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Sonoran Desert Willow Estates Quarterly Newsletter

Greetings SDWE Community,

I hope everyone had a great and safe holiday season. There are few things that I would like the community to be aware of. First, I would like to extend my most sincere gratitude for electing me to the HOA Board of Directors this past December. It has been an interesting, yet humbling, ride to say the least. Secondly, "Welcome!" to our newest residents that have made SDWE their new home over the past couple of months. I will try not to be long winded as I navigate you through what your Board has been working on for our community over the past couple of months.

Over the past couple of months, the Board has started on a couple of initiatives to improve on our community's safety, as well as its beauty. Those safety improvement projects include installment of stop signs at the entrance/exits of the park walking paths where they enter or exit near the streets. Hopefully, this will remind pedestrians and cars alike to be more cautious when approaching those areas. Also, there has been a vote to initiate lighting at those entrances/exits of the parks near the streets. This is due to the lack of lighting at night when people would like to stroll in the before sunrise/after sunset hours as the days begin to warm up and more people, especially kids, are home due to the pandemic. Additionally, there is an initiative to help improve the beauty of our entrances with some landscaping efforts.

Although the community have experienced a great couple of past months, there have been a couple of challenges that the community has had to work through as well. One challenge is the increased homeless transients on the outskirts of our area. This has been reported to Tucson Police Department. They will increase their presence in our community with a few points they want us to keep in mind. There has been an increase of homeless population throughout the city, especially during COVID. One reason they are more visible is due to the shelters only allowing half capacity for housing due to COVID guidelines. TPD are not removing camps unless there are major criminal activity (violence, murder, theft, etc.). Also securing shelters once removing the homeless are taking much longer. Another challenge the community faced is vandalism. Recently, a park bench was destroyed. That has been reported to the TPD as well, and their investigation remains ongoing to find the culprits and prosecute them. An additional recent challenge was the increased dog droppings left behind in the common areas. That was addressed to the community and that situation is improving. Also, there was a report of drivers not stopping for school buses when they have the "Stop" sign extended. There have been a few instances where drivers just drove around the bus as they were picking up or dropping off children. Police presence is set to increase due to that infraction in our community. An ongoing challenge is CC&R violations. The Board would like to ask everyone to review our community's website and get familiar with the CC&Rs. They are intended to be used in interest of common safety, maintenance and upkeep, and value of our community. If you find yourself receiving a violation notice, please review the CC&R that the violation pertains to and bring it up to our management company or the Board if you believe it is not justified. Also, if you would like to report a violation, please review the CC&R that you believe is not being followed and present it to the community management company or to the Board for review. Please include which rule number you are referring to in your reporting. This will help all parties involved. The Board has vigorously reached out and even been door to door to deliver the Christmas Decoration Contest Prizes. If you have not received your prize, and you were one of the selected winners, please reach out to the property management company for coordination. It takes all of us this to make this one of the best communities to reside in Tucson, Arizona.

The Board is a representation of our community and is a vetting team if you will, in effort to make sure we do things financially responsible, legally sound, and to help the community as a whole, versus the benefit of only one or a few likeminded people. The Board looks forward to continuing to represent our community in the best way that it can. It is encouraged that you attend the monthly meetings if possible if not to present an idea, concern, or question, just to introduce yourself and virtually meet some of your neighbors/team. It is highly encouraged that residents visit our webpage and get familiar with our Bylaws and CC&Rs to ensure that we can all speak the same language and are on the same page, so if we disagree, or an idea/suggestion cannot be supported, hopefully, it's not taken as a personal attack or disagreement. Stay safe, and let's all strive to make our community better one day at a time. Along with any pertinent information regarding SDWE, the CC&Rs and Bylaws can be found at sonorandesertwillowestates.org. The Board cannot enforce traffic laws, but please reach out to Sgt. Alexander (TPD Motor Unit Supervisor) @ 520-837-7175, for traffic matters. Please reach out to TPD Homeless Division Ofc. Valenzuela@ 520-589-8758 or Ofc. Parrish @ 520-589-8694, for homeless transients matters. The TPD Homeless Division ask that you take pictures, if possible, from a safe location, and do not approach them. The Board can be reached via our property management company, First Service Residential, at 520-219-4520, or I can be reached at chiboy4ever@yahoo.com. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Very Respectfully,

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