

MONTEREY *moments*

Monterey Park Association / Villa Monterey 5/5A

October 2018



HOA Monthly Board Meeting
November 5, 9 am

Click this link for
Board Meeting minutes:
montereyparkassociation.com



*Thank you Sue Carey for
repotting the planters
at the pool deck!*



Real Estate Report . . .



One home sold in Villa Monterey 5/5a this month. Eleven homes are for sale in all of Villa Monterey and two are under contract.

The listing prices are \$245,000 to \$459,000—the \$459,000 home is the remodel on Meadowbrook (one car carport). An open house is usually on Saturday or Sunday, stop in and take a peek.

Two homes closed at \$256,000, and the lovely home on the corner of 77th place and Coolidge, one of my all time favorites, sold for \$379,000.

We've noticed that three homes in VM5 have been painted this past month!! Let's keep those prices up!

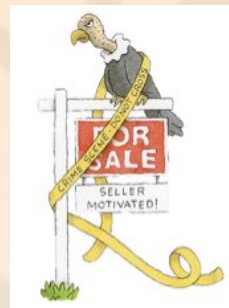
-Joan Hunsinger

Shareholders' Contact Sheets . . .

Beverly Tyson has been working on updating the shareholders' contact information. If you have not completed your form yet, click the link below, complete, and submit via email or drop in her mail slot. Whether or not your information has changed, please complete the form (print clearly), to save Bev and her committee from having to call you.

Click this link:

[Shareholder Emergency Contact Sheet](#)
(for those who receive paper copy of the newsletter, a sheet is also attached)



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Web Page & Directory -
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Brush and Bulk Collection: week of October 15 & November 12

<http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/solid-waste/brush-bulk-collection>

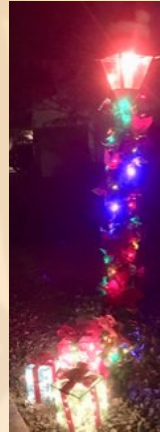


Hosts are needed for the Coffees, held the first Saturday of the month, and the Potluck Happy Hours, held the second Friday of the month. Please sign up on the sheet in the Ramada near the library.

Questions? Contact,
Madeline Krska, coffee chair or
San Barnes, Potluck/Happy Hour chair.

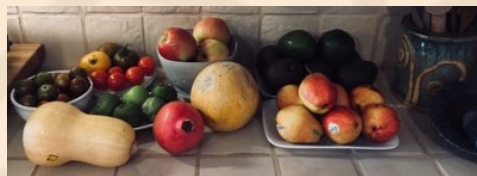
Upcoming Events . . .

San Barnes, Social Committee Chair, has been working hard on plans for future social events, including the **Christmas Party on December 8th**, and a light pole decorating contest. Start your creative juices flowing, thinking of new ways to decorate your light pole, a long time Villa Monterey Christmas tradition.



Sandy Mucci hosted the first coffee of the season on Oct 6. Thanks for all the yummy home-baked goodies!

The Saturday Old Town Farmer's Market opened on Oct 6.



Scottsdale celebrates 1968

2018 marks the 50th anniversary of Scottsdale City Hall and the Civic Center Library. To commemorate, the city is hosting "Scottsdale Celebrate '68" -- a modern-day take on the wonderful community celebration held when City Hall opened in

1968. Several free events are planned, including:

- a street dedication to architect of the Plaza Bennie Gonzales,
- a show about Gonzales at the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art,
- a photo presentation about Scottsdale in 1968, Library, Oct 11, at 6 pm,
- Gold Palette ArtWalk - Demonstrate! Main Street, Oct 11, 6:30-9 pm,
- a festival, Scottsdale City Hall to the Hotel Valley Ho, Oct 13, 5-8 pm, including:

Behind the scene tours of iconic buildings
Scavenger hunt

Main Street vintage car meet

Performances by Dolan Ellis & Mariachi Mexico Nuevo

Beatles vs Stones: a musical showdown

March with the Mariachis and Finish with Fireworks, public procession from City Hall to the Valley Ho

for more information, click: [Scottsdale celebrates 68](http://www.scottsdalecelebrates68.com)

<https://m.facebook.com/villamontereycommunity/>



Community Coffee

Saturday, November 3, 9:30 am

Happy Hour PotLuck & Art Show

Friday, November 9, 5:30



Water Aerobics
Monday, Wednesday & Saturday

11 am at the pool
Bev Tyson



Wednesdays
1 pm, call for location
bring a lunch snack
Bev Tyson



Tuesdays & Fridays
Unit 4 Ramada (air conditioned)
1:30 pm
Sandy Mucci

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Our Weedy “Friends”

It’s that time of year again: All over your yard, weeds are popping up, and your back is aching from pulling them out. You suddenly remember that chemical a neighbor was using, “Roundup.” Then you remember something else you heard, something which makes you pause: Over the years, numerous reports have linked Roundup to cancer.

Developed by Monsanto, Roundup has been on the market since the 1970s and is widely used by farmers and homeowners alike in over 160 countries. Over the past several years, however, thousands of people have filed lawsuits claiming that the product’s active ingredient glyphosate can cause several types of cancer, including non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, according to consumersafety.org.



Alternatives exist that are more natural and may be much safer *if used carefully*. Don Couture recommends trying vinegar—not the white vinegar available at groceries stores, which is only 5% acidic—but the commercial-grade vinegar which is 20% acidic and thus more effective. However, internet sites have warned that this method requires the use of protective skin and eye gear, since the high acid contact can burn your skin and eyes as well as the weeds. Vinegar will also kill other plants in your garden so be very specific. One suggestion is to spray the vinegar solution through a large funnel held over each weed. Also, apply the vinegar on calm days so the wind will not spread the acid and when the sun is the hottest to allow the sun to help the process along. Do not apply before a rain, when the vinegar can be washed away before it does its job.

