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SPANISH OAKS

Monthly HOA Newsletter
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What's Happening in the Oaks

BY BOB CHISHOLM

Every month will bring short notes from different board members. I'd like to thank my fellow board members and various committees for all their hard work. Look for this newsletter each month for updates on what's happening in Spanish Oaks!

This is a very special community and I'm proud to be a resident. New tennis courts, pickle ball courts, and new surfaces at three of our pools are making SO the place everyone wants to live. I look forward to seeing everyone enjoying the updated and new amenities.

Don't forget April kicks off pool season with the heating of Pool 1.

Enjoy life and be safe,
Bob

Pickleball Courts Available Soon!



Pickleball is an American grassroots sport created in 1965. It is a simple paddle game using a whiffle ball over a tennis-type net on a badminton-sized court. The ball is served diagonally, underhand, to the opponent's service zone. Points are scored only when serving. The server continues to serve (alternating service courts) until the server misses. A game is won by the first side to reach eleven points.

Learn more at the April 20th ribbon cutting event!

Social Committee Events

BY MAUREEN KANE

Spring Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

April 6th, 9-11 am



Stop by the Clubhouse to enjoy your neighbors' company and have some tasty morsels!

Sport Courts Ribbon Cutting

April 20th, 3 pm

Tours, info, raffles, and refreshments. Tennis shoes, please!

ARC Committee: House Painting 101

BY MANNETTA BRAUNSTEIN

The HOA maintains a record, updated by ARC and management, of the year each house was last painted. Painting is based on a 10-year cycle. For example, if your house was last painted in 2009 or before, it is probably due for painting this year.

Reimbursement eligibility is based on the painting cycle, and further stipulates that the Owner used HOA-approved paint colors and paint products, applied by a licensed painting contractor.

The HOA-approved products are “A-100” from Sherwin Williams and “Ever-Shield” from Dunn Edwards. Both carry a ten-year guarantee.

When it's time to paint, the Owner will first submit a Painting Request (PR) form and Neighbor Awareness (NA) form to ARC to begin the approval process.

The NA form is necessary because it indicates that the Zero Lot Line neighbor has been informed of the painting project. This neighbor is required to allow entry into

his/her property and must provide clear access to the house wall that is to be painted. The form does NOT give his/her permission for painting.

The PR form requires information such as the name of the color scheme selected and the painting contractor's name and license number. ARC will review the request and contact the Owner after approval to begin the project.

Upon completion of painting, the Owner will submit a Painting Completion form to ARC along with a store receipt, which lists the paint colors and paint products used. ARC will contact the Owner to schedule an inspection. When the project meets approval, ARC will submit the form to management for reimbursement.

The “Approved Paint Color Palette” notebook is kept in the office. It has pull-downs of all the approved color schemes. It also includes a list of painting contractors recommended by Dunn Edwards and by Owners who have had their houses painted.

Contact ARC or the office to see when your home is due for a fresh coat!



Nextdoor

BY ALEX BARGIONI

Fellow Spanish Oakers: Many of us use Nextdoor. It's quick, informative, and a great resource. However, you may agree that there are times when the tone of a post can be off-putting. If you're unsure whether or not a post is compliant (including responses to a main post) please refer to Nextdoor's Community Guidelines www.help.nextdoor.com. These guidelines describe what behaviors are and are not allowed on Nextdoor. And remember, if you're posting something that is of a community-sensitive nature, select Spanish Oaks only as your audience.

Nextdoor's mission is to provide a trusted platform where neighbors work together to build stronger, safer, happier communities, all over the world. All neighbors are to feel welcome, safe, and respected when using Nextdoor. The crux of their guidelines can be boiled down to one simple statement: Everyone here is your neighbor. Please treat each other with respect.

Happy posting!

Safety Committee

BY JULES SCHOOLMEESTER

We are pleased with the progress on correcting the non-functioning street lights. The list of over 50 non-functioning lights dropped down to 34 after Miguel changed light bulbs.

Two electrical companies were hired update the existing 34 lights. This was the most cost-effective option to ensure the non-functioning lights are properly grounded and in conduit.

Thanks to funding from a City of Las Vegas Neighborhood Partner's Fund grant, we are updating the security camera in the tennis court area. This camera will provide much better coverage on some of the vulnerable areas in our community. This project should be completed by the end of the month.

