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Mayors Corner

Here we go the last issue this year. Time has gone really fast. We have enjoyed a multitude of great activities, some on the street and some at local enterprises.

The street auction went very well although it was raining cats and dogs we were very successful and I think had a very good time. I wish to take this opportunity to give special thanks to Chuck Borchert for serving as our great auctioneer and also many thanks to him for his other multiple contributions. The Rhythm Cats were really good and he worked very hard to get all of that arranged.

Thanks must also go to Wayne Hugg for taking care of the Arizona Opry arrangements again this year. It was a great night out for all. Special thanks must go to Beverly Davidson and Nancy Latter for all their efforts in making the Pizza party a great success. We must also thank Dorothy Lott and all her Canadian helpers for a splendid Banana Split party. It was very well done and enjoyed by all. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my partner in crime Bill Tallyn for all that he does on this street, tables, setup for activities, 50/50 and other things that are too numerous to mention. Last but certainly not the least are all of the people here on North 8th street. You are great. We must also say goodbye to Rod and Deanie Bergen as they have sold their Park Model and will not be returning in the Fall. Good bye old friends and do come back

and see us sometime.

We have one great activity to go. The Final Potluck of the year on March 21 at 4:00 pm on the street between 884 and 887. Bring your specialty dish and come enjoy our friends for one last time before we all head back to our summer homes. As usual we will be looking forward to seeing all of you again this coming fall.

Calendar Of Events

March 21, 2018 - **Final potluck** of the 2017-2018 season. The time is 4pm, site #884/887.

April 1, 2018 - **Easter Celebration & dinner.** Details to follow.

April 5, 2018 - Final book club meeting, 4pm at Joan Oldre's, site # 864. Bring your library book for the discussion. **Note the time change for this month only.**

Long Term Care Insurance: Assisted Living Part three Jean Streppa

This article will serve as the last in a series of three updates on long term care options, cost and protections of which consumers need to be aware. The focus is on assisted living level of care.

It is important to note that assisted living is a level of care that, at this writing, is least

protected in terms of regulations, yet, remains a huge part of the growth industry. The most frequently cited problems, at this juncture, seem to be: a shortage of staffers; a clearly defined level of care classification combined with tying the assisted living services offered with the classifications offered; a specific set of staff and training standards per level of care requirements including qualified, licensed medical staff to monitor same; the latter should include special requirements for specialized residents with high level of care needs (ie: dementia residents come to mind); a comprehensive, basic **Bill of Rights** should be in place in order to ensure residents can make everyday decisions (receive visitors, refuse treatment, access and control their own money, etc.); allowable reasons should be established for evicting residents; clear regulations should be established requiring levels of care that are tied to resident levels of functioning; and lastly, create a system that allows consumers to compare costs, services and features across facilities including disciplinary actions and facility inspections. Yes – the industry is new and evolving and the above information/needs reflect protections that consumers need.

Lastly, if you or your loved one is asked to sign an agreement upon admission/moving in, **don't be in a hurry to sign**. Consider asking an elder-law-attorney to review first. Your recourse is limited once you sign, thus your need to be aware of **all** the terms before doing so. Be certain you understand who is the responsible party; if signing on behalf of a

family member who pays the bills, be sure you are not financially liable unintentionally. Instead identify yourself as an agent. If you have power of attorney, identify yourself as “attorney in fact” after your signature. Be sure you understand the cost of service (ie: a tier of charges per each level of care vs. a comprehensive fee for room, board and care); be certain you understand the terms of discharge; ask for those terms to be limited to specific reasons vs vague language such as “can no longer meet your needs”, etc. ; instead ask for terms of discharge to be limited to care needs the facility is not licensed to provide, or nonpayment, etc.; lastly beware of any arbitration provision in the contract whereby disagreements can be settled by a third party and not in court. Write in “refused” and cross out the area requiring “forced arbitration” before signing. Make sure you receive a complete copy of the contract thus protecting your rights as well as those of your loved one.

Inform. for this article from [Consumer Reports](#), October 2017, pgs 34-35.

