





#### June 2017

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**Next Board Meeting** Sept 19, 2017

#### In Remembrance



Marilyn Abramowitz Avalon /May 2017 Jack Mosley Pinchot/June 2017

#### CITY PROJECT PLANS for GOLDEN KEYS

Have you noticed the white paint marks that have shown up on some of our sidewalks a couple of weeks ago? I was curious, so I contacted the City and asked what was being planned, and when. I learned about 3 maintenance projects the City has planned for our community, and I wanted to share this information with you. These include:

- 1. The access ramps that were installed on all street corners a few years ago must be upgraded for the City to remain compliant. This work is currently scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August.
- 2. Several cracked sidewalk blocks have been marked for replacement, and these are also scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August.
- 3.A Fiber-Seal (surface treatment) is scheduled for the Fall of 2017.

The City's project manager told me the contractor will send out notices in advance of the work, and that traffic issues will be minimal.

#### A word of caution ...

When we have outside workers in the Community, it is particularly important for all of us to be extra careful to practice good safety habits - keep all of your doors and windows locked at all times (whether you are home or not); keep your garage door closed completely except for entering and leaving; keep your window coverings closed when you are not home; use safety/security lighting in and around your home; if you are away, stop newspaper deliveries and ask a neighbor to pick up all flyers, etc. that may accumulate and are an indication that your home is not occupied.

This work is not an HOA project. If you have further questions, contact the City's Services Assistant at 480-312-3111, and ask for the Street Operations Department. -Tom Kernen

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#### **CLUBHOUSE - LEFT UNLOCKED AGAIN and AGAIN**

When you use the Clubhouse for any reason, it is your responsibility to make certain all doors are locked before you leave. Please take the time to check every door, whether you used it or not. When I go to the Clubhouse, I find unlocked doors about 50% of the time exterior doors, the table & chair room, the pantry. If you have trouble locking a door, or if you find an unlocked door for which you do not have a key, please call a member of the Clubhouse Committee.

It is important that everyone respects our need for security of the Community's assets.

#### Things to do around Scottsdale— Lisa LeMaster

live & Local Fridays, Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, Virginia G. Piper Theater

Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts Live & Local Fridays summer concert series is back by popular demand. Arizona groups spanning Americana, blues, flamenco, jazz, pop and more will be showcased on Friday nights during July and August in the cool comfort of the Center's Virginia G. Piper Theater. Come early for happy hours specials starting at 6PM.

July Schedule: 7/8 - Marmalade Skies Beatles Tribute, 7/15 - Muskellunge, 7/22 - Brian Chartrand & The Voce Project, 7/29 - Sistahs Too.

Advance tickets are available for \$12 through <u>www.ScottsdalePerformingArts.org</u> or 480-499-8587. Tickets are \$15 on the day of the event. Seating is general admission.

Drop in to Eldorado Park for Cards and Games/ 2311 N Miller Rd

### Travels- The Final Segment - Heading Toward Home

The final segment of the around-the-world trip on a freighter began after a second call in Singapore and another in Malaysia. We then headed west across the Indian Ocean toward the Red Sea.

As we passed through the Gulf of Aden between Yemen and Somalia the passengers were in lockdown inside while the watch was doubled in case of pirates. Since the owner's policy was to forbid firearms aboard, the guards manned fire hoses to wash anyone trying to board into the sea. There was no attempted boarding.

We sailed up the Red Sea and then joined a convoy of north-bound ships through the Suez Canal and into the Mediterranean where we celebrated Christmas with a typical English holiday feast including Beef Wellington and mince pie with brandy butter.

After spending six days in Bilbao, Spain, unloading steel, we moved up the coast to Hamburg, Germany, where I left the ship after 134 days. I caught a flight to London, and then home to Phoenix.

The price of this adventure worked out to \$83.00 per day including private cabin, three meals a day, and a trip around the world! Please note that most freighter lines will not accept passengers over the age of 80.

