

ON THIS DAY...



Gulf War ground offensive begins

After six weeks of intensive bombing against Iraq and its armed forces, U.S.-led coalition forces launch a [ground invasion](#) of Kuwait and Iraq.

On August 2, 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, its tiny oil-rich neighbor, and within hours had occupied most strategic positions in the country. One week later, Operation Desert Shield, the American defense of Saudi Arabia, began as U.S. forces massed in the [Persian Gulf](#). Three months later, the United Nations Security Council passed a resolution authorizing the use of force against Iraq if it failed to withdraw from Kuwait by January 15, 1991.

At 4:30 p.m. EST on January 16, 1991, Operation Desert Storm, a massive U.S.-led offensive against Iraq, began as the first fighter aircraft were launched from Saudi Arabia and off U.S. and British aircraft carriers in the Persian Gulf. All evening, aircraft from the U.S.-led military coalition pounded targets in and around Baghdad as the world watched the events transpire in television footage transmitted live via satellite from Baghdad and elsewhere.

Operation Desert Storm was conducted by an international coalition under the command of U.S. General Norman Schwarzkopf and featured forces from 32 nations, including Britain, Egypt, France, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait. During the next six weeks, the allied force engaged in a massive air war against Iraq's military and civil infrastructure, encountering little effective resistance from the Iraqi air force. Iraqi ground forces were also helpless during this stage of the war, and Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's only significant retaliatory measure was the launching of SCUD missile attacks against [Israel](#) and Saudi Arabia. Saddam hoped that the missile attacks would provoke Israel, and thus other Arab nations, to enter the conflict; however, at the request of the United States, Israel remained out of the war.

On February 24, a massive coalition ground offensive began, and Iraq's outdated and poorly supplied armed forces were rapidly overwhelmed. By the end of the day, the Iraqi army had effectively folded, 10,000 of its troops were held as prisoners, and a U.S. air base had been established deep inside Iraq. After less than four days, Kuwait was liberated, and a majority of Iraq's armed forces had either been destroyed or had surrendered or retreated to Iraq. On February 28, U.S. President [George Bush](#) declared a cease-fire, and Iraq pledged to honor future coalition and U.N. peace terms. One hundred and twenty-five American soldiers were killed in the [Persian Gulf War](#), with another 21 regarded as missing in action.



JOKE OF THE WEEK!

My friend told me he had the body of a Greek god. I had to explain to him that Buddha is not Greek.

MEET THE CANDIDATES



Bob
Kittle



Marty
Neilson



Denise
Orthen



Tami
Ronnfeldt



Linda
Whitfield

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: Tuesday, February 24

Time: 5:00pm

Where: San Tan Ballroom

2026 Board Candidates

The 2026 Board Election Campaign began Wednesday, February 12th.

The end of March 2026, there will be four (4) open positions on the Board. Terms will be ending for Frank Gould and Kathy Skrei. Marty Neilson and Tami Ronnfeldt have the option of running for a second term. The Association advertised for candidates to fill these positions and had application packets in Homeowner Services since January 26th. The cut-off for candidates to return the applications was 4:00pm on February 9th. Five (5) candidates returned an application, along with the required 50 homeowner signatures on a petition for candidacy. The signatures on the petitions were validated on February 10th.

The following candidates have been verified and will be running for the four (4) open Board positions:

**BOB KITTLE
MARTY NEILSON
DENISE ORTHEN
TAMI RONNFELDT
LINDA WHITFIELD**

For more information on each candidate visit our website at www.cottonwoodpaloverde.com, and select the 2026 Election tab.

Timing of Events

- ♦Ballots Mailed for Home Voting Mon, Feb 23
- ♦"Meet the Candidates Event" Tues, Feb 24 @ 5:00pm - San Tan Ballroom
- ♦Online Voting Available Fri, Feb 27
- ♦Cut-off Date for Receiving Ballots Wed, March 11 @ 4:00pm
- ♦In Person Voting Day Mon – Wed, March 9-11, 2:00-4:00pm daily @ the Administration Office
- ♦Results Announced Thurs, March 12
- ♦Annual Meeting Wed, March 25 @ 4:00pm - San Tan Ballroom



BALLOT MEASURE DUES INCREASE PRESENTATION

You are cordially invited to attend a Board of Directors Workshop Presentation on our Capital Reserve Funds. The Board of Directors have prepared a detailed discussion paper that will share the history of our Reserve Funding program and our current funding position. It also takes a look at the next ten years funding needs and several options to fund those needs.

A ballot measure in the March election will ask voters to approve a ten percent (10%) increase in homeowner dues in each of the next three years to replenish our Capital Reserves.

The final Workshop will be held Monday, February 23rd @ 3:00pm in the San Tan Ballroom to review and discuss the ballot measure. Homeowners must show their Homeowner Card and sign into the Workshop as they enter.

A copy of the Workshop Presentation can be found on our website under the 2026 Election tab. Your opinions are important to the Board, and we look forward to hearing from you. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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.

Ambassador Program



2026 HOA DUES – Past Due

Please remember – The first half of the 2026 HO 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.



NEW COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Please join us in welcoming Michelle Keddell, our new Communications Manager.

Michelle brings a strong background in marketing and brand strategy, with a focus on strategic storytelling, digital campaigns, and building clear, effective communication systems. She is passionate about creating alignment through thoughtful messaging and enjoys exploring new tools and emerging technology to strengthen how organizations connect and engage.

She lives in Queen Creek with her two daughters, Rowen and Remi, her mom Jan, two dogs, and a lively flock of chickens. Life is full, energetic, and always inspiring. Michelle is looking forward to getting to know the team and contributing to how we strengthen communication and support our community.

Please take a moment to stop by her office and introduce yourself. A warm welcome and personal connection make a meaningful difference.



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.



2025 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

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.





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 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 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 Homeowner Services, Document Center and choose the Homeowner Information Change Sheet button. Complete the form, sign and return to the Administration Office.



VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

**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.

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.



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.



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 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!



ARE YOU A NEW HOMEOWNER?

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



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



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.

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.

2025 - 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



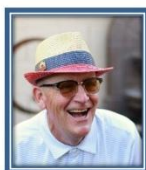
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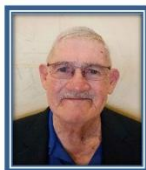
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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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