## Windmill Village

#### **Community News**

June 2021



#### 2021 - 2022 Board of Directors

President: Scott Stout Vice President: Teresa Bible Treasurer: Doug Allen Secretary: Glen Sawyer Director: Joshua Turvy

#### **Community Management Company**



(480) 649-2017 info@gothoa.con www.gothoa.com

Mon - Thur 7:30am - 5:00pm

If there is an emergency in the common areas after hours, please call 480-649-2017 and press option 1.

#### **Community Website**

www.windmillvillagehoa.com

All governing documents, approved color palettes and the Architectural Request Form are available on the website.

#### **MyAccountPortal**

https://www.gothoa.com/payments
Sign up for Access to your HOA account
to view your balance, violations and
make payments online. Board Meeting
minutes are also available on the
MyAccountPortal. \*Please note, you
must have an email registered with
Preferred Communities to sign up.

#### **2021 Annual Meeting Recap**

The Annual Meeting was held on Monday, May 17, 2021. The governing documents require at least 10% of the 513 homeowners to either vote by absentee ballot or be present in person at the meeting (Bylaws Section 2.04).

The Association only received a total of 42 ballots submitted electronically or in person at the Annual Meeting. Unfortunately, we needed to receive 52 ballots to reach quorum. Therefore, quorum was not met and the Board election could not be held.

What happens when quorum is not met at the Annual Meeting? The existing Board Members remain on the Board until 1) they resign, and the remaining Board Members appoint to fill their position or 2) Quorum is met at the next Annual Meeting and the community elects the new Board Members.

All 5 existing Board Members chose to remain on the Board at this time. They are listed to the left under 2021-2022 Board of Directors.

What happens if a homeowner disputes the number of ballots received? Per Arizona Revised Statute 33-1805 all homeowners have the right to examine Association records. If any homeowner would like to inspect the 42 ballots received, please contact Korin at <a href="mailto:korin@gothoa.com">korin@gothoa.com</a>.

I, Korin Parry, attest to the number of ballots submitted and reported to the community at the Annual Meeting on May 17, 2021. The Association received a total of 42 ballots. The Board Members have no access to the ballots, and therefore could not hide ballots or manipulate the election. As the Community Manager, I stake my reputation and business on providing truthful results in all Association elections and dealings.

#### What can we do to ensure we meet quorum requirements in the future?

This is a question that many Associations across the United States are asking. Some Associations have included a drawing with the Annual Meeting — every homeowner who submits their ballot is entered into a drawing for a \$100.00. Other Associations have non-Board Member/non-Candidate volunteers call homeowners to remind them to vote. There are infinite things to try. If you have suggestions on how we can reach the quorum requirements at the next Annual Meeting, please reach out to our Community Manager, Korin at <a href="mailto:korin@gothoa.com">korin@gothoa.com</a>.

Let's all work together to ensure we reach the quorum requirements next year!



# Committees

VOLUNTEERISM IS THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE PUT INTO ACTION.
THESE ACTIONS SHAPE AND MOLD THE PRESENT INTO A
FUTURE OF WHICH WE CAN ALL BE PROUD!

Helen Dyer

#### **Social Committee**

It seems like forever since the community has held a community event! With the COVID 19 virus restrictions loosening up, this is the perfect time to start planning for fall & winter events.

We need residents to help organize the events. If you're interested in serving on the Social Event Committee, please send an email to <a href="mailto:info@gothoa.com">info@gothoa.com</a> or call Preferred Communities and let us know you're ready to volunteer! If there are no volunteers, there will be no social events. What's a community without social events?

#### **Landscape Committee**

We are looking for volunteers to work with the Community Manager and Landscape Company on the following:

- Ensure common areas are being maintained to community standards.
  - Provide enhancement ideas to the board, working with the landscape company on bids & renderings.
  - Assist in prioritizing of projects
  - Monitor the water usage.

Homeowner insight and assistance in making sure the common areas are maintained and improved is the goal!

Please contact Preferred Communities and let us know you'd like to join the Landscape Committee. 480-649-2017 <a href="mailto:info@gothoa.com">info@gothoa.com</a>

#### **Communication Committee**

The Board is looking for volunteers to help improve the communication in the community. Here are just some of the ideas suggested for the Communication Committee Members:



- Provide a Board Meeting Recap the day after each meeting, to be posted on Facebook & emailed to the community.
  - Manage the official Windmill Village Facebook Page. Keep it current & useful. Draft more frequent newsletters to be emailed out to the community.
- Place the Board Meeting signs out the day of each meeting.
- Create flyers to advertise social events, board meetings and more.

Does this sound like something you'd be willing to do? If so, please contact Preferred Communities at 480-649-2017 or <a href="mailto:info@gothoa.com">info@gothoa.com</a> and ask to join the Communication Committee.

#### **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee
is more than just planning the
annual budget. The Committee
helps plan the future of the community!
The Finance Committee provides checks and
balances to safeguard the financial stability of the
Association.

If you like to work with numbers and want to help plan for the future of Windmill Village, this is the Committee for you!

What are you waiting for? Please reach out to Preferred Communities and let us know you would like to join the Finance Committee.

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NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

### Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Monday, August 16, 2021, at 6:30pm

Meetings are held virtually, unless otherwise noted. To ensure you receive the Zoom meeting access, make sure Preferred Communities has your email address.



- fireworks are prohibited in all common areas, parks & washes in the community.
- If you light off fireworks from your driveway or in the street, please make sure to clean up afterwards and be cautious with where the fireworks land.
- One spark from fireworks could set the natural washes or the desert areas on fire. Please be cautious!

# Fireworks can be scary for pets, veterans with PTSD, kids with autism & others

#### Be courteous

Let your neighbors know if you'll be shooting off fireworks. Or better yet, don't shoot them off.

#### Take cover!

Stay home if you can
Close doors a windows
Play calming music
Turn TV or radio on
Don't leave pets un-attended
Distract with actitives or treats
Use headphones or earplugs
Ensure ID a microchip are current



### Gothic Landscape

After a lengthy interview process, which homeowners were encouraged to participate in, the Board hired Gothic Landscape to provide the ongoing landscape maintenance in the community. They started maintaining the community the first of May 2021. Here are a few highlights from the first 50 days:

- They will be in the community on Monday's & Tuesdays. Tuesday will be mowing day.
- They have completed several irrigation repairs and have met with the smart irrigation manufacturers onsite at Windmill Village.
- The following was completed on the turf: aerating, verticutting and fertilizing.
   These steps will help the turf in the months ahead.
- They have removed dead vegetation and will be replacing up to 50 plants at their cost, when it cools down.
- They will be laying sod at the NE Park on 219<sup>th</sup> in the fall.

If you see any irrigation leaks, please report to Preferred Communities as soon as possible.

### Summer in Arizona

#### **Palo Verde Beetles**

Palo verde Beetles definitely look scary, but they are harmless to humans. During the summer, the Palo Verde Beetles will lay eggs in the soil. When they hatch,

they feed on the roots of distressed trees and shrubs, particularly the Palo Verde tree (hence the name). The Beetles aren't interested in eating healthy roots so the best way to keep these guys away from your landscape is to keep your plants and trees healthy all year long!

#### **Trees & Monsoons**

If you have desert trees, such as, Mesquite or Palo Verde trees, it's time to have these trimmed & thinned. These trees grow fastest during the summer and become top heavy, resulting in many coming down in the wind. Contact your tree trimmer today to have your trees ready for the coming storms!