-Karl Warner

#### **POOL CLOSURES**

All residents are required to comply when signs are posted that the pool is closed. Closing the pool is not something we like to do, and it is never done for capricious or frivolous reasons. Recently, we had to shut the pool motors off because of a large water leak in the filtering system. County laws require us to close the pool when the filtering system is not working properly.

The Pool Committee received several calls and emails complaining about the pool closure during the excessively hot weather. It takes time to get professionals out to correct problems and in this situation, the problem was identified on a Saturday – so KUDOS to **Martha Spruell** for getting the pool repaired and open for use by 10:30 Monday morning!

A few of our residents used the pool and ignored the "Pool Closed" signs — maybe they thought the signs meant everyone but them. This is a serious violation of our HOA policies and County Law. These people not only put their health at risk, they also jeopardized the HOA's license to operate the pool. There have been many warnings issued by the Maricopa County Health Department about pool-related illnesses. WebMD reports that pool-linked infections have doubled in the past 2 years.

Our Pool Committee is diligent in keeping our chemical treatment of our pool water up to standards at all times, as well as the operation of the entire pool system. Thank you to Martha for taking charge of this key amenity and asset of the Association, and particular thanks to **Barry Downs** who has been our resident Pool Master for many years.

### Safety, Reminders & Community Tips of the Month:

-Gina McCracken

Love your neighbor. Most probably do this very well. For our older single residents, are you communicating with family and/or friends every day? A fall away from the phone can be a catastrophe. Ask a neighbor or friend to check up on you every day – and for the "younger" ones – offer to be in touch. Keeping the cell phone in our pocket and having the "I've fallen and can't get up" button around our necks or wrists are also ways to protect ourselves from further serious injury.

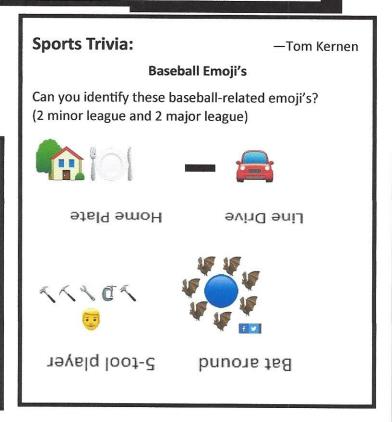
Words of Wisdom -Janet Stein "People ask me what I'd most appreciate getting for my eighty-seventh birthday. I tell them, a paternity suit." -George Burns

#### "The Gay Side of Life"

"In Gilroy, CA, yesterday, a woman who lived in the house had put her puppy out in the backyard, but went to check on it when it wouldn't stop barking. When the woman reached down to pick up the dog, she saw the young cougar sitting on the fence.

It had been eating the dog food left out in the yard, the woman went inside and called the president of the homeowner's association...





### Did you know? Here are some facts about the month of July: HOT, HOT, HOT

- 1. The month of July is named after Julius Caesar by a decision of the Roman Senate in 44BC as July was the month of his birth.
- 2. Although six months have passed, July 1 is not the mid-point of the year. The exact halfway point comes at 1pm BST on July 3 in a non-leap year.
- 3. No month ends on the same day of the week as July unless it is a leap year, when January does so.
- 4. July's birthstone is the ruby, which is said to symbolize contentment.
- 5. Seven US presidents have died in July, which is more than any other month.

### **Events/Meetings/Social**

Architectural Committee: July 11, 2017; 7:00 PM Clubhouse (2nd Tuesday of the Month)

Men's Poker: Each Wednesday, 12:00 PM Clubhouse

Clubhouse Committee Check posting at Clubhouse -Cathy Besson/6321 Catalina Ladies Who Lunch July 14, 2017 Allison Weiss 917-406-2561(filling in for Retta)

> Nancy Dallett 480-990-3681(1st Tuesday of Month) (off July-August-Sept) July 25, 2017 RSVP to Bob Will 480-946-4889 or Dan Svoboda 480-946-5055



Creative Crafters Men's Lunch

#### RECIPE OF THE MONTH - - Fran Nicoletti

"If life is a bowl of cherries, then what am I doing in the pits?"

