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The Pointe Community Association Newsletter

Hello Neighbor

As the new editor of our newsletter, I'd like to invite you to contribute story ideas so that we have a collaborative effort in sharing information with the community. Perhaps you have home maintenance tips, decorating/landscaping/gardening ideas, repair resources, local shops/dining recommendations, dog/cat tips, health/fitness ideas, favorite hiking/biking areas, photography, recipes, books/author recommendations—there are so many things we could share! There's a lot of wisdom in this community and it would be fun to learn more about you.

I'm grateful to Suzanne Reimolds, the previous editor, for her contribution in managing the newsletters for the past few years. She has graciously volunteered to be the first profile in our Meet Your Neighbor section. It's a great way to get to know each other a little better.

If you're interested in sharing any tips, ideas or being the next profile in the Meet Your Neighbor section, please email pointecommunity@wearevision.com. For the profile, I'll send you a few easy questions that you can answer. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

Lisa Peterson

Upcoming HOA Meetings

Courthome Committee Town Hall Tuesday, May 17 from 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom

Committee members Sean Duverge Chair, Jackie Barnette, Bette Donahey, and Princess Crump will discuss the committee's formation, courthome exterior maintenance reserves, and the upcoming exterior project. Courthome owners will receive an email notice or letter with the Zoom link. Please submit your questions or concerns in advance to Vision at pointecommunity@wearevision.com.

May HOA Meeting Thursday, May 26 at 7:00pm via Zoom

To attend the meeting, please check your email or the Pointe Community Facebook page before the meeting.

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Meet Your Neighbor: Suzanne Reimolds

My wife, Susan and I, made our home at the Pointe in March 2018, a little over 4 years ago. My favorite thing about our community is it's natural physical beauty, unique, rare, and the community of wonderful, caring people that are drawn to it as well.

I am originally from a long line of small town, country folks from Monmouth, Illinois. Wanderlust and curiosity grabbed me early. After college, I joined the military and later graduated to civilian life serving in the capacity as linguist, intelligence gatherer, technology trainer, and cat herder (IT project manager) in classified environs. Now retired, I still push pixels but, have graduated to dedicating myself to writing the next Great American Novel, screenplay... or just a memoir... whichever comes first. 😊

Susan and I have a four-legged child, our beloved Liberty. The [Arizona Border Collie Rescue](#) found her after she was surrendered to a shelter in Utah. She had been a working dog, rounding up sheep until she couldn't anymore. They brokered our win-win relationship in March of 2020. In addition to Liberty, we also serve as Sugar Mamas to the horse and kitty residents of [Wildhorse Ranch Rescue in Gilbert, AZ](#). They are a small but, mighty force for good in the East Valley. If you have some extra time to volunteer or extra space in your heart, home to help, please join us in supporting them.

Our favorite local spots couldn't get any closer ... Aunt Chiladas and The Hole in the Wall are a stroll away. We always treat our guests and ourselves to these walkable treasures! Our other favorite places to play tour guides locally are: The Desert Botanical Garden, Taliesin West, the Musical Instrument Museum, and wine tasting in Old Town Scottsdale. For a local day trip, our favorite wine sips away are in Cottonwood, Jerome, and Page Springs. The [DA Ranch Estate Vineyards](#) is always at the top of the list.

Serving on the Pointe Community Association's Board of Directors for one year (and volunteer newsletter editor), was one of the best things I could have done to become familiar with our new neighborhood. Being entrenched, involved in its operation, I learned how unique and fortunate we are to have landed in this little square of land next to the Dreamy Draw preserve. Dedicated homeowners (past and current) volunteer their time, talents, and energies to continue the legacy/vision that Pointe developer Bob Gosnell initiated over 40 years ago. This is a special, beautiful place of historical and environmental significance in Phoenix. Those residents who have been here and contributed from the very beginning, know and understand the constant caring required to maintain it—especially as it ages under our watch—hopefully with grace and the attention it deserves. I appreciate those that have served in the past and continue to serve to this day and heartily encourage newer residents to be involved, as your time permits. Your investment of time and caring brings with it an invaluable return, the knowledge that you are doing something good for you and your community. Thank you for being one of the best parts of us, the place we call home.

Interested in sharing your story? We'd love to hear from you! Please email pointecommunity@wearevision.com and I'll send you a few easy questions that you can answer.



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Hilton Hotel Updates

Casitas Construction

As a heads up, the Hilton site plan for the multifamily conversion of the casitas was approved by the city. Demo will begin in a few weeks, so once you see the signs and fencing go up, please keep out of the construction site.

Temp Chiller

The Hilton Temp Chiller next to the hotel on Belmont Ave (that has closed one lane entering/exiting our community) is currently projected for an August completion date.



What's all the buzz about?

Did you know?

Established colonies have an average lifespan of 5–6 years. Bees will nest in trees, walls, valve boxes, and a number of other environmentally protected spaces. If you see a hive or hear buzzing, stay clear of these areas! Bees can be extremely territorial, and will protect their hive and queen to the death. Disturbing hive spaces can be very dangerous.

