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MONTHLY Newsletter Villa Monterey Unit One

QUAIL'S TALE

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LABOR DAY SOCIAL

Join us at the Park Monday Sept 2nd.

Time: 5:30 pm Menu: Chicken, Two sides and dessert Drinks: Lemonade or BYOB Music, Misters and Great Company! 50/50 Raffle *Complimentary to all Residents & Guests!*

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Pool & Park Safety *The Swimming Area is "No Place for Glass"…*

Just a few "do's and don'ts" regarding the use of our park, If you are going to have a group, especially of eight or more, consider reserving the park. There is a \$50 deposit but it is fully refundable when you leave the park clean. What's the advantage of reserving the park? The ramada area is guaranteed to be reserved for you. That includes refrigerator, microwave, grill, coffee maker, television, misters and more. But, the pool area is never reserved. Residents always have access to the pool and hot tub during park hours.

When the park isn't reserved, don't hesitate to introduce yourself to people in the ramada or pool. It's an opportunity to meet a new neighbor or keep our park safe and secure.

If you have guests, please stay at the park with them. If you must leave your guests, please ask your guests to display the yellow Villa Monterey key tag for others to see and encourage them to introduce themselves to others. Strangers to the community can be unsettling to residents using the pool. It is a security/safety issue.

Don't forget to be "easy on our furniture and equipment". Treat them as if they were in your home and you just bought them... *Because you did!* If you do not know how to close an umbrella, ask for help or leave it. One of the new umbrellas was forced closed and broken. Let's keep our park in the best possible condition!

Last, and most importantly, there can be absolutely no glass on the pool decking or in the pool! Per Maricopa county law, inspectors will close the pool operations if glass is found in the area. We must drain the pool completely if glass is broken near the pool. This is an unnecessary expense that no resident wants.

REMODEL GREEN FOR COMFORT, HEALTH AND WATER EFFICIENCY

Remodeling your home offers an opportunity to improve the comfort, health, and performance of your home by incorporating energy efficiency improvements, water savings, and indoor environmental enhancements. The following tips will help you make informed decisions.

IF YOU REMODEL, PLAN YOUR WORK:

GET THE RIGHT DESIGN

- Minimize sun exposure on east and west facing windows with maximum shade (trees, shutters, etc). If you cannot shade east and west, install light color flooring.
- Maximize natural light (solar tubes) and cross-ventilation opportunities.
- Incorporate landscape design using Xeriscape principles. (Ctrl +Click to follow the preceding underlined link.)
- Use low-water-use or locally adapted plants that require less water.
- Place trees and vines to provide shade on the home.
- Select efficient irrigation methods like drip irrigation and SMART controllers.
- Grade the yard to channel rainwater to plants.

DO THE RIGHT EXTERIOR

- Protect exterior entrances from the direct sun with covered design elements. Our front entrances are already protected by car ports.
- High-performance windows (maximum of 0.25 solar heat gain coefficient).
- Consider Solar. With most of our homes, you will not be able to see the panels.

CREATE THE RIGHT INTERIOR

- If you must have east/west facing windows, install shade overhangs and screening devices.
- Efficient heating and cooling with a minimum 14 SEER, airtight ducts and pleated filters.
- High-efficiency lighting (LED) and appliances that are Energy Star labeled.
 - o Install high-efficiency plumbing:
 - o Look for WaterSense-labeled fixtures (toilets, showerheads, faucets).
 - o Consider a demand-controlled (button-activated) hot water circulation pump when the water heater is located more than 21 feet from the furthest bathroom or kitchen fixture.

By choosing to live in Villa Monterey One, *you already benefit* from living at the right location:

- Conducive neighborhood for walking and biking.
- Proximity to services and activities (shopping, farmer's market, entertainment, beautiful park and public transportation).
- Municipal recycling program.
- Private and secure living spaces.

Register your cell phone: Community Emergency Notification System...

Also known as <u>Reverse 911</u>, this system is designed to rapidly notify an affected area of an emergency by sending a recorded message. Most landlines are automatically registered. However, you are encouraged to register your cell phones.

KEEPING YOUR HOME SAFE

There are many little inexpensive ways to make your home safer. Here are just a few tips you may find helpful:

- De-clutter your home.
- Consider wood or tile floors. If you must have rugs, secure them!
- Don't wear loose long sleeves while cooking.
- Have a shower rather than a bath tub in one of your bathrooms. No threshold is needed between the bathroom and shower area. Be sure the opening is 24" or more for easy access to the shower with a walker.
- Get a medical alert system. There are many dependable systems. Most provide 30 day trials. If the monthly fee is too much for your budget, consider a walkie talkie between neighbors. But, *never forget 911.*
- Be sure smoke detectors work. Scottsdale Fire Department is available to help install smoke and/or Carbon Monoxide alarms or change batteries when needed for low-income residences.
- Install grab bars near the toilet and in the shower. Bath mats on the shower floor can also be helpful.
- Having trouble getting "up and down"? Install a taller toilet.
- Use our walker or wheelchair stored at the park. They are up-scale models, well kept, and available short term or for a visitor. First-come/first served.
- The Scottsdale Fire Dept. provides complimentary lockboxes for seniors with incomes less than \$25,000. A \$25 donation is suggested to all others. This will allow 911 responders to enter your home without breaking in if you are unable to get to the door during an emergency.

PREPARE ITEMS FOR COLLECTION-WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16

7 DAY RULE - Residents may place bulk/brush out for collection no sooner than 7 days prior to the Monday of scheduled collections week.

Crews will only remove large debris. The equipment used often leaves behind small debris, which is the homeowner's responsibility to cleanup.

Upcoming Event

Monday September 2 Friday September 27 Labor Day Celebration5:30pmWelcome Back, Happy Hour5:30pm

Fall Event

"Jimmy Buffet Margarita Night", drinks, dancing and songs. TBD Let's get Parrot Heads together and party. Wear your best Coral Reef outfit!