

VIEWPOINT NEWS

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May, 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

(The views expressed below are my own and reflect current [5/4/2020] conditions. I reserve the right to alter my views and opinions as I find it necessary, even if it makes no sense to anyone but me.)

Welcome new neighbors, and "howdy" to the been-here-awhile folks. This is our 7th year here in Viewpoint, still feel new to the neighborhood some days. Still find it the perfect spot to spend the winter.

2020 started with a continuation of the optimism of 2019. The US stock market was "on fire", a lot of Australia was literally "on fire", the list of Democratic Presidential hopefuls was double digits, and our worries were usually fixated on where we were going to eat. Here in Green Valley the weather was still chilly after dark most evenings, but the warm spells were getting more frequent, and opening windows at each end of the house encouraged a nice breeze, even in January. "Back East", (which means very different things to different people), the weather was still frightful and would be for some time. Just darned happy to be here, thank you.

Then, in February, things started going "goofy". The Dow Jones hit its all-time high of 29,551 on February 12 only to drop to 21,237 on March 17. A few whispers were heard in late January about this new "virus". Depending on the source and time-of-day this virus came from China, or Bill Gates secret underground laboratory, or the WHO (who?), or deep-state epidemiologists trying to disrupt the 2020 election. The whispers quickly turned into non-stop-in-your-face Television coverage predicting everything from "It's just the flu" to

Some things are going to change forever and we need to prepare ourselves. How we purchase things, from the choosing-of to the paying-for, is a system quickly evolving. We are witnessing the beginnings of the local "contact-less" purchasing experience. Through the window (bags on trays) or to the table (lots of plate-sliding), how our food is delivered at restaurants will never be the same. Amazon, FedEx, and USPS trucks will dominate the neighborhood roadways. Many businesses we have known for years, (and most of them that only just got started), will not survive the current crisis. New businesses will move in and take their place. Capitalism is like nature; it will survive almost anything. Perhaps black and blue and needing to be soundly shaken at regular intervals, the US will survive.

Everyone's plans for the summer of 2020 have had to be adjusted. Theaters, bowling alleys, pretty much EVERYTHING except gas stations, grocery stores, pharmacies, liquor outlets, and marijuana dispensaries is closed. Travel is restricted to "essential only", and the difference in daily traffic is very noticeable. Walking has become even more popular than before, and almost everyone has a dog. Really good to see the activity.

I am sorry to announce that the Pool, Spa, and clubhouse will remain closed until the HOA Board has the opportunity to review post-lockdown guidelines expected to be released some time around the middle of May. It is expected that the guidelines will require HOAs to develop "social distancing" requirements before opening their facilities, which the Board is in the process of doing. When complete, we will publish these requirements on our web site and make available

for download, distribute via email, and post at the pool. *Anyone wishing to volunteer to assist in this process can contact me at my email address or by phone.* We will keep everyone informed as this ever-changing landscape changes again, as we all know it will.

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VIEWPOINT REGULATIONS CONCERNING COVID-19

(as of April 30, 2020)

1. Due to the COVID-19 situation all organized Clubhouse activities and remaining hikes by the hiking group are canceled until further notice.
2. Based on careful review of the current Arizona Lockdown guidelines it has become apparent we must shut down the Viewpoint pool and spa.
3. We are also closing the clubhouse as we cannot provide any guarantees of occupants following social distancing when the facility might be used.

The Governor is expected to provide additional guidance around May 15. Until then, all of the Viewpoint facilities should be considered off-limits to all association members.

When new guidelines are released, we will review and respond accordingly.

WASHABLE FACE MASKS

Ada Davidson has volunteered to make reusable/washable masks for all Viewpoint residents who would like one. Call or text her at (812) 736-2623 to work out details for yours!

VIEWPOINT HOA POOL AND SPA

Governor Ducey issued an Executive Order on April 4, 2020 that established the Stay At Home and Social Distancing requirements for Arizona. The Order listed allowable outdoor exercise activities: walking, hiking, running, biking or golfing, but only if appropriate physical distancing practices are used. The Governor's subsequent Executive Order on April 29, 2020 did not amend the April 4th order limiting outdoor

exercise activities and, especially the use of communal swimming pools and hot tubs.

In addition, given the current state of the pandemic, when the pool and hot tub are open again to residents, it is important to have safeguards in place to maintain social distancing and proper sanitizing. As the orders imposing limited social and commercial interaction are relaxed, your Board of Directors needs to be concerned about imposing safe practices for use of the swimming pool and hot tub until there is no longer a need to do so as established by governmental and public health orders and reports. It is important to realize that in addition to having a duty to maintain the common areas in a reasonably safe condition, if there should be a claim that a resident contracted the COVID-19 virus due to negligent practices by the Association, the Association's liability insurance will likely not cover the claim. This is because most liability policies specifically exclude coverage for claims arising from communicable diseases.

In summary, until Governor Ducey issues an order expanding outdoor exercise activities to include swimming and use of a hot tub, your Association should not open these facilities. To prepare for opening, it would be prudent to form a Pool Committee to prepare procedures and rules for the use of these facilities when they can open to implement protective measures for residents. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, please contact Doug Davidson at:

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LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

Are you interested in seeing how we are progressing in Pima County concerning COVID-19? Go to the Pima County Health Department's website; they have a COVID-19 update that is color coded to let you see at a glance how we are doing.

It is encouraging to see that, as of April 30th, the first criteria entitled *Disease Criteria* has two areas (namely, Decreasing COVID-19 related deaths and Decreasing Symptomatic Cases) that are progressing toward "Criteria Met." We're definitely not there yet, but it's nice to see that we're getting some positive movement.

Stay vigilant and we'll be through this soon!