Social Committee

BY MAUREEN KANE

Spanish Oaks Library

Visit this quiet corner in the clubhouse to enjoy a book and some solitude from a busy world! Donations of recent fiction and non-fiction books as well as audio tapes are gratefully accepted. Please, no magazines.



Spanish Oaks Book Club

Third Thursday of the month at 2 pm.

We meet at member's homes, discuss a variety of genres, socialize, and enrich our minds! Join us! Call Maureen at 702-451-3849 for information.

Recreation Committee

BY CLAIRE ROWE

POOLS: Pool decks 1, 5, and 6 are getting a lift in 2019. Blue Zone Pools (Pool 1) and Concrete Texturing (pools 5 and 6) have respectively been chosen to patch and retexture those decks for us.

Similar work is planned for the other three community pools in 2020.

COMPETITIVE TENNIS:

League Tennis at Spanish Oaks is back. Our four beautiful courts place us among the top tennis facilities in town. Start a new USTA league team or move your current one here. Spanish Oaks League rates are free for members and \$50 for non-members, which includes a weekly practice night with two courts.

RECREATIONAL TENNIS:

Joe Engle is thrilled to be volunteering as the Rec-Tennis chair for Spanish Oaks. All courts will open in April. There will be fun, tennis-related activities weekly, such as skills acquisition clinics, friendly rec-play, and private lessons. Please reach out with ideas and plan on joining us on the courts! Call Joe at 702-460-9415 to get involved.



Landscaping & Restoration Committee

BY CHERYL PURDUE

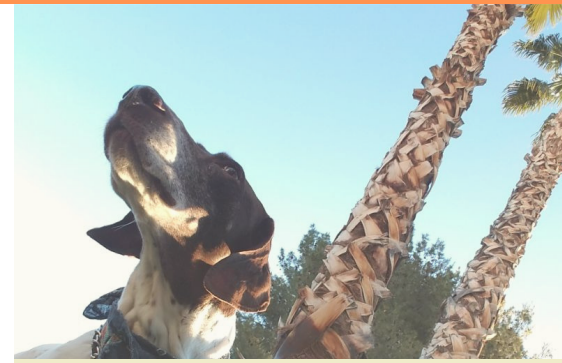
Several areas of Spanish Oaks are being quietly improved, but could go unnoticed due to our busy schedules.

TREES: Trimming is accomplished on an ongoing basis. The olive trees have all been trimmed and sprayed to prevent olive growth. 10 of the largest mulberry trees have been thoroughly pruned. The large oak tree by the tennis courts has been fed, given insecticides, and thinned. 39 semi-stressed trees have been deep-root fed, including the seriously blighted tree at the corner of Vega and Cortez. Generally, twice monthly, the Tree Committee is overseeing trimming to maintain our trees' health and beauty.

LANDSCAPING: Aeration, weed control, and partial reseeding is being done with the grass. The restoration area along Torre is being enhanced. Some smaller trees have been transplanted to more visual spots and replacement trees will be planted by Pool Four and the west side of the Clubhouse. Dead shrubs are being replaced gradually. New rock has been added to the island on Spanish Oaks Drive with hopes to enhance the median with small sculptures.

WALLS: Minor cracks in the wall are being mended. Walls along Cortez will be power washed. An enclosure near Pool One has been built for the trash containers and the wall behind the guard house will be raised to obscure the trash container.

Our community remains viable and attractive for all of us!



The Bark Side

BY JOEY

Hey everybody, Joey from Cortez here! My little brother, Vonnegut, and I are German Shorthair Pointers, so we're kind of hyper. Our favorite things in the whole world are going on runs with our people and playing at The Hydrant Club. Cheese is also good.

I'm here to tell all of you about this super cool thing I'm doing for the Spanish Oaks newsletter. It's called "The Bark Side" and it features a PET OF THE MONTH! I know, bark makes you think doggo, but it's how I talk. Don't worry, I wanna feature ALL the pets who live in Spanish Oaks, whether they meow, swim, or whatever.

If you want me to write about your best pet friend, email my mom at jschooly@gmail.com. Don't get me started about trying to type with paws, mom has to help me with that part. So embarrassing. Write us soon--we wanna meet your best friend!

HOA Meeting Reminder

APRIL 16, 2019

6:00 PM

**SPANISH OAKS
CLUBHOUSE**

HOA Board Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month.

Speaking of trees...



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