Directors held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, February 19th to discuss the Cottonwood Pool Project. After extensive investigation, membership input and discussion, the Board decided to proceed with "Version 4.0". The Association is proposing a one-time special assessment in the amount of \$635 per Lot for the purpose of funding the project. Multiple revenue sources will be used to fund the Pool Project and various payment options will be made available to homeowners if passed.

Timing of Events:

- Voting Starts: Wednesday, March 19th
- In Person Voting: Monday, March 31st – Wednesday, April 2nd
2:00-4:00pm in the Administration office
- Final Voting Day: April 2nd
- Results Announced: Thursday, April 3rd

Additional information regarding the upcoming Public Roadway Regulations and Cottonwood Pool Project Vote can be found on the website, www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com, The Flyer, In The Know, and eblasts.

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.



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.



ARE YOU A NEW HOMEOWNER?

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



FEBRUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Colin Padilla is our February Employee of the Month. Colin has been employed in the Food & Beverage Department since April 8, 2021. As Cottonwood-Palo Verde's new banquet captain, Colin has taken a special interest in cleaning out, fixing and organizing all banquet materials and equipment. He has been working with new and young banquet staff on proper service, setup and banquet standards. He is always helpful and welcoming to homeowners. Lynda Schug stated that she accidentally spilled a bulk batch of hot chocolate at the end of a shift during the golf cart parade while Colin was walking out the door. Instead of leaving her, he stopped to help her clean it up while they made Willy Wonka jokes. Colin goes above and beyond to ensure that all banquets are adequately staffed, including working doubles and sometimes without a day off. Colin's dedication to his position and team is appreciated and deserving of recognition. Congratulations Colin on this well-deserved honor.

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!



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!**

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.



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.



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.

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.

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:



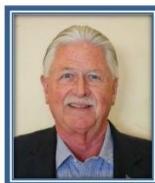
The Agenda Planning Meeting, the primary purpose of which is to set the agenda for the more formal Board Meeting. This meeting also provides an opportunity for homeowners to raise any matter of concern.

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



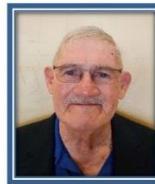
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IMPORTANT HOMEOWNER INFORMATION *(Click subject lines below)*

- [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