Street Representative Meeting March 12, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Mary Ellen Parrott at 10:00 AM
Board members present: Mary Ellen Parrott, Linda Searles, Joyce Young, Larry Malone, Harlan Weeden, Gary Fisher
Roll call: Streets without representation:
1 South, 3 North, 3 south, 4 central, 4 north, 8 central, 8 south, 9 north, 10 central, 10 north, 11 central, 12 central, 14 north, 15 south, 16 central, 16 north, 18 central, 18 south, 19 north,

Announcements: Pop can tabs are collected at site 535 for Ronald McDonald House

All residents are encouraged to sign up for the blog. It is a great vehicle for news

Election of Officers:

Mary Ellen Parrott as Chair: Moved by Gwen and seconded by Bea to re-elect.

Elected by voice acclamation.

Larry Malone: member at large- moved by Mary Ellen and seconded by dee to close nominations. Moved by Opal and seconded by Gene to re-elect. Elected by voice acclamation.

Harlan Weeden- member at large- moved by Brian and seconded by Lou that nominations be closed. Moved by Brian and seconded by Bea that Harlan be re-elected. Elected by voice acclamation.

Concerns- West End Parking. There is no change in the policy

Fitness Center- Working with Direct TV to close the setting selection on the remotes or to have remotes that only change volume and station. Setting get changed by people and then the next person cannot use the remote.

Paul Mayo- Streets 1-12 have been inspected and letters are being prepped to go out. You will only get a letter if there are issues to be resolved. The big issue is that some people that have been cited for a violation just ignore it. Most people take corrective action. A concern was raised about the time lapse between inspection and notification.

Policy concerning tents mainly pertains to RV sites but needs to be followed. The policy is spelled out and is handed out. It is as follows: Size is 10 X 10 or Smaller. Screen (see through) side flaps ONLY- No

solid side flaps; Must be anchored in ground- NOT into the cement pad; Only allowed while the site is occupied; Owner of canopy accepts liability for any damages caused if the canopy blows onto a neighboring site.

Gloria: by next year the corrections on sites must be done. It was planned that these corrections would take place over a period of time.

Credit Card usage: all Cal-Am resorts have been given the green light to use credit cards for: Annual rent, utilities, short-term reservations. Cards allowed: Visa, discover, master card and American express. There is a fee assessed by the bank card but not by Cal-Am. The fee is not a profit structure for Cal Am. Daily, weekly and reservation deposits will not have the fee assessed.

Sheds- good progress has been made on the clean up. Limited use by streets is possible and will need to be approved by the office. The sheds are located on the North end of 3rd street.

Street Cleaners- Maintenance has been done on the equipment and it has been operating

Pools- We have hired a new person to do the pool work. He is becoming familiar with the equipment and the usage here at Mesa regal. A big issue is people not showering to rinse off sunscreen, etc. before entering the pool.

Street lights- as replacement and repair are needed, the park is replacing lights with LED lights. This will improve performance and longevity.

Catering in Regal Hall- Michelle- the liquor license for the patio extends into Regal hall. Thus outside food is not allowed to be brought in by another

catering company. Special dispensation can be done on a daily basis for groups of 100 or more. Reservations must be made in advance in order for the license to be lifted. Pot lucks are still okay. If an outside caterer is used, a \$500 deposit must be made.

West End Gazebo- It is too late to order a new cover for this season. A large umbrella will be used as a substitute now.

Name Badges- Name badges help with addressing issues of people from outside the park entering to use facilities here. If someone is present from outside report it to the office. They may be escorted off the property. Guests are accepted but need to be registered in the office and given a temporary name badge. There is no fee to register a guest. A question was asked about AirBnB. Gloria responded that they are waiting for a policy from corporate on how to deal with this legally. One aspect is that renters have to fit the guidelines of the park i.e. 55+ park. An example was cited about a place that was apparently rented and that had numerous people still partying at midnight.

Children in the pool- Must be 100% supervised. During spring break there is

some leniency regarding pools and children due to the visitation of grandchildren, etc.

Issues such as these are covered in the policy book but some people simply refuse to abide by the policies.

Fees for both RV sites and park model will be going up. Mesa Regal is attempting to get new fee structures to RV people before they leave.

Approval of minutes: Harlan moved to approve and seconded by Iola- approved
Old Business: Question about correction of January minutes. Mary Ellen said that the correction was noted in the February minutes.

New Business: None

Next meeting is set for Nov. 12, 2018

Adjournment: Opal moved to adjourn, seconded by sue. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

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