

## Desert Ridge HOA

### News and Updates – March, 2020

Good Day Desert Ridge neighbors on this cloudy, windy and rainy first day of spring. Well, to say not much has transpired since the last newsletter would be a severe understatement! According to all reports, the virus is spreading and we're urged to do what we can to keep it at a minimum with "social distancing", washing hands and hopefully "flattening the curve"! I know some of our neighbors from Canada and other parts have already departed or are in the process of leaving Green Valley. Honestly, in all my life, I never thought I would see grocery stores empty of most common items. While in Safeway the other day, a stranger looked at me and said "and we're not in a movie"!

I hope all of you are doing well and are taking the necessary precautions. A subject discussed at the Board meeting this week and something we want everyone to keep in mind is "**Neighbor Assist**". If you have a neighbor who is struggling with general health problems or has a compromised immune system and shouldn't be mingling in public, maybe offer to help them out by picking up their meds or to shop for their groceries. It would be a good deed done and they will surely appreciate it. **Also note that Arizona now has a 24 hour "helpline" available for any seniors unable to access groceries – Call 602-264-4357**

Also, before you venture out, check out all the closures before going. As you probably already know, many facilities or functions are cancelled for the foreseeable future. You can go to [www.gvnews.com/news/coronavirus](http://www.gvnews.com/news/coronavirus) to find out.

Other news from the Board, and certainly good news, is the March report from the Street Committee. They reported to the Board that all contractors who bid on our street re-sealing project advised us to wait another year before completing. I have mentioned in previous newsletters that the surface should be "toothy" for best adhesion and they feel our streets aren't to that point yet. The county engineers also made that assessment even though we are one year past the "normal" time frame for completing. The Street Committee will monitor roads closely and they tentatively recommended we schedule re-sealing for April, 2021. Other Board news:

- Flag discussion – If you are planning to put up a new flag and pole, please consult the architecture committee **and your immediate neighbors** before

doing so and remember it can be no higher than 15 feet. You may not realize it, but it may be obstructing a neighbor's view. This is also a chance once again to promote **contacting the Architectural Committee** before doing any outside changes. It's quick, easy and you can rest assured that everything is ok before proceeding on your project.

- Thirsty Thursday – reminding you, Thirsty Thursday is cancelled for **March and April**. The Board will re-assess at that time to determine future events.
- Beautification Committee – Plans were made to have a volunteer work day on March 19<sup>th</sup> on the west end of Desert Hills Drive by the golf course parking lot. That event will also be re-scheduled at a later date because of current happenings/events.
- **Weeds! - Weeds - Weeds** – As mentioned last month, continuous light rain and wind dispersing the seeds have brought us an abundant crop of early weeds. We could very well be headed for a bumper crop once the monsoon rains start this summer. Our landscaper will immediately begin treating weeds in the common areas starting now. **Front yards are your responsibility and some are looking quite overgrown!** Our landscape company, **Valscape** has offered to treat weeds in front yards for a fee of \$35.00 per application. Our Maintenance Committee has purchased chemicals on behalf of the HOA and will also spray your front yard for a nominal fee. In either instance, Call Mike Hudson at 520-820-9156 to schedule. **Please keep our HOA looking nice by taking care of the weed issues now and by making arrangements before leaving for the summer.**

Before I wrap up, I want to thank Judy Hudson and the Social committee for a wonderful spring potluck dinner! There were 60 plus people in attendance, lots of tasty dishes and a great night of fellowship – always fun! Also, the committee is planning another block party for next October which is our next social event. The Elderly Brothers have once again agreed to entertain us and the committee will be sampling food trucks this summer determining which one is best for us to have – Sounds like a great assignment! Stay tuned!

Stay well, wash hands and be safe! See you on the Ridge!