

Villas De Las Flores Home Owners Association

President's Report

September 16, 2021

The end of summer cannot come too soon. According to several news sources, the U.S. is just had its hottest summer on record. The entire western half of the US is now facing significant drought conditions. The Colorado River, which provides water to some 40 million people as well as irrigation for millions of agricultural acreage, has now imposed the first major reduction in water availability since the Hoover Dam and other reservoir components were built back in the early part of the 20th century. Arizona will see a 15% to 20% reduction in its allocation in the next year. Similar reductions are anticipated for California and Mexico as well.

At the state level, California has already requested a voluntary 15% reduction in water usage. Authorities are looking at additional ways to preserve water. The predictions suggest that the drought will be ongoing for the foreseeable future. As homeowners, **we urge you to do your part** by converting your personal patio landscaping to be more drought tolerant or, at the very least, install a drip irrigation system.

I bring this to your attention because the Board anticipates these reductions could have a negative effect on our property. We will be considering accelerating our turf reduction program and conversion to water wise plant material and irrigation systems. This will be a topic of discussion at the next Board meeting.

The Board held a brief meeting in August to address some minor items that needed attention. The primary items were:

- Replacing/repairing the Clubhouse HVAC system
- Repairing/re-plastering work for the pools and spas
- Better signage for identifying parking areas and addresses for deliveries and emergencies
- Minor asphalt repairs
- Items for consideration for the five (5) year capital maintenance plan update
- Budget updates

We plan to hold a study session in either October or early November to update the 5-year plan. The date and time will be posted so that homeowners may attend.

Summer also saw the completion of the regular roof repairs and downspout clearing. Minor landscaping items continue to be addressed such as weeding, pesticide spraying, and irrigation repairs and so on.

We continue to monitor the discussions that the Palm Springs City Council is having regarding the future of the Tahquitz Creek area golf courses. As previously reported, the Oswit Land Trust has approached the City with an idea to convert the Bel Aire Greens golf course (currently closed), Mesquite Golf Course (privately owned) and Tahquitz Creek courses (owned by the City of Palm Springs) into a nature preserve with a restored Tahquitz Creek as the centerpiece. The organization previously was successful in creating the Oswit Canyon Preserve on the southwest side of Palm Springs. They are collaborating with The Trust for Public Land to acquire the properties. We have also heard from the SAVE PS GOLF organization regarding their concerns should Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort be shut down.

For more information, please refer to <https://www.mesquitedesertpreserve.org/> <https://> and <https://savepsgolf.org/>

I want to bring a couple of housekeeping items to your attention. With a number of homeowners having been away for over year due to the pandemic, several patios have not been well maintained. It is incumbent upon the homeowner, if they are not going to be here for an extended period, to make sure that their patio is cleared of weeds, leaves and plant material is not trimmed. The Board has requested our property manager to contact a few homeowners where the patios have really fallen into disrepair and required significant attention. We want to keep the property looking tiptop and we need your help to do so.

We have had reports of renters not having keys for the spa or tennis courts. A few have been observed climbing over the wall to use the spas, which could be dangerous should they fall, so please make sure they have the appropriate keys. The key also works to unlock the gym door, the book nook door as well as the tennis court gates.



Palms Springs in September

As we enter into autumn, let us hope that the latest struggles of the pandemic are behind us and better days are ahead. Stay safe!

Respectfully submitted,

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