-Erma Bombeck

#### Thanks goes to Bev Aldrich for sharing this just in time for a yummy

4th of July!

#### **Cherry Pie Bars**

3 cups all-purpose flour 34 cup granulated sugar

1/2 tsp table salt

1 1/2 cups (12oz) of cold butter cubed

3 cups of canned Cherry pie filling (1 ½ 21oz cans)

34 cup of chopped pecans

1 cup powdered sugar

4 to 5 tsp whole milk

¼ tsp. almond extract

Preheat oven to 350, Line bottom and sides of a 13x9 pan with heavy-duty aluminum foil, allowing 2-3 inches to extend over sides, lightly grease foil with cooking spray.

In a food processor pulse flour, granulated sugar and salt until combined. Add butter cubes, and pulse until mixture is crumbly. Reserve 1 cup flour mixture. Press remaining flour mixture onto bottom of prepared pan.

Bake in preheated oven until lightly browned, 25-30 minutes. Spread cherry pie filling over crust in pan. Toss together reserved 1 cup flour mixture and pecans. Sprinkle mixture evenly over filling.

Bake in preheated oven until golden brown, 40-45 minutes. Cool completely in pan on a wire rack, about 1 hour. Lift baked bars from pan using foil sides as handles.

Stir together powdered sugar, 4 tsp mild and almond extract. Add additional milk if needed to reach desired consistency. Drizzle over pecan mixture and cut into 48 bars.

#### **Communications Committee**

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## **Bulletin Board NEWS**



#### Interested in taking a Yoga Class-

Fran Nicoletti has been taking yoga classes from Pat Smith. She is loving it and if anyone would want information on the classes- Please contact Fran msfran7441@hotmail.com ,6310 E. Pinchot Avenue 516-972-2419





#### **Recipe Corner-**

Please share your favorite recipes Please submit recipes to:

msfran7441@hotmail.com or drop it off at 6310 E. Pinchot Avenue. Thanks-Fran

#### All Architecture and Paint Palette Requests for Golden Keys Please contact:

Jenny Scrivner - 6278 E Avalon Dr. 602-920-0837 -C. 480-961-8549 -H mamagogo321@gmail.com



#### THANKING OUR VETERANS

We thank you for the many kind words sent to us about our special Memorial Day edition of the Key Lines. It was clear that our neighbors are appreciative of the sacrifices and contributions made to the service to our country by many of our residents.

### NATIONAL GUARD

With apologies, I omitted the service of **Bruce Cross** in the summary of our GK veterans. Thank you, Bruce, for your 7 years of service in the Army National Guard, achieving the rank of Sargent (E-5). Among other assignments, Bruce served as a member of the Military Police.



#### **Creative Crafters:**

Nancy Dallett 480-990-3681 Ndallett@cox.net July, August, September There will be no meeting! See you in October

**Ladies Who Lunch** 

Allison Weiss

July 14th Noon

True Foods Kitchen

at the Biltmore



Men's Lunch. Tuesday July 25 11:30 **Original Pancake House** Scottsdale, AZ for more information contact: Bob Will 480-946-4889



mrsbakerweiss@aol.com



#### **Community - Cascolate Trees**

Have you noticed that the Cascolate trees on 63<sup>rd</sup> place do not look well? They are infested with the insect Psyllid, which is common amongst these trees. At their onset, the insects will eat through the leaves quickly, stripping the trees' foliage leaving a sticky honeydew substance behind. The heat kills the Psyllid, but this year it is too late to spray to kill them. Next year we will to pay close attention so we can spray to avoid as much damage as possible to the foliage. This is hard on the trees and most likely is the cause for the loss of trees in the past. Some experts suggest that once the Psyllids die off from the heat, the trees will re-leaf for this year - we'll see.

