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The Pointe Community Association Newsletter

President's Corner

Hello Community!

Fall is near and the board is regrouping to continue our goals of creating xeriscape plans for our common areas, write new rules pertaining to the new CC&R's approved last year and to develop a plan on addressing the roofs and carports for the Courthomes. We're having committee meetings for these activities and ALL of you are invited. This is a way to have your voice heard about these important projects. Below is a quick synopsis of what the meeting content will entail.

1. Common Area Committee, Chair Princess Crump

We're embarking on a project that will not only cost our community a large sum of money, but it will also affect the lifestyle and look of our community. The board just voted on a proposal to NOT RESEED the common areas for the winter. This means our grounds will not have green grass coverage in several areas which is great from the perspective of water usage and cost. We do, however, want to keep our common areas useful and beautiful. To address this, we'll work quickly to have plans in place to renovate these areas with drought tolerant plants and decorative rock. The committee will commence landscaping plans that will be approved by the architecture committee and then reviewed by the board before we implement the projects. If you want a voice on the subject, please attend the September 22nd meeting from 9:00-10:00 AM on Zoom

2. Courthome Committee, Chair Jennifer Walker

The Reserve Study and the preliminary budget will be reviewed by the committee and a determination on assessments necessary to have all the roofs done within the next two years.

3. Finance Committee, Chair Lucy Wagner

We've been working on the new 2024 budget. The committee has reviewed the initial budget and given their opinions. Currently, the Vision Community Manager is in the process of redoing the Common Area budget based on that input. We'll have it ready for board review by the week of the 18th of September.

4. Rules Committee, Chair Eric Toll

We are having a meeting on September 18 via zoom. We are focusing on writing rules for the new CC&R's approved last year.

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5. Architectural Committee, Chair Jackie Barnett

We're currently approving architectural applications electronically which has dramatically reduced this process. Landscaping guidelines have been updated in the Pointe Rules. You can access a copy on Wearevision.com.

Many decisions to be made this month! Please join us at any of the committee meetings and/or at our Board Meeting on September 28th at 5:00 PM. You can get time and access for these meetings on wearevision.com or through email blasts.

Have a great September! Dennece

Upcoming HOA Meetings

Courthouse Committee Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 3:00 PM

Rules Committee Zoom Meeting: Monday, Sept 18 at 3:00 PM

Common Area Committee Meeting: Friday, Sept 22 at 9:00 AM

HOA Monthly Meeting: Thursday, Sept 28 at 5:00 PM

For Zoom details for the meetings, please visit the [Vision website](#).

Call for Board Candidates!

SAVE THE DATE! We need candidates for the Board and its committees as part of this November's Board election. **There will be 6 director positions open for the election.** Please seriously consider running for the Board. The Annual Membership Meeting for the Association will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 7:00 PM. In order to be considered eligible to vote, owners must be current in all monies owed to the association by Sunday, October 31, 2023.

If you're interested in serving your community as a Director, please complete the Candidate Application that was mailed to homeowners, or fill out the [online application](#) by Friday, September 29, 2023.



Dreamy Draw Grand Re-Opening
Photo credit: Bonnie Sumida



Phoenix Trails to Close During Hot Days

The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board voted to expand the City's heat safety trail program that closes popular trails during the hottest days of the year. **The program will now be in effect all year long** (previously May through October). See more information [here](#).

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Meet Your Neighbors: Cal and Marsha Black

We moved to Arizona in 2008 when our first grandchild was born and we retired at this time. Our two daughters and families reside in Phoenix and we have four grandchildren-two girls and two boys. Prior to moving to Arizona we lived in California, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Mississippi and Wisconsin due primarily to transfers by the FBI.

We selected The Pointe as our son-in-law is an architect in Phoenix and recommended this location as a very desirable area to live. While growing up with dogs, we currently do not have a “pooch” but love walking in the mornings, greeting our neighbors and providing treats to all the wonderful four legged friends. The friendliness of neighbors, the beauty of the area and the convenience to amenities make this a very special neighborhood.

