

NOVEMBER 2017 NEWS

Monterey Park Association | | Villa Monterey 5/5A

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Mark your calendar

Upcoming Events

Community Carport Sale

Friday and Saturday
November 17 and 18
Call Reggie Buzzello to participate.

HOA Board Meeting

Monday, Dec 4, 9:00 am

Community Coffee

Saturday, Dec 2, 9:30 am
Host: Madi Krska and Mary Nelson

Holiday Parties

Christmas Party

catered prime rib dinner
Saturday Dec 9, 6:00 pm

New Year's Eve Potluck Party

Saturday, Dec 31, 5:30 pm

2018 HOA Dues

Statements mailed: December 1
Due: January 1, 2018
Past due: after Jan 10, 10% penalty

Ongoing events:

Water aerobatics

Monday, Wednesday, and
Saturday, 11:00 am
Bev Tyson or Sue Carey

Bridge (friendly round robin)

Wednesdays 1:00 pm
bring a lunch snack,
Bev Tyson

Mah Jong

1:30 pm
Tuesdays, 5/5A Ramada
Fridays, 4 Ramada
Sandy Mucci

Brush and Bulk Collection

December 18

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



Save the Date: Christmas Party Dec 9

watch your email for more details

News from the board meeting . . .

Coffees

Joan Jones and Bev Tyson hosted a scrumptious coffee brunch on November 4 at the Ramada. The coffee committee chair, Madi Krska, is looking for host volunteers for upcoming monthly coffees. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Ramada outside the library.



Pool & Spa

Bill Mucci reported that new pool and spa heaters are in and the solar system is now in service. Pool heater will be placed in service when the solar system fails to keep the pool warm. A new spa cover has been installed.

Park & Ramada Maintenance

First seeding of the pool area was completed in early October, and reseeded on Oct 29. Fertilizer was applied at this time. Will continue to "spot seed" until bare spots are corrected. There have been signs of dog droppings in the grass. Please remember dogs are not allowed in the ramada or pool area. This area is for the enjoyment of the residents and their guests. Many grandchildren like to play in this area.

Reminder: please turn the fans and lights off upon leaving the Ramada. Lets keep our electric bill within budget.



Real Estate . . .

Nothing for sale in VM5/5A.

Recent sales:

7840 E. Coolidge-\$355,000

7801 E. Coolidge - \$360,000

In all Villa Monterey HOAs:

7 homes for sale and 3 pending sales

Any questions, call Dody Tait

HOA Board

Craig Sjodin, *president*
 Randy Brenckman, *vice-president*
 Don Couture, *secretary*
 Sandy Mucci, *treasurer*
 Bob Grandestaff, board member
 Dody Tait, board member
 Bev Tyson, board member

Committees

Cocktails - vacant
 Coffees - Madeline Krska
 Compliance - Bev Tyson
 Landscape Planning -
 vacant
 Library - Sandra Barnes
 Newsletter -
 Patti Frinzi and Mike Sikes
 Park & Ramada Maintenance -
 Randy Brenckman.
 Pool & Spa - Bill Mucci
 Ramada - Gayle Sjodin
 Real Estate - Dody Tait
 Social Committee - vacant
 Street Lighting - Craig Sjodin
 Web Page & Directory -
 Sue Carey

Historical Commission

Craig Sjodin reported that there was not a quorum at the last committee meeting so the vote to adopt the new Historic Preservation guidelines for Villa Monterey is delayed. A new meeting is scheduled. Watch for details on the website and in the newsletter.

Any questions or suggestions for the newsletter please email:

Mike Sikes and Patti Frinzi
mspfhome@gmail.com

Holiday Trash Collection

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 23rd, 2017

- No Collection on Thanksgiving Day
- Thursday Collection moves to Friday

Committee Vacancies

There are several vacancies on the Villa Monterey 5/5A committees. The board encourages people to participate in our community. It's a fun way to get to know your neighbors. The following committees have vacancies:

Cocktail Committee Chair:

The second Friday of every month, the Cocktail Committee chair, with help from community members, hosts a fun get-together at the Ramada. Neighbors are invited to bring goodies to share and their beverage of choice. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Ramada near the library. See Elaine Couture's recent email for guidelines. A host is needed for the New Year's eve party.

