# VIEWPOINT NEWS

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September, 2021

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings. If someone had told me the desert could ever look like a prairie of tall grass, liberally sprinkled with cactus, I'd have laughed at the sheer idiocy of the statement. But here we are. I have seen dozens of people attacking their fields of green using weed-whackers and more than one using a lawn mower. Most people seem to be fine just watching to see what happens next. The grasses are top-heavy with seeds and the stems have started to lose their color, but with recent rain, the bottoms are green as ever. I've never seen anything like it.

The early monsoons dropped tremendous volumes of water and had very high winds that brought down hundreds of power line poles. Recovery is still not complete; work on North La Canada continues. Many homes in Viewpoint had water where water didn't belong; they and their "upstream" neighbors have spent considerable effort and \$\$\$ digging "French drains" to direct water away from their homes and repair damage to walls and foundations. We were fortunate in having only minimal interruptions to our electric power. More stories to tell the grandkids.

Viewpoint is "back in business"; the pool/hot tub is open to all members, as is the clubhouse; which has a newly refurbished full-size pool table, electronic dart board, a well-stocked library, TV and DVD player, and full kitchen. There are too many scheduled events to list here; I suggest you review the on-line clubhouse calendar (viewpointhoa.org).

The pool and pool-related items continue to require maintenance. Leaks in the pump room, worn out covers for the hand rails, hot tub water

pump failures, and pool cover issues have kept volunteers and the service companies busy. The pool cover is worn out and scheduled to be replaced and the mechanism serviced in the near future, but it should have minimal, if any, impact on the use of the pool.

On a pool-related topic, the south wall of the clubhouse women's restroom is a shared wall with the pool pump room and after many years of plumbing issues in the pump room, the lower foot or so of the wall has become visibly damaged. (It should be noted that this wall has been previously repaired for similar damage.) The current plan is to attempt to repair the wall using Viewpoint volunteers.

The condition of the landscaping around the clubhouse has deteriorated to the point where something needs to be done by a professional. Volunteers have done a lot of work, and continue to spray and pull weeds, but it's time for us to engage someone with the appropriate skills to get us out of the landscaping doldrums. Many landscapers have worked in Viewpoint, so we have lots of good talent to choose from.

Today is September 27, 2021. Yesterday there were 174 new COVID cases in Pima county. COVID is not done with us yet. A significant percentage of Green Valley has been vaccinated with one of the 3 vaccines; some once, some twice, and some 3 times. A smaller percentage have not gotten the vaccine at all and a yet smaller percentage absolutely refuse. For some, it is a deeply personal decision; for others, it's a decision riddled with uncertainty and sometimes conflicting information. For others it's "whatever the scientists say". Most of us have made up our minds and are unlikely to

change regardless of how persuasive someone with a conflicting opinion thinks their argument might be. Increasing the volume of an argument doesn't change the context of an argument. My only "advice" is to continue to use caution in your social life. It is in everyone's best interests to limit close contact.

The snowbirds are here or on their way back. They bring more traffic, crowded parking lots and stores, and increased frustration levels. Remember, like many of us full-timers, this was us just a few years ago. They are our neighbors, fellow HOA members, belong to the same churches we belong to, and we should be thankful they're not here year-round.

*Upcoming events:* 

Social: Saturday October 16 at 1:00 PM. Everyone is invited. Bring a dish. HOA Board meeting: Tuesday October 12 at 1:00 PM. Everyone welcome.

Doug Davidson President, Viewpoint HOA

# WHAT'S ON THE VIEWPOINT HOA WEBSITE?

You'll find a lot of information on the Viewpoint HOA website. However, one thing you won't find is the listing of homeowners with their contact information. Recently, HOA President Doug Davidson was impersonated by some unscrupulous individual(s) with a phishing scam requesting that you buy gift cards. Luckily, we were able to catch the problem quickly. However, after considering all the options to preclude this from happening again to Doug or any other Viewpoint homeowner, it was decided at the most recent HOA Board Meeting on September 14th to pull that information off the website. You can still get the information, but it is only in paper format inside the Clubhouse entrance.

So, what will you find on the website? One of the most important things is our Clubhouse Calendar. Currently, there are calendars through December on the website with everything that has been scheduled to date.

Under the Downloads, you will find previous Newsletters and minutes from previous Board Meetings and Annual Meetings. You can also find the CC&R's (so you don't have to go looking for them in your closing paperwork), the By-Laws,

and the Rules of the HOA Board as well as all the General Forms, including: Viewpoint Architectural Change Request & Disposition Form, Understanding of Compliance/
Noncompliance Form, Viewpoint Clubhouse Reservation Request Forms for Categories 1, 2, and 3 (see page 5 of the Rules of the Board of Directors for descriptions), the Viewpoint Guidelines for Potluck Dinner Hosts, and Information for the Viewpoint Homeowners List & Neighborhood Watch.

Whew! That's a lot of information!

#### LADIES LUNCHEON RETURNS!

The first HOA Ladies Luncheon is scheduled for **October 13th** from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Clubhouse. See below for the inside scoop!

Note the other days scheduled and get them

- on your calendar now:November 10
  - December 8
  - January 12
- February 9
- March 9
- April 13





COVID restrictions have been lifted at the Pool, Spa and Clubhouse. We no longer have sign-up sheets to use the pool. If you do not have a new pool key and would like one, please contact Doug Davidson at 812-736-2624.

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We're always looking for volunteers. So, if you are interested in becoming a Pool Monitor, please contact Brad Freiheit at 414-617-7009 or email him at <a href="mailto:bfreiheit49@gmail.com">bfreiheit49@gmail.com</a>.

### MEN'S COFFEE IS ON TUESDAY



For all those who don't already know, Men's Coffee has been moved to Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse.

Discuss all the latest "honeydo" items for the Clubhouse,

what's happening in our neighborhood, and all the upcoming events you could be attending. It's a great way to meet some of your neighbors. Simply show up any Tuesday.

# CHAIR YOGA AT THE CLUBHOUSE



What's Chair Yoga, you say? You are invited to find out. Simply join us on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse. Stretch, relax and feel great!

Work at your own speed and

flexibility. All are welcome.



#### HIKING STARTING AGAIN

The first hike of the 2021-22 season will take place on Thursday, November 4th. It will be our traditional season opening Madera Canyon Nature Trail hike. Pending the status of COVID-19 locally, we will carpool from the Viewpoint Clubhouse at 8:00 am. We will begin the hike at the White House area, have lunch at the upper trailhead picnic area, and return. More details as the hike gets closer. Be sure to check the website for all the updates as they happen. Look for the Hiking and Events Tab.

## CLUBHOUSE SOCIAL – OCTOBER 16

Our first Clubhouse Social is scheduled for Saturday, October 16th at 1:00 pm. (Note the time change compared to previous years.) Please let us know what you think of the new time.

Stop by and visit with your neighbors, old and new. We've got some new Viewpoint owners. If you're new, this is a great time to meet your neighbors (and no, there isn't a test to see how many names you can remember by the end of the day).

Simply bring a dish for the event – appetizer, salad, casserole, dessert, meat, fish or vegan – whatever floats your boat! And don't forget your beverage of choice!

#### **NEW WELCOME COMMITTEE**

We had our first Welcome Committee meeting on Thursday, September 23rd. We found out we had a lot more questions than answers.

However, we'll start welcoming our new Viewpoint residents starting back in January, 2020 (since COVID stopped us from welcoming anyone) as soon as we figure out the privacy issues. Our next meeting is Oct. 7th at 2:00.