# KEY LINES



December 2018

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Next Board Meeting January 15, 2019

#### In Remembrance



Walter Tamasauckas Pinchot/December

Start the New Year with being grateful for the family and friends you have! A Golden Keys Homeowner's Association Publication http://www.GoldenKeysScottsdale.org



# A Good Neighbor is a Welcome Blessing

I came across an article in the Washington Post and I thought it had some good ideas about being a good neighbor. To live in a great neighborhood — and enjoy all the comforts that come with being part of a tightknit community — you have to be a good neighbor yourself.

**Share important information-**One of the best ways to welcome new neighbors is by providing them with a "need-to-know" checklist. If you know a great housekeeper, handyman, dry cleaner, dog walker or lawn-mowing service, give your new neighbor a sheet with their contact information.

**Keep up your curb appeal**—Just one ugly home in a community can reduce property values for the entire neighborhood. You don't want to become known as the owner of "that ugly house" — i.e., the one with too many weeds, peeling paint, or "stuff" scattered across the front yard and carport.

**Be a responsible pet owner**—Start with pet etiquette 101: Clean up after your pooch and do not let them run off-leash (at any time) – it's the law.

**Invite your neighbors over**—Recently moved in? One way to build rapport is by inviting a few neighbors over for a cup of coffee or tea – keep it simple.

**Don't be the town gossip**—Part of being a good neighbor is avoiding gossip. There's a difference between gossip and helpful information. If a neighbor's parent passes away, communicating that news to other neighbors so that people can express sympathy is generally appreciated.

**Abide by community rules**—When you live in a homeowner's association, you have to comply with the community's rules. Still, a lot of people don't take the time to review their association's rules. These rules may dictate parking restrictions, trash and recycling schedules, landscaping requirements, move-in procedures and more.

Breaking your association's rules can not only result in fines but also ruffle feathers with neighbors. Quick advice is, "Be aware ... and care!"

**Handle conflict judiciously** -No matter how friendly you are, you may have disagreements or quibbles with neighbors. Handling these conflicts with tact is crucial.

Generally, if you have an issue with a neighbor, your first line of defense should be to try to resolve the problem with the person directly. This should be done face-to-face — not over anonymous notes, text message, or email, where messages can get misconstrued. Be polite.



# Monthly Scottsdale Shred Event – Keep Your Information Secure

Scottsdale Police Department will be holding the December shred event on Saturday January 5 in the Walmart parking lot at 15355 N Northsight Blvd from 7-10 AM. A \$4 donation per box is suggested and goes directly to POSA and their outreach efforts.

Sunday A'Fair Minifestivals – Scottsdale Civic Center Park, 7830 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Most Sundays Noon to 4 PM, January 13 through April 7

Sunday A'Fair features free outdoor concerts by the Valley's top musicians and an arts-and-crafts market. Bring folding chairs or a blanket for the lawn. Enjoy food from the grill and drinks available for purchase or bring your own picnic lunch (no outside alcoholic beverages allowed). Enjoy docent-led sculpture tours in the park. For more information on January musicians and schedules visit: <a href="https://www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org/event/sunday-afair-2019/">https://www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org/event/sunday-afair-2019/</a> or call Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts at 480-499-8587

Native Trails – Outdoor Fountain Stage, Scottsdale Civic Center, 7830 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Most Thursdays and Saturdays Noon to 1PM, January through March

The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation is back with free lunchtime shows to help celebrate the culture of the Native American Tribes of Arizona and the Southwest. Get to know more about the original Americans who were Arizona's first residents. Experience hoop dancing, rhythmic drumming and native music. The performers include natives of the Hopi, Choctaw, Navajo, Hualapai, and San Carlos Apache tribes. January Shows: Thursdays - 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Saturdays – 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets.

# **Thoughts on Travels-**

-Karl Warner





After living in Arizona well over 50 years I decided it was time to have another white Christmas. I had experienced a few such as the Soviet Union and Germany. I pondered where I might have a scenic and snowy holiday. I thought about the Canadian Rockies or Colorado, but eventually it was the Austrian Alps that called to me. How could I go wrong?

