

PARK PLAZAS NEWS

Community Garden - July 3, 2015

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From the President

Let's talk about Association governance--

Election of Officers and Appointment of Committees

The Board held its 2023-2024 organizational meeting Wednesday, April 26th. At that meeting it was the Board's responsibility to elect officers and appoint Committees. In this *News*, you'll find a list of the officers, the Committees, their Chairs, and their members elected or appointed.

As I have said repeatedly, these folks (other than our Community Manager) are unpaid volunteers. Each takes significant amounts of time away from their own life, family and other interests to look out for all of *our* interests. So, when the occasion permits, thank them! They are the life blood of our community.

Encouraging Member Engagement with the Board

"Governance" includes engaging as many members as possible in the Association's life. To that end, given the pandemic, that many members travel a lot, and some can't get out in the evening, the Board is providing alternative means for members to speak up about, participate in and observe its activities to "in-person" presence.

The Board meets the 4th Wednesday of each month. Effective immediately, any member who wants to provide input to the Board but is unable to do so in person may do so in writing, delivered to our Community Manager via email at communitymanager@parkplazas.org or by dropping off at the office no later than Tuesday before the meeting. That input will be read at the meeting and retained with the minutes.

Additionally, any member who wants to observe

a meeting, whether or not he or she wants to provide input via the "community input" segments at the beginning and end of each meeting, but, again, is unable to do so in person may participate remotely provided he or she asks our Community Manager to make appropriate arrangements by Tuesday before the meeting. While we need to work out the best way in which to provide that means of participation – whether via a telephone conference line or a virtual meeting service such as Webex or Zoom – we will resolve that question before the May 24th meeting.

The reasons we have set a "deadline" of notifying our Community Manager no later than on Tuesday before a Wednesday meeting are two-fold. First, the Board packet for each meeting containing the agenda, the Manager's report, the current financial statements for the Association, and various Committee reports is posted at parkplazas.org on Monday before each meeting. Thus, anyone reviewing the packet and prompted to provide input in either means described above can notify our Community Manager on Tuesday. Second, our Community Manager needs adequate time to distribute written input to the Board and/or make remote access arrangements and communicate them to those who have asked for them.

Looking Back In Time

Finally, we are extremely fortunate to have Elena Perez-Lizano as one of our residents and volunteers, though not formally on a Committee. Elena, who is an archivist for the State of New Mexico, has worked tirelessly and "under the radar" for many, many months helping us deal

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with some 100 banker's boxes of historical Association materials. Among other accomplishments, she has now digitized all Association newsletters from 1976 to 2020 and organized and placed in binders substantially all available Board and Annual Meeting minutes and related reports. The result is a valuable trove of information about the history and evolution of our community. If anyone would like access to these materials, please let either Cathy Kosak, our Office Manager, know at officemanager@parkplazas.org or our Community Manager know at the email address above.

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As always, questions? Comments? Concerns? Speak up!

Let me know at president@parkplazas.org.

Enjoy spring. *Tom Carr*, President

From the Manager

Some of the Highlights

- Installation of our new cul-de-sac signs is nearly complete. Once finished, our Grounds Crew will add the finishing landscape touches to the adjacent areas.
- Cul-de-sac surfaces in Puesta del Sol and part of Tulipan were resurfaced in April. Asphalt maintenance costs represent approximately 75% of our infrastructure funding responsibility. The damage shown at the far right is mostly the result of the massive weight of the trash and recycling trucks.
- The Landscape Committee is looking forward to working with our irrigation contractor to begin the pilot project to upgrade our irrigation system and more effectively water our plants and trees.



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Officer and Committees Roster 2023-2024

OFFICERS

President	Tom Carr	Vice President	Laurie Glaze
Treasurer	Chris Bartsch	Secretary	J.D. Bullington

COMMITTEES

Architectural Control

Chair	Bruce Bender
Vice Chair	Richard White
Members	Richard Becker
	Susan Feiner
	Bob Jacob
	Nancy Lane
	Dick Lueck
	Jane Steinberg

Communications

Chair	Laurie Glaze
Members	Tom Carr
	Richard White

Community Garden

Chair	Wayne Darnell
Members	Marcus Garcia
	Steve Harvath

Dog Park

Chair	Susan Swoboda
Members	Mike Koepke
	Meredith Holden
	Ann Warren

Finance

Chair	Richard White
Members	Chris Bartsch
	Tom Carr
	Laurie Glaze

Landscape

Chair	Nora Haskins
Members	Irene Epp
	Bill Glaze
	Art Ireland
	Marianne Murray
	Elaine Pinar
	Jonni Poole
	Matt Rieland

Mediation

Chair	Tom Carr
Member	Richard White

Tennis / Pickleball

Chair	John Blakey
Members	David Brenner
	Kim King
	Barbara Christiano

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Update on Fruit Tree Pruning

Kelsey Pazera of With a Tree and her crew finished pruning common area fruit trees at the end of last month. Kelsey reported pruning approximately 300 trees with the main goal of health, focusing on pruning dead, damaged and diseased wood and opening up the canopies for better air flow and light penetration. We're very excited to have this important work completed and look forward to seeing the results.

Kelsey reported that most of the trees are apricot, plums, and apples. There were some ornamental pears, a few peaches and nectarines and just a few cherry trees.

We're also exploring with Kelsey ways to provide residents with an opportunity to have fruit trees on private property pruned next year with discounted pricing and are seeking her help with respect to deep watering of the trees, mulching and periodic pruning.

Parking in the Common Area

Simply stated, our governing documents provide that residents park their cars in their garages. If they cannot do that, there are situations detailed in the parking policy that allow for granting a variance and issuing a permit. The Parking Variance Application can be found at parkplazas.org under Application Forms.

To encourage voluntary compliance, approximately 108 parking notices were placed recently on all vehicles parked in the Common Area without a displayed permit. Many thanks to those who began the process of applying for a parking variance.

The Community Manager will repeat the process a few more times over the next 30 days so that vehicle owners have an opportunity to voluntarily come into compliance. After that, the Board will reassess the situation and consider next steps for enforcement.

May Dates

- May 5th - National Day of Reason
- May 9th - National Women's Check-up Day
- May 15th - International Day of Families
- May 25th - National Wine Day
- May 29th - Memorial Day

May Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 24th
6:30 PM

~ in-person, Manager's Office ~
Community input is invited
at the beginning and end of the meeting.

Download the Board Packet 2 days before meeting:
www.ParkPlazas.org

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