

# Consolidated Co-op News

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Now that we're into January, it's time to think of nominations for Board Representatives and the Annual Meeting coming up in March.

It can't be stressed enough that we need enthusiastic but caring, KNOWLEDGEABLE persons nominated and elected. At one time the suggestion was made that only professional people fill the appropriate offices – but this is impractical, since busy professionals often won't give more hours to this volunteer position. Which leaves retired people available, if they would give a little of their professional skills toward making this the greatest place to live, and best bargain to boot!

However, an inexperienced Board can get the Corporation into trouble . . .

What do YOU think?

So, Please, select your nominees carefully . . .

They should be residents at least a year here, cognizant of the Policies and By-Laws (although newcomers often have enthusiasm and great new ideas to share), be a member in good standing (paid up accounting-wise), allowing a background check (per our auditors' recommendations), and committed to staying in touch with Board and Management and their complex Members via phone or e-mail, or speaker-phone at meetings.

The January Board meeting (probably January 23<sup>rd</sup>) will discuss if "snowbirds" be allowed to run for the Board, since governing State Statutes allow "presence" via speaker-phone. We have done so on occasion.

The President will be presenting a year-end report on the State of the Co-OP.

A big thanks goes out to our festive elves that installed – and removed – the holiday lights by the Office – Barbara Roberts, Lee Tate, Kelly Gibson, Henry Geist, and a few other "part-time" assistants . . .

Several townhouses and apartments showed decorations, but fewer than the last few years.

The 2014 Budget was approved by the Board, and is available on request at the Office.

Reminder that your \$25. Parking charge is due in January – automatically added on to your Unit account. You need to pay it, even if you sell the space for the year, because the space "belongs" to the Unit, not the Member. The Office has the new stickers for 2014.

Lockers –

Please, Members, if you are one of the dozen with two (or more) lockers, start consolidating your belongings and give up the extra to waiting-list residents. You are in

violation of policies. (Yes, I know you were given these extras when we had vacancies, but that was THEN and this is NOW!)

Lawns –

The grass is green on much of the property, but there are still some brown spots. In a month or so the Bermuda grass should be filling in the bare spots or Buildings and Grounds can get a work party going . . .

The xeriscape on the north side of Edgewood (first phase) is almost done – it looks like some more work may be planned in that area . . .

I have a war going on with dandelions in my front lawn . . . and we need to get warriors doing battle with the nut grass – it is not so obvious when the grass is thriving, but if you know what to look for, there are lots to be eliminated!!

Bird Alert !!

It seems that the G pool area is under attack from a flock of birds – pigeons? – who have been attracted to bird feeders and not only nest overnight on the courtyard bushes but are pooping everywhere – on tables and chairs and all along the north pool fence. It is unsanitary, to say the least – but it's going to take a good scrub to clean up the fence! Bird feeders, except humming bird feeders, are against the rules (see Pet Policy).

Please, Snowbirds, consider adding your name to the roster of volunteers willing to participate in a Membership Meeting to quiz/welcome prospective members. If the list is long, then each volunteer will only be called on in rotation, infrequently, and the effort will only be as demanding as once or twice a year

Does any Member have any old, OLD newsletters? I have a file that goes way back, but is incomplete, and I would welcome your contributions. . .

Stroke Warning –

Doctors say any bystander can recognize strokes by asking three simple questions –

- ask the individual to smile
- ask him/her to raise both arms
- ask the person to speak a simple sentence.

If he/she has trouble with any one of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

The Office phone number is 480-947-3941.

In an emergency, call the Office number and you will be given the Maintenance “On-Call” phone number for whichever staff member is covering after-hours problems.

Also remember that a “Lock-Out” call is \$25 flat fee. Save yourself this expense by leaving an extra key with a friend or neighbor. Of course, the Office **MUST** have an up-to-date key in its possession for emergency entrance.

Give Bianca your e-mail address for the growing list at the Office now.

Send a message to: [consolidatedscottsdale@gmail.com](mailto:consolidatedscottsdale@gmail.com)

Would anyone like to guest-edit the February newsletter? Please let me know ASAP.  
Cheers, Mary McPherson (E-13).