I booked a week in a small hotel in Seefeld in Tirol, a ski resort high in the mountains above Innsbruck, Austria. I flew into Munich where the skies were cloudy but without rain or snow. The Christmas markets were festive and beckoned me to wander through the handmade ornaments while tasting sausages and hot mulled wine. Next I spent a few days in Vienna where it was pouring rain, so I spent more time in the pastry and candy shops. At last we drove up the mountain to Seefeld. No snow! For the first time in decades it was almost Christmas and there was no snow. The innkeepers and ski operators were distraught, but promised snow by Christmas Eve.

When there was not a flake of snow by Christmas Day, I hiked around the lake and then took a curling lesson. I never did see snow.

# Safety, Reminders & Community Tips of the Month:

-Gina McCracken— ginamm51@cox.net

Since our days and nights are cooler, I am enjoying the smell of burning wood from fireplaces in our neighborhood. But, as we know, uncontrolled fires can be devastating. So, here are a few safety tips: When home, keep keys in exterior doors' deadbolts – (locked) – for quick emergency exits. If there is a fire that you cannot extinguish quickly, exit your house and call 911. Do not overload outlets or extension cords. Never leave candles burning in an unoccupied room. Merry Christmas and have a SAFE Holiday Season!!



#### Words of Wisdom

-Janet Stein

"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light." Plato

# "The Gay Side of Life"

On the phone with my 93-old brother in Wisconsin, and I told him I thought it was time he paid someone to shovel snow for him. He suddenly grew indignant. "Why should I pay someone to shovel?" he demanded. "I can get my son to do it. He's only 70!"

All I'm saying is, if we had a dungeon, my wife would decorate it with throw pillows.

Whoever coined the phrase "the pitter-patter of little feet" clearly never heard a four-year-old walk!



#### **REMINDER from the Architectural Standards Committee:**

An owner wanting to make changes to the exterior of his/her home, including painting, needs to submit an Application for Design Review to the Architectural Standards Committee (ASC) at least 10 days before an ASC meeting. Contact Jenny Scrivner at 602-920-0837 or e-mail at GKHOA.jenny.scrivner@gmail.com for an application form.

The ASC meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7 pm in the clubhouse when there are items on the agenda. Check the bulletin board at the clubhouse the day of the meeting for agenda items. The next ASC meeting **is Jan 8, 2019** with applications due no later than **Dec 29, 2018**.

-Jenny Scrivner, Architectural Standards Committee Chair

# **Events/Meetings/Social**

Bridge Players Mondays- Retta Kelly 480-945-3303 Men's Poker Wednesday, 12:00 PM Clubhouse

Clubhouse Committee Check with MJ Kelsey 602-402-5501 on the next meeting

Social Committee Jan 4, 2019 10:30am @ clubhouse

Arch Stds. Committee

Jan 8, 2019; 7:00 PM Clubhouse (2nd Tuesday of the Month)

Creative Crafters

HOA Board Meeting

Jan 10, 2019 - Nancy Dallett 480-990-3681 (off July-Aug-Sept)

Jan 15, 2019 3rd Tuesday of each month (not July & August)

Ladies Who Lunch Jan 18, 2019 Retta Kelly and Allison Wise

Bunco Jan 22, 2019 Clubhouse 6:00pm Gerri Clontz 928-358-8221 (4th Tuesday of the month)

Men's Lunch Jan 29, 2019- Bob Will 480-946-4889 or Dan Svoboda 480-946-5055 (last Tues in month)



#### RECIPE OF THE MONTH - Fran Nicoletti

# Happy, Healthy 2019 TO ALL!

Recipe of the Month: MEXICAN DIP

1 Can refried beans 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese (4 oz) 2 Tablespoons salsa 2 med green onions chopped (2 Tbs.)

1 ½ cups sour cream 1 cup guacamole

Tortilla chips



If you have nothing but love for your avocados, and you take joy in turning them into guacamole, all you need is someone to share it with.

-Jason Mraz

Mix refried beans with salsa. Spread in thin layer on 12 inch serving plate. Spread sour cream over beans, leaving about 1 inch border of beans around edge. Spread guacamole over sour cream, leaving border of sour cream showing.