An internet search revealed several other natural solutions:

As a preventative:

- landscape cloth under your rocks, at least 2” of mulch over the landscape cloth
- applying newspaper under your mulch
- cornmeal or corn gluten sprinkled around your garden (keep in mind cornmeal will prevent other seeds that you may want from germinating)
- Crowd them out. If you have a lawn, keeping your grass well-cared for will give it first choice on the buffet of building blocks of growth: nutrients, water, sunlight, and growing space, especially if you put down corn gluten in the spring to suppress crabgrass. You can try a similar approach to perennial beds. Pack your perennial flowers close together, thereby depriving weeds of the bare patches that they so love to exploit. You can also plant compatible ground covers between your flowers. But be vigilant. Weeds and weedy plants can be very sneaky.

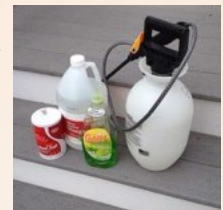
Natural solution recipes:



- Pour boiling water on the weed.
- Make your own DIY herbicidal soap by mixing equal parts vinegar, salt, and dish soap. Put the mixture in a spray bottle and apply it to your offending weeds. But be judicious. This concoction will kill whatever plants it touches, so be careful not to get it on your prized perennials.
- Combine 1 quart of apple cider vinegar with 4 ounces of lemon juice in a plastic spray bottle.

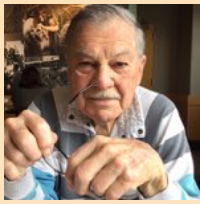
Spray the weed generously, coating all surfaces well during the hottest part of the day. Reapply the solution daily until the weed dies. An acid concentration of 10 to 20 percent is necessary to effectively kill mature well-established weeds in a *single* application. Household vinegars only contain about 5 percent acid, so this method requires repeating to kill well-established mature weeds.

- Mix 1 quart of water with 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar, 1 tablespoon gin, and 1 teaspoon liquid dish soap in a plastic spray bottle. Tip the bottle up and down gently to mix thoroughly. Spray weeds during the hottest part of the day, and water the roots with some of the solution. The weed will die within two to three days. This home brew will prevent root re-growth for at least three to five days. Nothing else will grow there for that time, either.
- Stir 1 cup of salt into 2 cups of boiling water. Dissolve completely. Cool to room temperature. Pour on weeds in gravel drives or paths, between pavers, and into sidewalk cracks. *Note: salt can erode concrete.* Weeds and grasses will die within a few days and won’t be back; neither will anything else that you treat with salt. This will last several years—the salt will remain in the treated soil and *no* vegetation will grow there.



The soundest environmental solution is still simply pulling the weeds. Just watch the time of day and wear sun-protective gear. Let’s be neighborly and help those neighbors who are not capable of taking care of their yards. Since weeds proliferate most during the monsoon season, winter residents might consider making arrangements to have their weeds taken care of while they are gone. Year-round residents would appreciate it. Unkempt yards and cars covered with sand are also a signal that no one is home.

Meet your neighbor . . .



Jack Joseph recalls when he got his first camera. The year was 1948, and his wife Marilyn gave him a brand-new Kodak when he graduated from college. He began taking pictures of his family with this camera, (his first

picture was of little Jack on a blanket in the yard) using the black-and-white film of the era, along with some color slides. Although over the years he used a succession of more modern equipment, he still has this original camera. When we, and Jackie Brigham, recently visited him at his Villa Monterey home, he showed us the camera. It was a small, folding pocket camera, in nearly mint condition despite its 70 years.



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Over the decades and many careers and interests—he has been a writer; an inventor; a flyer in the U.S. Navy; a builder, flyer, and teacher of radio-controlled planes; a father and grandfather—Jack did photography. He passed on his love of photography to his son and grandson.

When Jack and Marilyn settled in Colorado Springs, he began his love for photographing the landscapes of the American West. Jack liked fishing in trout streams in Colorado Springs. He was curious what would happen if he fell in deep water with waders on. He and his friends performed experiments in a swimming pool and Jack photographed the process with his Kodak. He wrote an article about it and sent it off to an outdoor magazine. They accepted the article and Jack then knew he could be a writer. He started writing an outdoor column for the Colorado Springs newspaper.

Jack is still very active today. He travels around the Southwest, often on group tours, ranging from Death Valley to the Arizona Snowbowl near Flagstaff. He shoots with a modern 35mm camera (he went digital in the late 1990s, having won an early digital camera in a mail-order contest), but he believes that a smart phone or tablet can take good pictures as well. Recently he outfitted his iPad with an innovative handle/remote control of his own invention. He continues to print his photos in his own studio at home, working with tones and colors on his computer in Photoshop until he has the results he wants.

Why does he keep shooting? “It keeps me sane,” he replies, noting that it helps him keep busy and engaged in life, especially after Marilyn passed away 6 years ago. For any aspiring photographer, he recommends finding a class, reading about the craft, and studying as much as possible. But ultimately he has this simple advice. “Get a camera, go out, and shoot a lot.”

Jack Joseph’s One-Person show (with Q&A) takes place November 9 at 5:30 at the Villa Monterey 5/5A Ramada along with the November Happy Hour/ Reception. Food to share is welcome and bring the beverage of your choice.



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