

# ON THIS DAY...



## Titanic Sinks

At 2:20 a.m. on April 15, 1912, the British ocean liner [\*Titanic\*](#) [sinks into the North Atlantic Ocean](#) about 400 miles south of Newfoundland, Canada. The massive ship, which carried 2,200 passengers and crew, had struck an iceberg two and half hours before.

On April 10, the RMS *Titanic*, one of the largest and most luxurious ocean liners ever built, departed Southampton, England, on its maiden voyage across the Atlantic Ocean. The *Titanic* was designed by the Irish shipbuilder William Pirrie and built in Belfast, and was thought to be the world's fastest ship. It spanned 883 feet from stern to bow, and its

hull was divided into 16 compartments that were presumed to be watertight. Because four of these compartments could be flooded without causing a critical loss of buoyancy, the *Titanic* was considered unsinkable. While leaving port, the ship came within a couple of feet of the steamer *New York* but passed safely by, causing a general sigh of relief from the passengers massed on the *Titanic's* decks. On its first journey across the highly competitive Atlantic ferry route, the ship carried some 2,200 passengers and crew.

After stopping at Cherbourg, France, and Queenstown, Ireland, to pick up some final passengers, the massive vessel set out at full speed for [New York City](#). However, just before midnight on April 14, the RMS *Titanic* failed to divert its course from an iceberg and ruptured at least five of its hull compartments. These compartments filled with water and pulled down the bow of the ship. Because the *Titanic's* compartments were not capped at the top, water from the ruptured compartments filled each succeeding compartment, causing the bow to sink and the stern to be raised up to an almost vertical position above the water. Then the *Titanic* broke in half, and, at about 2:20 a.m. on April 15, stern and bow sank to the ocean floor.

Because of a shortage of lifeboats and the lack of satisfactory emergency procedures, more than 1,500 people went down in the sinking ship or froze to death in the icy North Atlantic waters. Most of the 700 or so survivors were women and children. A number of notable American and British citizens died in the tragedy, including the noted British journalist William Thomas Stead and heirs to the Straus, Astor and Guggenheim fortunes.

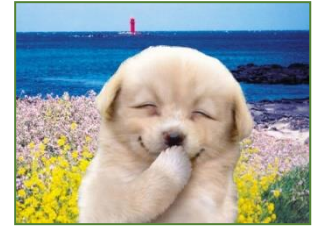
One hour and 20 minutes after *Titanic* went down, the Cunard liner *Carpathia* arrived. The survivors in the lifeboats were brought aboard, and a handful of others were pulled out of the water. It was later discovered that the Leyland liner *Californian* had been less than 20 miles away at the time of the accident but had failed to hear the *Titanic's* distress signals because its radio operator was off duty.

Announcement of details of the tragedy led to outrage on both sides of the Atlantic. In the disaster's aftermath, the first International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea was held in 1913. Rules were adopted requiring that every ship have lifeboat space for each person on board, and that lifeboat drills be held. An International Ice Patrol was established to monitor icebergs in the North Atlantic shipping lanes. It was also required that ships maintain a 24-hour radio watch.

On September 1, 1985, a joint U.S.-French expedition located the wreck of the *Titanic* lying on the ocean floor at a depth of about 13,000 feet. The ship was explored by manned and unmanned submersibles, which shed new light on the details of its sinking.

## JOKES 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.



## APRIL EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Yolanda Mares is our April Employee of the Month. Yolanda has been employed at Palo Verde since April of 2021 and in that time, she has maintained the highest standards of service in the kitchen while always staying on task and being a mentor to others. She is highly dependable and always learning new things. She has a fantastic attitude no matter what the circumstance and her bright smile is always warm and welcoming.

Yolanda, we appreciate you and congratulations on employee of the month!

## 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!



## ADMINISTRATION & HOMEOWNER SERVICES – SUMMER HOURS

Beginning Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, Homeowner Services and the Administration Office will begin our Summer Hours

(May 1 - Sept. 30) as noted below.

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

## 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](http://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).



## 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](http://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.



## 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.

## 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](http://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.

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## 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



**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.

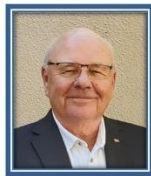
**Workshops** are occasionally planned and are posted before the scheduled date.

***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.***

## 2025 - 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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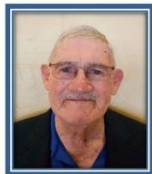
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## IMPORTANT HOMEOWNER INFORMATION *(Click subject lines below)*

- [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