Social Committee Chair:

Social events are scheduled for special holiday times, December through May. Some examples of events include a Christmas Party, with a wonderful catered meal. Last year the Social Committee Chair, Carolina Grandestaff, planned an interesting special trolley tour of Scottsdale landmarks. We also had a community carport sale. Any socialites who would like to plan special social events for our community please contact a board member.

Landscape Improvement Committee

Sandra Barnes has been doing a fantastic job of keeping the plantings around the pool beautiful, healthy, and seasonal. She has also been working on a plan for the grassy area behind the pool and for the front of the Ramada. Unfortunately for us, San now has other commitments. Any green thumbs out there who would like to work on keeping the Ramada beautiful please contact a member of the board.

The board meets the first Monday of the month. All residents are welcome to attend. See full board meeting minutes on the website:

montereyparkassociation.com/boardreports.html

Thank You! from Judy Rosenthal . . .

Last month my beloved partner of 29 years, Georgia Garrett-Norris, passed away. The ensuing outpouring of calls, cards, greetings, and concern from this community has been beyond description. A heart-filled 'Thank You' is due to so many. Just as death has taught me much about living, so too has the VM community taught me about compassion. Thank you all again. With appreciation and affection - Judy Rosenthal (also known as the CPA of the Attorney and the CPA)



Georgia at Machu Picchu



Cell Phone Service

In September, we launched an online survey of Villa Monterey 5/5A residents about cell phone provider satisfaction. We asked what carrier you use, and your rating of the carrier in three areas--Clarity of voice, freedom from dropped calls, and freedom from service interruptions/outages. We wanted to help residents to make choices in their cell phone provider.

With 16 responses, we have some interim results:

AT&T—4 responses
 Scored very good and good in all three areas. Note that a number of respondents mentioned that service improved when a new tower was installed.

Sprint—1 response
 Scored good and very good.

T Mobile—1 response
 Scored poor and very poor in all.

Verizon, 10 responses
 Scored poor and very poor in most responses especially in dropped calls. One respondent scored them very good in clarity of voice. Verizon also scored 2 very good, 2 good, 3 average, 2 very poor and 1 poor in freedom from service interruptions/outages.

We also asked for your street to see if this had an impact on satisfaction, but no patterns have emerged.

The survey is still up on the web: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HBWWHTN>, so you can still take it. It takes about 5 minutes.

Art Exhibition and Reception . . .

At the cocktail party on November 10, Villa Monterey artists Jackie Brigham, Patti Frinzi, Carolina Grandestaff, Jack Joseph, Mike Sikes, and Gayle Sjodin showed their paintings and photos. It was a fun evening with many guests enjoying art and great food. Thanks to everyone who brought food to share.



*left to right: Carolina, Jackie, Patti, Mike, Gayle
 Unfortunately Jack had already gone home.*

Convenience: The New Quality in Health Care. . .

On Nov. 8th, Reggie Buzzello hosted an informative symposium on new opportunities for in-home health care. Representatives from Dispatch Health, an in-home urgent care provider, Southland Geriatric & Palliative care, Ascent Audiology, and Mobile Chiropractic of Arizona explained their in-home services. All but the chiropractor are covered by medicare. This is a new trend in health care that eliminates long waits at urgent care facilities and doctors' offices. Contact Reggie for more information.

Trendy Spot for Villa Monterey's Cosmopolitan Canines. . .

Chaparral Dog Park is the hot spot for canines in the city. Here is the straight poop from the website: "Scottsdale's most popular dog park includes 3 acres of grass, benches, play features and water fountains." This park is a short dogleg east on Chaparral. So the next time your pup needs to plop, please plan accordingly.



Dogs are **not** allowed in the Ramada and pool area. The grass is for human residents and their human guests. Randy and his helpers put a lot of work into keeping the grass looking nice, so please respect their efforts. Also please pick up after your pets when walking the neighborhood. Do not leave presents on the sidewalks for neighbors to step on. We will all benefit from cleaner sidewalks, attractive Ramada area, and higher property values.