Africanized Honey Bees

Also known as the killer bee, the Africanized bee is a hybrid species of the Western honey bee. Africanized Honey Bees are dangerous stinging insects that have been known to chase people for more than a 1/4 of a mile. It is estimated that over 90% of feral bees are Africanized Honey Bees. If you see any hive activity, stay clear as this species is extremely aggressive.

Foraging Bees

Bees frequent flowering plants and various water sources like fountains and pools. They are on the hunt to provide essential needs for their colony. When bees are foraging, they are typically non-aggressive as they do not feel the food or water source is their own territory. With that being said, a bee that feels threatened due to disturbances may defend itself with a painful sting.

Pickleball: a little bit Ping-Pong, a little bit badminton, a lot of momentum

Here's an idea for the abandoned Hilton tennis courts at the edge of our community: Pickleball. I've been hearing about this sport recently, as it has become more popular in the past couple of years because it's fun, social and easy to learn.

What is it?

Pickleball is a racket/paddle sport that was created by combining elements of several other racket sports. Two or four players use solid paddles to hit a perforated polymer ball over a net. The ball is much like a wiffle ball, with 26–40 round holes.

What do you think?



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Is your water bill too high?

The most obvious is to check for a leak. You can do this by ensuring all the water is off in your home. This includes, but is not limited to the water heater, faucets, toilets, irrigation, hoses and fountains. Then check your water meter located outside in the front of your home. If all water is in fact off, and the little white triangle on your water meter is spinning, then you may have a leak. You should contact a plumber and have them do an inspection for leaks.

Your sub-meter is located near your front door. Most have been replaced over the last few years. Please make sure it is not damaged, and there is no water dripping from the meter. If the meter does need to be replaced, it is the owner's responsibility to do so.

Your water bill does take into account waste water usage which is based on the water usage for the sewer. There are also fees and environmental mandates on both water and sewer usage. Finally, tax, both City and State. In March, there was an increase for water usage as well.

Find out more on the [How to Read Your Water Meter](#) document.

If you cannot find a leak, and you still feel like your water bill is more costly than previous months, you can contact Vision Community Management through our community email, pointecommunity@wearevision.com, or call the office at (480) 759-4945.

Architectural Applications

Per your community documents, always notify the management company prior to beginning any major repair or replacement. Complete and submit an [Architectural/Landscape Change Form](#) prior to beginning any exterior work involving a change, and always notify the management company prior to doing any general maintenance and/or repair work. To learn more about the approval process, please review the architectural documents and guidelines under [Community Documents](#).

If you are planning on making repairs or doing demolishing that requires the use of a temporary trailer, you must notify the management company prior to the delivery of the trailer.

For a full list of what is allowed in your community, please visit the Community Homepage at VisionCommunityManagement.com and review the ["Pointe Rules" document](#).



Suss Pastries

Recent discovery: delicious homemade fruit pockets (aka pop tarts) at Suss Pastries. They serve other pastry items along with breakfast and include gluten free/vegan options. It's located inside Modern Harvest at 6050 N. 16th St. Open Friday - Sunday 7am -1pm.



Little Free Library

If you're looking for a book to read or want to donate one, check out the Little Free Library in the neighborhood next to our community. It's located at 8008 N.18th Pl.

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Community Reminders

Trash pick-up: Monday and Thursday mornings between 2:00-4:00am. Do not place your trash at the curb of the building you reside in until at least 6:00pm the night before. There is a dumpster you can use at any time in Lot C. However – **the dumpster is not for bulk trash.** Break down boxes before using the dumpster. Don't place trash on ground next to it. No construction materials. No commercial dumping. Violators will be fined.

Recycle pick-up: Wednesday mornings between 2:00-4:00am. Recyclable items include: cardboard, paper, plastic, glass and small cans. All containers must be washed out and clean before putting in the recycle bin. Unclean containers contaminate and leak, destroying any chance that anything in the bin can be recycled. ***Also, do not bag your recyclables.** If recyclables are bagged, the recycling company throws it in with garbage.

Pet Friendly Community: Dogs must be on leash. Use bags to pick up your pet's waste, and place in trash container. We have two locations for free waste bags, Belmont Ave and Frier – at the green space. The second is on Dreamy Draw Drive between Desert Park and Augusta Avenues. There are also free waste bags and trash receptacles located next to the Hotel on Belmont and on Dreamy Draw at the entrance to the hiking trails.

Pool area: No smoking in the pool area. No glass in the pool area. No pets in the pool area. Please accompany your guests to the pool. Per our pool rules, limit the number of your guests to four people. Owners and residents are responsible for guests' behavior. Given the new pool upgrades and increased usage, the pool is a popular place. Please respect residents' access to the pool first. Thank you for your cooperation.

HOA Payment Options

There are several payment options available for your monthly assessment payment.

- You can mail a check or money order to P.O. Box 65422, Phoenix, Arizona 85082. Please make checks payable to The Pointe Community. Don't forget to include your account number.
- You can also pay by credit card or echeck by logging on to www.WeArevision.com. Keep your statement handy, because you will be asked to put in your account number.
- Sign up for auto-pay. The form to enroll can be found on the community website.
- Save your Community money by opting to receive statements via email and going paperless. You can make this request via email through the Community email, pointecommuniy@wearevision.com.

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