

March 2021

# PARK PLAZAS NEWS

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## From the President

The transition to WestGate management is proceeding well. There were glitches with the statements generated for February that hopefully were ironed out for the March statements. The first Coffee Talk was well-attended, participatory and fun. Talks will be held for about an hour at 9:30 on the 3rd Saturday morning of each month, with registration possible the day beforehand at [parkplazas.org](http://parkplazas.org), and I encourage everyone to attend.

Work has begun under the direction of the Landscape Committee on fire mitigation activities along the residential perimeter of our community. You will see chipping and other equipment on some of the pathways. Please exercise caution when you are walking in those areas (see map on the reverse page which highlights impacted trails). This is important work for the benefit of all residents. I thank the entire Committee for this effort, with particular thanks to **Art Ireland** and **Nora Haskins**.

Many will recall that in the fall **Mary Needham** oversaw a community-wide drive to collect brown paper shopping bags to donate to The Food Depot with the remarkable result of 5 carloads contributed by Park Plaza residents! A new drive is planned for March 18 (Plaza Blanca addresses) and March 31 (all other addresses), 8am-noon at the parking lot between Cisne and Cordero (across from Paloma). More details will be provided via email.

*Tom Carr*, President

## Garden Beds Available

The Community Garden is gearing up!

If you have not already claimed a bed, please contact:

Wayne Darnell - [wayne\\_darnell@comcast.net](mailto:wayne_darnell@comcast.net)  
or Marcus Garcia - [marc\\_j\\_g@msn.com](mailto:marc_j_g@msn.com)

## Board Notes

- ▶ **Bruce Bender** was elected by the Board to serve as Vice President until this year's Annual Meeting.
- ▶ **Beth Brock**, Chair of the Dog Park Committee, was appointed as a director to complete Judy Boyd's term which ends in 2022. We welcome Beth enthusiastically, as she has been a committed volunteer and under her direction there have been significant improvements in the Dog Park.
- ▶ The Nominating Committee reported to the Board that it received expressions of interest from two candidates for the upcoming annual elections – **Chris Bartsch** and **Tom Carr**. There are two terms ending this year and the committee endorsed both Chris and Tom to stand for election to serve for 3-year terms (see short bios on the reverse page).
- ▶ This year's Annual Meeting will take place on March 24th, 6:30pm, and will be conducted virtually in the same manner as last year. The regular monthly meeting for March will immediately follow. Notices of the Meeting, proxy forms to cast votes and a short biographical statement from each candidate will be mailed to all owners early in March. The Board encourages all owners to return their proxies. Last year, some 210 owners, or nearly half, did so, which is remarkable for a homeowners' association. A link to participate in the Meeting virtually will be posted on [parkplazas.org](http://parkplazas.org) in advance.
- ▶ Immediately following the Annual Meeting, the Board, including newly elected members, will hold an organizational meeting to elect officers and appoint committees to serve until the March 2022 Annual Meeting. This is a change from previous years in which the March meeting occurred prior to the Annual Meeting and the organizational meeting occurred in April.

## PP News Goes Digital Next Month

Reminder: if you do not have an email address or access to the internet, please call the PP office at 505-471-8809, provide your name and address, and we'll mail a copy of the newsletter to you.

# Annual Meeting & Board Election

Wednesday, March 24 6:30 PM

March Board Meeting will immediately follow.  
via Webex

Details posted by 3/15 at [www.parkplazas.org](http://www.parkplazas.org)

## Board Candidates

**Chris Bartsch** - Chris is a transplant to the land of Enchantment from Arkansas and works as a nurse for a health clinic system here. For Chris, one of the best things about living in Santa Fe, and Park Plazas, is all of the opportunities to enjoy being outside including the spectacular sunsets. Chris and his partner have two senior pups and can be seen out for walks on the PP trails. Chris will bring an open mind and strong work ethic to the PPCSA Board.

**Tom Carr** - In July 2020, Tom was appointed to the PPCSA Board and in September succeeded Diane Graves as President. Tom has 6 years' prior experience on the Board and served for about 10 years on the Architectural Control Committee. Given his endorsement of the decision to shift management to WestGate, Tom feels a responsibility to continue to serve on the Board through the transition as well as address other significant issues facing our community in the years ahead.

## Manager's Report

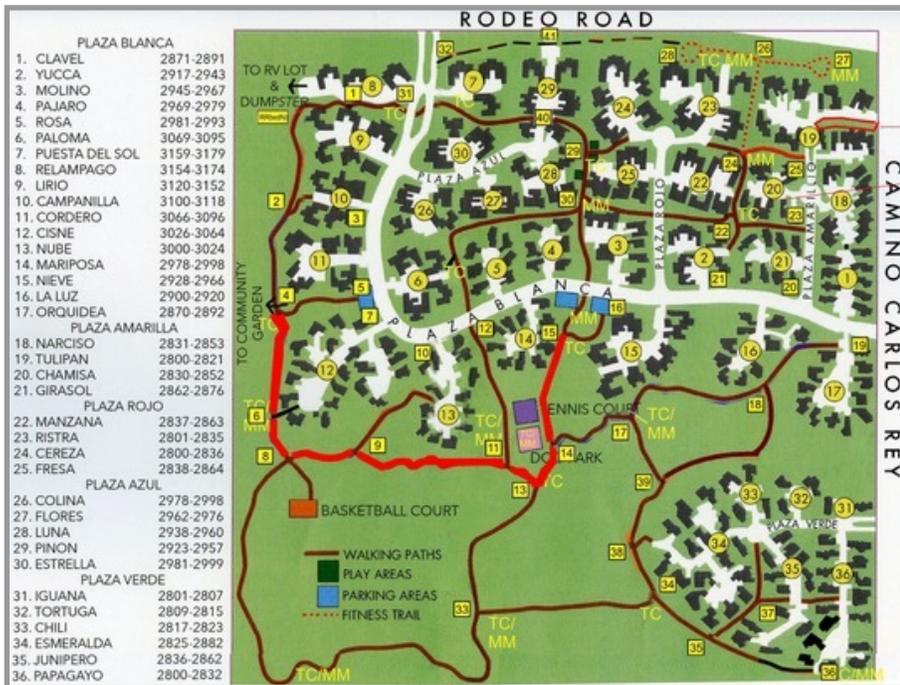
ACH sign-ups and Owner Information sheet returns have topped 250 returned forms, taking our registered email database to over 380 emails allowing for broadcast email alerts to reach the majority of residents. These alerts inform residents about everything from severe weather warnings to mailbox break-ins.

If you do not have access to email, please be aware that mailbox break-ins have occurred and take precautions to protect your mail and your identity. If you did not receive the email, please let us know at [info@westgatepm.com](mailto:info@westgatepm.com).

WestGate's participation at the

monthly Committee Chair meetings continues to facilitate good communication and to help streamline existing processes. The ACC online module is now live at [www.parkplazas.org](http://www.parkplazas.org). The plan is to create similar modules for each committee so that forms can be completed and submitted online.

There is an increasing volume of homeowner requests pertaining to landscaping, repairs, common area amenities and ACC applications for improvements. WestGate is assisting the Board in reviewing such requests to ensure consistent compliance with our governing documents.



**Tree Trimming** - The red line on the PP cul-de-sac map, above, outlines where tree trimming will take place beginning in early March — starting north of the gazebo, east along the perimeter path and south of the dog park continuing to the tunnel, where earlier trimming has taken place.

The work is expected to take approximately one week. Homeowners and walkers should be aware of workers and work vehicles.

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