## Golden Keys HOA Board Meeting

### June 20, 2017

### Clubhouse 7PM

### Agenda

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- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Ratify Last Board Meeting Minutes
- 4. Committee Reports
- 5. Old Business
  - a. Architecture Committee Procedure and Policy Proposals
- 6. New Business
  - a. Pool light repair
- 7. Member Open Forum
- 8. Executive Session
- 9. Adjourn

# DRAFT - Minutes of June 20, 2017, 7:00 PM Golden Keys Homeowners Association Clubhouse

Directors present: Martha Spruell, Jennifer Might, Tom Kernen, Carl Thompson and Shelly Lear

Absent: Chuck McCracken, Cathy Besson

Approximately 8 members and guests were in attendance

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Carl Thompson

Agenda presented by Mr. Thompson and approved.

May 16, 2017 minutes – motion to Board meeting minutes – seconded; approved.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Architecture Committee: presented by Martha Spruell

Presented written report

Martha presented a copy of the proposed "Architectural Application for Design Review" for discussion. The AC will consider comments that were made and finalize the form for legal review.

Ms. Spruell made the motion to approve version 11 of the "Architectural Standards Committee Policies and Practices" document. Seconded. Discussion followed. Further discussion involving attorney advice for this issue will take place in an Executive Session later in the meeting. Motion approved following Executive Session.

Finance Committee: presented by Tom Kernen

Presented written report.

Motion to approve the May 31, 2017 Financial Report. Seconded; Discussion followed. Approved.

Landscape and Grounds: presented by Shelly Lear

Written report submitted.

Motion to approve the renewal contract submitted by AZ Metroscapes at a cost of \$1,691.00 monthly. Seconded. Discussion followed. Approved.

Pool Committee: presented by Martha Spruell

Verbal report was presented. Martha explained the need to close the pool for emergency repair to the filtration system June 18-20.

Underground wiring to one of the pool lights has failed – Martha presented 3 bids for review.

Motion to accept Apollo Electric bid for \$1,404.00 to do the work. Seconded. Discussion followed. Approved.

Clubhouse Committee: presented by Cathy Besson

Written report submitted.

Real Estate Committee: presented by Jennifer Might

Written report submitted.

Discussion took place regarding the need for clarification of Association guidelines related to the sale of a property that is currently being rented.

**Communications Committee:** presented by Tom Kernen

Written report submitted.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Representatives were not present to present updates for the work of the Ad Hoc committees. This matter was deferred to a future meeting.
  - Web Site Committee, chaired by Peter and Carolyn Savoy
  - Governing Documents, chaired by Ken Healy.
  - Reserve Study, chaired by Chuck McCracken.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was discussed.

#### MEMBERSHIP FORUM

Several members addressed the Board.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 8:30 PM. Seconded. Approved.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:46 PM. Seconded. Approved.

Vote was taken on the motion to approve version 11 of the "Architectural Standards Committee Policies and Practices" document. Approved.

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted by, Tom Kernen, Secretary

### <u>Treasurer's Office and Finance Committee Report – prepared by Tom Kernen</u>

June 20, 2017

- 1. I am working with Vanguard to open an account for CD purchases. The intent is to purchase one new CD for 2016-2017 Reserve contribution in the amount of \$11,000.00. The 2 BofA CD's and the Thrivent CD will be rolled over to Vanguard once they mature later this year.
  - a. Redistribution of the Association's cash (Reserves plus savings) to Vanguard CD's will net an additional \$1500.00 annually above the current investment strategy.
  - b. Carl and Martha will be added as signers to the Vanguard account.
- 2. As of June 10, 179 of 184 Homeowner assessment fess have been paid in full. One H/O has made a partial payment. Of the remaining 4, 3 have been contacted with a promise to pay soon, and the 4<sup>th</sup> was mailed a copy of the account statement to an out of state address.
- 3. The audit will begin on June 19.
- 4. Bank accounts are balanced as of May 31, 2017.
- 5. All other activity was business as usual.

### Secretary Office and Communications Committee Report – prepared by Tom Kernen

### June 20, 2017

- 1. We received very positive feedback to the special Memorial Day edition on the Key Lines.
- 2. The 2017-18 Resident Directory was distributed to every household, and an electronic copy was also sent to every resident enrolled in the eKey Lines subscription.
- 3. All other activity was business as usual.