We both grew up in the Chicago area and Marsha graduated from the University of Illinois, Champaign, IL and Cal from Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN. We both taught school-Marsha an elementary teacher and Cal a high school English teacher and football and wrestling coach. In 1969, Cal entered the FBI as a Special Agent and served in the FBI from 1969-1983 in Jackson, San Francisco (and Oakland RA), FBIHQ and Indianapolis. Some responsibilities included Informant Coordinator, Applicant Coordinator, Special Agents Legal Defense Fund Representative, Physical Fitness Coordinator, Bank Robbery Coordinator, Senior SWAT Team Leader and Firearms and Defense Tactics Instructor.

Subsequent to Bureau service, Cal became Vice President and Director of Corporate Security for INB National Bank, Indianapolis. He was elected the first Chairman of the Crime Committee, City of Indianapolis in 1987. In 1988 he was elected President, Board of Police Commissioners, Crawfordsville, IN. He was a Certified Fraud Examiner, Certified Financial Services Security Professional, served on the Central Indiana Crime Stoppers Board of Directors, and as a Director of D.A.R.E. Indiana, Inc named Cal Civilian Commissioner of the SWAT venue for the 2001 World Police and Fire Games in Indianapolis. He was a member of the Central Indiana Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team.

Cal has been honored by the Indianapolis Police Department, the Marion County Sheriff’s Department, the Metropolitan Drug Task Force, the Indiana State Police and the Indianapolis Division of the FBI. He was very active in the Indiana Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice Chairman and Chairman. He helped organize both the national and regional Society conventions in 1993 and 1996 respectively. He served as Member-At-Large of the Society from 1991-1994. In 1994 he was elected to a two year term as North Central Regional Vice-President.



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In 2000, Cal was selected to serve a three year term as a Trustee of the Former Agents Foundation. Cal is a member of the FBI Agents Association and is a lifetime member of the J. Edgar Hoover Center for Law Enforcement. He is a member of both the Indianapolis and Phoenix chapters of the Society.

Wabash College alumni awards include: Wabash College Man of the Year (1987); Wabash College Class Agent of the Year(1992 and 2005); Alumni Award of Merit, the highest honor bestowed upon Wabash alumni (1996); elected to the Wabash College Board of Trustees(1997). In 2016, Cal served as co-chairman of the 50th reunion of the Class of 1966 at Wabash, and the class raised a total of \$8 million for their 50th reunion gift which set an all time record at Wabash. A lounge in the Allen Athletic Center was named in honor of Cal at the 50th reunion celebration.

In 1996, Cal was chairman of the Sesquicentennial Celebration of Beta Theta Pi at Wabash College. From 2007-2010, he served as a member of the Beta Theta Pi Foundation National Board of Directors, Oxford, OH. In 2014, Cal became the first inductee into the Beta Theta Pi Hall of Fame at Wabash College.

While all of this was going on, Marsha raised their two daughters while working full-time as an elementary school teacher. Being adaptable, she was called on to teach several different grade levels and led the Elementary School Improvement Plan for her school corporation. Now Marsha enjoys volunteering at her grandchildren's schools in Phoenix.

The majority of our time is spent in Phoenix; however, we maintain a home in Indiana and reside there from August to November. While there we continue the morning walks, working out at the Wabash College Fitness Center and attending college sporting events at both the University of Illinois and Wabash College.

Leisure time is spent with family, working out, hiking and swimming. Grandchildren's events are the top priority for us while in Phoenix. We are grateful to have found The Pointe and all of the wonderful people who reside here.



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Rules Committee Update

The PCA Rules and CC&R committee is meeting via Zoom on Monday, September 18, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please email chair Eric Jay Toll at Eric@EricJayToll.com for a link to the video conference.