Sprinkle cheese over guacamole. Sprinkle onions over cheese. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate until serving. Serve with chips.

# Laugh Lines-New Year 2019

Call me crazy, but "dropping the ball" does not sound like a good way to start off the new year!

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other!

I raised my left leg before the ball dropped so I could start the New Year off on the right foot!

#### **Note-Important information**

The following working meetings have been scheduled at the Clubhouse for the Board of Directors: February 5, 2019: Prepare the 2019-2020 budget, chaired by Tom Kernen January 9, 2019: Review the draft of the updated Reserve Study, chaired by Chuck McCracken

#### **Communications Committee**

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Lightcap, Norma 1/1 Cross, Bruce B. 1/3 Rose, Betty 1/5 McCoy, Theresa 1/5 McFate, Anna Lisa 1/9 Council, Donna 1/11 Kittell, Pamela 1/15 Sheridan, Michael J. 1/20 Hood, James R. 1/21 DeVito, Sr. Michael J. 1/25 Sinadinos, Gale H. 1/27 Fisher, Kenneth, 1/27 Gordon, Jan 1/29





Please share your favorite Recipes!



Please submit recipes to: msfran7441@hotmail.com or drop it off at 6310 E. Pinchot Avenue. Thanks—Fran

Bunko 4th Tuesday
RSVP please to Gerri Clontz
928-358-8221
Games start at 6:00 PM

Games start at 6:00 PM Jan 22, 2019. At the Clubhouse

Bridge Players Retta Kelly 480-945-3303 Monday's at 1PM Clubhouse





Creative Crafters: Nancy Dallett 480-990-3681 Ndallett@cox.net Jan 10-6:30pm Thursday



Retta Kelly 480-945-3303 Jan 18, NOON North Italia

Men's Lunch,
Jan 29, 2019 11:30am
Denny's on Scottsdale Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ
for more information contact:
Bob Will 480-946-4889
Dan Svoboda 480-946-5055
Rides available

# NEWS

# **Holiday Social**



wonderful talent of dance with the audience, Bev Aldrich and Retta Kelly led us all in a holiday song-a-long, and the ol' Grinch even stopped by to tell his story.

Many thanks to the Social Committee and to everyone who helped with the set-up, tear down, and helping to make the entire day festive. The Clubhouse looked fabulous! Thank you!

#### Golden Keys Residents:

Thank

you





We enjoy listening and watching many different kinds of animals and birds in our community. I caution you, however, that throwing bread crumbs or bird seed into your yard for the birds to eat attracts pigeons and roof rats that carry harmful diseases and leave unwanted feces not only in your yard but in neighboring yards as well. Please help everyone stay healthy and safe by not attracting unwanted birds and animals to our community. Happy New Year!

Kindest regards, MJ Kelsey

#### Fiesta Bowl Trivia



The Fiesta Bowl was first played in 1971. That first game saw ASU beat Florida State 45-38.

Many will argue the greatest Fiesta Bowl game saw Ohio State needing two overtimes to down defending national champion Miami 31-24, clinching its first national title since 1968.

#### **WELCOME IN 2019**



#### **Community Landscaping**

If you see something (sprinkler leaks, trees, etc.)
please give Barry
Downs a call at

480-532-8450

#### DRAFT - Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting Golden Keys Homeowners Association

#### 12/18/18, 7:00 PM Golden Keys Homeowners Association Clubhouse

Directors present: Mary Jo Kelsey, Tom Kernen, Chuck McCracken, Jenny Scrivner, Martha Spruell, and Carl

Thompson

Directors absent: Jennifer Might

Approximately 5 members and guests were in attendance.