# Golden Keys Homeowner's Association Clubhouse Committee Agenda and Minutes

Clubhouse Committee Meeting Thursday, May 1, 2017 Committee Members Attending – denoted by asterisk:

\*Cathy Besson, Chair - 17 year Resident

\*Donna Council, Member - 16 Year Resident

Bob Will, Member – 18 Year Resident – Approved Minutes Shawn Bridges, Member – 5 Year Resident – Approved Minutes

\*LaDeta Gandy, Member - 3 Year Resident

Meeting Location: Clubhouse Begin Meeting 9:00 a.m. End meeting: 11:00 a.m.

#### **Agenda and Minutes**

- A. Discussion of installation of new bathroom dispensers for hand towels, soap, and toilet paper for both bathrooms. The current dispensers are very old and have been painted and are chipping. Currently committee must go to store, purchase towels, toilet paper, and soap deliver. The current toilet paper dispenser is very difficult and time consuming to install 1 roll of toilet paper. New toilet paper dispenser will hold 2 rolls. The soap dispenser will be wall mounted and not sit on the sink and be more efficient.
  - Towel Dispenser Hands Free Cost NONE Provided by Vendor SolSource
     Paper product that is used with this dispenser Hand Roll Towels purchased thru vendor with delivered free. Cost of towels \$61.43. 6 rolls with 800 sheets per roll.

#### Approved - Unanimous Vote

Opti Core 2 Roll Dispenser – Cost – NONE - Provided by Vendor SolSource
 Paper product that is used with these dispenser – Opti Core Toilet Paper 2 ply - 36 rolls with 865 sheets cost of \$65.29. Toilet paper thru vendor delivered free.

#### Approved - Unanimous Vote

3. Affinity Soap Dispenser – Black – Cost – NONE - Provided by Vendor SolSource. Soap product used is Mandarin – Cranberry Foam Soap – 4 Bottles, 1,250 ml. Each bottle is approximately 3,000 pumps per bottle. Cost is \$54.21. Confirm who will be doing the installation of these dispensers and if touch up painting will be required.

Approved – Unanimous Vote Installation is by Vendor and is free.

- B. Drinking Fountain The fountain has had 2 leaks this past 30 days. Cost to Repair both leaks was \$235.00. Leaking has stopped.
  - 1. Future Repairs The bubbler head flex guard is only available with the purchase of the entire bubbler head. Which is in stock in town. The stream pressure is not consistent so we should replace the cartridge regulator which is under the push button.

Bubbler head is \$55.00 Regulator is \$55.00 Shipping (parts pick up) \$20.00 Labor to install the parts is \$200.00 Total cost \$330.00

Cost to repair versus cost to replace. Cost to replace (\$1,000 or more) is much greater than repair.

**Disapproved – Unanimous Vote** - Donna Council is going to clean and remove the calcium and clean the pan.

C. Follow up and review of the completion of the painting project punch list now complete. Small corner table for women's bathroom purchased. \$43.31

Approved - Unanimous Project complete. Everything looks very nice.

276 people, mostly residents, used the pool in May.

On Saturday, Shelly Lear was working at the pool/ clubhouse grounds and noticed water spewing out of the pool house. She had Barry Downs come and check the pool house. He saw that one of the pumps had malfunctioned. He turned off all the mechanicals and closed the pool. Swimming Pool Service and Repair doesn't operate on the weekends. I left a voice mail message and called them Monday am and asked that Golden Keys pool be a priority call. Mechanical failures are always inconvenient or worse, especially during a brutal heat wave. I am hoping for a quick response so that the pool can be opened ASAP.

There are noodles donated by a couple of swimmers for use by anyone. They are stored in a plastic trash can close to the other trash containers next to the clubhouse. Chlorine and the afternoon sun dry out and degrade the noodles. If there are no objections, I'd like to relocate the container next to the sign in sheet. The noodles would get the morning sun, but would be shaded in the afternoon.

Replacement of the wiring and conduit for the pool light at the 5' marker is on the agenda for discussion under "new business".