The Committee will review the rules that must be updated to match the changes in the CC&Rs passed by community owners in 2021. While the Committee may discuss the rules, the purpose is to divide the task of writing new rules between the three committee members to be drafted for a return to the committee in October and November.

The Committee is also considering rules related to accommodations, exceptions and variances to rules. Over time, owners have asked for rule interpretation to be relaxed or varied from standards. These requests have been addressed on a case-by-case basis. Such an approach can result in inconsistent decision-making. The Committee is preparing a set of standards that must be determined before any such request can be approved. The initial draft standards, which the Architecture Committee is reviewing for comment, mirror Arizona's land use laws associated with city variance considerations.

The Committee is interested in community input and welcomes up to three more people who want to participate in the work to update and revise rules for the entire board's consideration. Contact the Chair if you are interested.

Finance Committee Update

- Continues to work with Vision on the 2024 Budget with input from the committee and board members. We expect to have it ready for board review by September 18th.
- The Budget & Reserve Study will be used by the Courthome Committee to address the roof repair/replacement issues.
- Water leaks continue to be of concern and are being addressed by the Michael Daly / Dan Reidel team.

Courthome Committee Update

The Courthome Committee is busy working on a plan to present to all homeowners on how the roofs will be repaired/replaced over the coming two years. There also needs to be a plan on how our roofs will be maintained and cared for going forward. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please let Vision know so you can be included in meetings going forward.

Bulk Trash Pickup

It's time to "fall" for clearing out stuff. The Pointe Community Bulk Trash Pickup is coming! **Mark October 27 as the starting date for the Pointe Community Bulk Trash Pickup.** Anything you want to clear out, the PCA will pick up. Old furniture, appliances, construction materials, that stuff you've been trying to hide in the trash that won't get picked up, vegetation clippings...it's all going, going, gone!

As neatly as possible, place materials at the curb in front of your unit beginning October 26th but not before that date. Separate hazardous materials from other materials. Do not mix the two or your trash cannot be picked up. Please make sure all tree branches or plants are bundled together and the bundles are not too large. Make a second neatly organized pile for hazardous materials. If you're not sure if something is hazardous, put it with the hazmat. Please keep piles to roughly the size of a SUV, and do not block the street. More information is coming your way.

You can recycle electronic products and other items through [Keep Phoenix Beautiful](#).



Community Management Corner

MAINTENANCE REMINDERS

- **AC Maintenance:** Owners please remember the importance of changing the filter and having a yearly checkup.
- **Water Heater Maintenance:** Make sure to check this on a regular basis for leaks, stains, corrosion or rust spots. When changing your water heater, add a drip tray with a discharge liner and change the pressure tank.
- **Water Lines:** Remember to check lines to toilets, sinks, the dishwasher and refrigerators. If old plastic tubes and piping are still in use, replace with a new braided line.
- **Water Leaks:** Check faucet sinks, the toilet flapper and bath faucet – even a small drip could be thousands of gallons per month.
- **Garbage Disposal:** Be sure to use this on a regular basis to ensure it does not get stuck in one position.
- **Fire Sprinklers:** Inspect for leaks or stains when checking smoke detectors.
- **Smoke Detectors:** Check function, replace batteries and replace detector if over 10 years old.



Roadrunner, Meep Meep!
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For larger groups of 10 or more contact the Sales & Catering Dept. at 602-906-3874

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Community Reminders

Trash pick-up: Monday and Thursday early in the morning. Do not place your trash at the curb of the building you reside in until at least 6:00pm the night before. **No bulk items** such as mattresses, damaged patio furniture, etc., are allowed to be placed out as trash.

Bulk pick-up can be arranged by individual owners, at owner's expense, directly with Family Pride Sanitation (602-740-3543).

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. **Please be considerate and do not to leave your dog outside–daytime or evening–if he/she is continually barking.**

Pool area: No smoking, glass or pets in the pool area. Food and drink are to be consumed at the designated tables NOT inside the pool. 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, pointecommunity@wearevision.com.

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