- 1. Agenda presented by Carl Thompson ACCEPTED
- 2. The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President, Carl Thompson.
- 3. Ratify Previous Board Meeting Minutes and Financial Report
  - November 2018 minutes motion to approve. Seconded; 5 approved; 1 abstained
  - November 2018 Treasurer's Report motion to approve. Seconded; 5 approved; 1 abstained

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#### 4. Standing Committee Reports:

- Clubhouse Committee: Written report presented by Mary Jo Kelsey
- Architectural Standards Committee (ASC): Written report presented by Jenny Scrivner
- Landscape Committee: Written report presented by Barry Downs
- Pool Committee: Verbal report presented by Martha Spruell
- Real Estate Committee: Written report presented by Mary Jo Kelsey for Jennifer Might
- Communication Committee: Verbal report presented by Tom Kernen
- Treasurer's Office and Financial Committee: Written report presented by Tom Kernen

#### 5. Project Reports:

- Governing Documents: no update this month
- Reserve Study: verbal report presented by Chuck McCracken. Special GK Board meeting scheduled for January 9, 2019, 6:30 PM to review update to the reserve study.
- Community Liaison: verbal report presented by MaryJo Kelsey

#### 6. New Business

- a) Authorization to re-paint wall on 63<sup>rd</sup> Place: No action taken at this time.
- b) Appointment of Nominating Committee: Nancy Dallett (chair), Retta Kelly, Ken Healy will comprise the nominating committee for election of 5 directors at the 2019 Annual Meeting which will occur on March 17, 2019 at 3 PM at the clubhouse.

#### 7. Open Forum

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM

Respectfully submitted by Jenny Scrivner, Secretary

# GOLDEN KEYS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION Treasurer's Cash Summary Report a/o 11/30/2018

CASH ASSETS						
Checking	\$	80,479.00				
Savings	\$	14,785.50				
Vanguard	\$	171,600.02				
<b>Emergency/Surplus Savings</b>						
VG CD - BK China 2.0% 1/15/19			\$	20,000.00		
VG CD - BK China 1.95% 11/15/18			\$	20,000.00		
Reserve Spending Accounts						
VG CD - Cap 1 BK 1.70% 9/27/19			\$	16,000.00		
VG CD - Cap 1 BK 1.95% 9/28/20			\$	40,000.00		
VG CD - Cap 1 BK 2.30% 9/27/22			\$	50,000.00		
VG CD - BK China 2.0% 12/19/18			\$	12,000.00		
VG CD - SAFR 2.0% 02/27/19			\$	12,000.00		
Vanguard - Settlement Account			\$	1,600.02		
Total Cash Assets	\$	266,864.52				
		11/1/2018 -		05/1/2018 -		2018-19
INCOME & EXPENSE		11/30/2018		11/30/2018		Budget
INCOME						
H/O Assessments	\$	350.00	\$	128,100.00	\$	128,800.00
Uncategorized Income	\$	=	\$	1.12		
Interest-Savings Acct	\$	0.24	\$	7.50	\$	
Interest-CD	\$				\$	2,500.00
Vanguard Dividend Income	\$	65.67	\$	1,347.48		
Transfer Fee - purchasing home	\$	(#X	\$	6,400.00	\$	3,200.00
Return Check Charges	\$ \$	Newscorpe Addresses	\$	12.00	\$	-
Late Fees	\$	15.00	\$	75.00	\$	-
Total Income	\$	430.91	<u>Ş</u>	135,943.10	\$	134,500.00
OPERATING EXPENSES						
ADMINISTRATIVEExpenses	\$	1,088.36	\$	5,102.17		20,054.00
CLUBHOUSEExpenses	\$	248.98	\$	05%	\$	6,600.00
LANDSCAPINGExpenses	\$	3,826.15	\$	30,933.73	\$	39,680.00
POOL UPKEEPExpenses	\$	837.29	\$	7,818.69	\$	19,540.00
Real EstateExpenses	\$	=	\$	=	\$	100.00
UTILITIEScommon areas	\$	1,582.11	\$	18,512.20	\$	29,428.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$	7,582.89	\$	64,571.85	\$	115,402.00
		(7.454.00)	\$	74 274 25	ċ	10 000 00
NET FY 2018-19 OPERATING BALANCE	\$	(7,151.98)	\$	71,371.25	\$	19,098.00
	4	*	\$			
TOTAL RESERVE EXPENDITURES	\$	-	\$	-		