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Spruell
Pool Chair

#### Architectural Standards Committee Report, June 20, 2017

### Minutes for Architecture Committee Meeting, June 13, 2017: 7:00pm-8:55pm

Committee Members in attendance: Shelly Lear, Jenny Scrivner, Martha Spruell, Carl Thompson Committee Members absent: Retta Kelly

Request for changes to the following residence was discussed and dispositioned as follows:

Burge Coppins at 6274 E. Catalina Dr. requested approval for a modification to his plans for
replacement of the concrete in his driveway with pavers. The work has been completed but
there were some changes that were not fully covered in his original submission. He supplied
signed neighbor comment forms from neighbors to east and three neighbors across the street.
The neighbor to the west has moved. This is a rental property. Jenny Scrivner took the action to
make contact with the owner to obtain their comments on this project request.

#### Other Topics:

- Discussed improvements to how projects requests are handled:
  - o Improvements to request forms: Shelly Lear proposed a new form that would improve completeness of project requests. Several modifications were suggested and agreed to by the committee. Shelly will modify the form and send it out for final review prior to the June 20 board meeting so that the AC can submit the new form to the board for review and disposition. The modifications requested include:
    - Rather than have a section of the form where details like dimensions and colors are provided, have the member submit front elevation, side elevation, and a site plan.
    - Require that dimensions, materials to be used and colors are noted on these artifacts.
    - Also require that neighbors sign these artifacts so it is clear that they saw these plans when providing their comments.
  - Policy regarding handling of modifications to original plan: After discussion a decision was made to add a comment to the new form stating that any changes to an approved project plan must be brought to the AC before implementation. If the owner makes any significant/material modifications to the plan without obtaining AC approval they may be asked to redo that work to bring the property into compliance with the approved plan.

#### Other topics for monthly Architecture Committee report:

- At the May Golden Keys Board meeting, version 0.11 of the Architecture Standards Committee
  Policies and Procedures was approved for distribution to the members via the Key Lines. At the
  June Golden Keys Board Meeting the committee requests feedback from the community.
- The Architecture Standards Committee proposes a new form for members to use in submitting project plans. We would like the board to review and comment on this new form.

Martha Spruell
Architecture Standards Committee Chair

#### REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR BOARD MEETING OF June 20, 2017

May 16 - June 20 Closings:

Jan Gordon & Andy Capaloff will now reside at 3008 N. 62nd St. David Keeps will now reside at 6210 E. Catalina Robson Holdings purchased 6234 E. Avalon

Leased Properties:

A new lease has been requested from Robson Holdings & current tenant.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:

Jennifer Might

### Golden Keys Homeowner's Association, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting – June 20, 2017 Landscape Committee Report

Shelly Lear, Committee Chair 480-993-3136 Donna Council, Committee Member 480-970-6354 Chuck Colella, Committee Member 480-800-7296

Submitted by: Shelly Lear

#### Landscape -AZ Metroscapes:

The Cascolate trees on 63<sup>rd</sup> place are infested with the insect Psyllid, which is common amongst these trees. On their onset they will eat through the leaves quickly, stripping the trees foliage leaving a sticky honeydew substance behind. The heat kills the Psyllid, so this year it is too late to spray to kill them. Next year we are going to pay close attention so we can spray to avoid as much damage as possible to the foliage, this is hard on the trees and most likely is the cause for the loss of trees in the past.

I am asking for the board to approve the renewal of our \$1,690.00 monthly maintenance contract with AZ Metroscapes that expired June 18, 2017. We have added weekly services of blowing 61<sup>st</sup> PL, 63<sup>rd</sup> ST and 63<sup>rd</sup> PL to the contract, last year's contract was for monthly blowing of these areas and it has proven to not be enough coverage.

There is an increase to the contract of \$95 a month. This is \$586 over what I budgeted for this year's monthly maintenance of \$19524.00. The increases are as follows: July-Dec \$570, Jan-April \$16 (Jan-April is \$1,691.00).

The \$586 is covered by the savings of \$750 on the palm and olive trimming budgeted fees. These items are \$164 under what I budget for the year.

#### Trees for Needs: 602-405-1788

June 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> all of Golden Keys 66 trees were trimmed; the total cost was \$5,995.00. The breakdown in fees is \$2,995.00 to trim 58 palms and \$3,000.00 to trim and thin the 8 olive trees. I budgeted \$6,745.00 for tree trimming this year. (+\$750)

Carl Bolger from Trees for Needs looked at our Sumac and Oak trees; he said we really need to have the dead wood trimmed from all of the 7 trees. He wants me to keep deep watering them once a month.

### Salt River Project - 63<sup>rd</sup> Canals:

The canal side of 63<sup>rd</sup> place cleanup was completed the beginning of June. I am in the process of obtaining an annual field license for the landscape company and a onetime use for the painting of the block fence. Contact: John Evans 602-236-2394 from the cleanup crew.

#### Painting Canal Wall – Metzger's:

Once SRP issues a onetime use license the second half of the approved paint project will happen on the canal side of the 63<sup>rd</sup> place wall. Contact: Chris 602-768-3559 or Office 602-672-5069.

#### **Backflow Testing:**

Metering Services will be performing our annual backflow testing on Thursday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, for our 8 meters. I noticed the pool backflow was leaking when the pool pump was malfunctioning and spraying water out of the gasket. Inspecting the meter again, the leak has not subsided; it appears that that backflow will most likely need replacing. I sent pictures to Chase from Metering Services with the pool backflow leak. I have budgeted for 2 backflow units to be replaced this year so this will not affect the bottom line of the landscape budget. Contact: Chase Frampton 480-894-0200.

### Golden Keys Homeowner's Association, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting – May 16, 2017 Landscape Committee Report

Submitted by: Shelly Lear

Shelly Lear, Committee Chair 480-993-3136 Donna Council, Committee Member 480-970-6354 Chuck Colella, Committee Member 480-800-7296

#### **Irrigation Valve Boxes:**

I duct taped the holes on all the irrigation valve boxes around the complex, to ward off bees from building hives in them, so far this seems to be working.

#### Island 5 - Bees:

Bees were trying to make a hive in the valve box, the remains were removed and I poured dish soap in the box to help ward them off in the future. The pheromones from the previous hives attract new bees.

#### Fresh new look - inside pool entry:

The old juniper bushes have been taken out and two pigmy palms have been planted on the east side of the entry. This has breathed new life into the area; the decorative see thru block is now the focal point. The cost was \$82.51 and labor from the landscape committee.

A big thank you to Chuck for his assistance in planting and watering the new palms; also to Donna for cleaning the curved pool entry blocks, removing cobwebs, spiders and leaves!

#### Landscape - AZ Metroscapes:

The crew has removed most of the old dead stumps. They removed the old juniper bushes and some dying pyracantha bushes at no cost.

We have our tree trimming estimates: Estimate #1215 to trim the 58 palms is \$2,995.00 and #1214 to trim the 8 olive trees is \$3,000.00.

In June we will be renewing our contract with AZ Metroscapes, we want to see what the fee will be to have them blow the curved entry mesh weekly to keep the leaves from settling down against the block.

#### Trees for Needs -602-405-1788:

All the community palms and olive trees are scheduled for trimming on Thursday & Friday, June 15 & 16<sup>th</sup>. The palms around the pool area are scheduled to be trimmed first. Golden Key members that would like their palms trimmed need to contact Trees for Needs to schedule for and estimate during June 15 or 16<sup>th</sup>. General costs for 1 year's growth as follows: \$60 for a fan palm, \$85 for date palms.

#### Painting Community Walls - Metzger's:

The paint project is complete with the exception of some minor touch ups and the SRP side of the 63<sup>rd</sup> wall, waiting on SRP to finish with the cleanup. (SRP Reference # 130497 – John Evans)

#### Golden Keys Community Assistance:

If members see any bees or ants around the grounds please call one of the Landscape committee members so we can take care of them and keep everyone safe. We also need everyone's assistance if they notice any issues with the watering of the grounds, please contact one of us.