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Have you ever asked yourself how your community operates? How things get done in the Ranch. Who's making sure that your neighbor isn't painting their house purple? Who's overseeing the landscaping? Who's deciding how we communicate with the residents? Who's watching over the financial world that affects us. Who's planning the parties and garage sales? Who's keeping an eye on safety and security within the Ranch? Who's keeping up to date on the legislation that affects the Ranch?

Green Valley Ranch is a twenty year old, 1,310 acre master-planned community. The community is comprised of a carefully planned mix of land with 775 acres of residential neighborhoods, 310 acres of retail, office, medical facilities, and a planned resort gaming hotel. The community also enjoys more than 200 acres of land used for community amenities such as parks, schools, recreational centers, open space areas, pedestrian and bike paths, and houses of worship. In other words, the Green Valley Ranch Community Association (GVRCA) is a very large planned community.

The GVRCA Board is made up of seven elected board members. They are tasked with operating the organization known as the Green Valley Ranch Community Association. As you can imagine, this is no small task. In order to accomplish this task the Board relies on a professional property management company, Terra West Management Services (Terra West), to see to the day-to-day business responsibilities.

In addition to Terra West, the Board members work throughout the month dealing with various issues relating to and affecting the Ranch and its residents. In order to manage this responsibility the Board has created a number of areas that are overseen by board-member liaisons. Some of the liaisons are assisted by committees related to their areas of responsibility. The board members and committee members are volunteers that are willing and able to give their time to GVRCA.

So where do you come in? You are the eyes and ears of the community. This is your home and you want to live in a safe, beautiful community. If you are willing and able, we encourage you to volunteer your time, energy, and talents and run for the board or volunteer for one of the various committees. But if that isn't your "thing" for whatever reason, we would ask you to share your input.

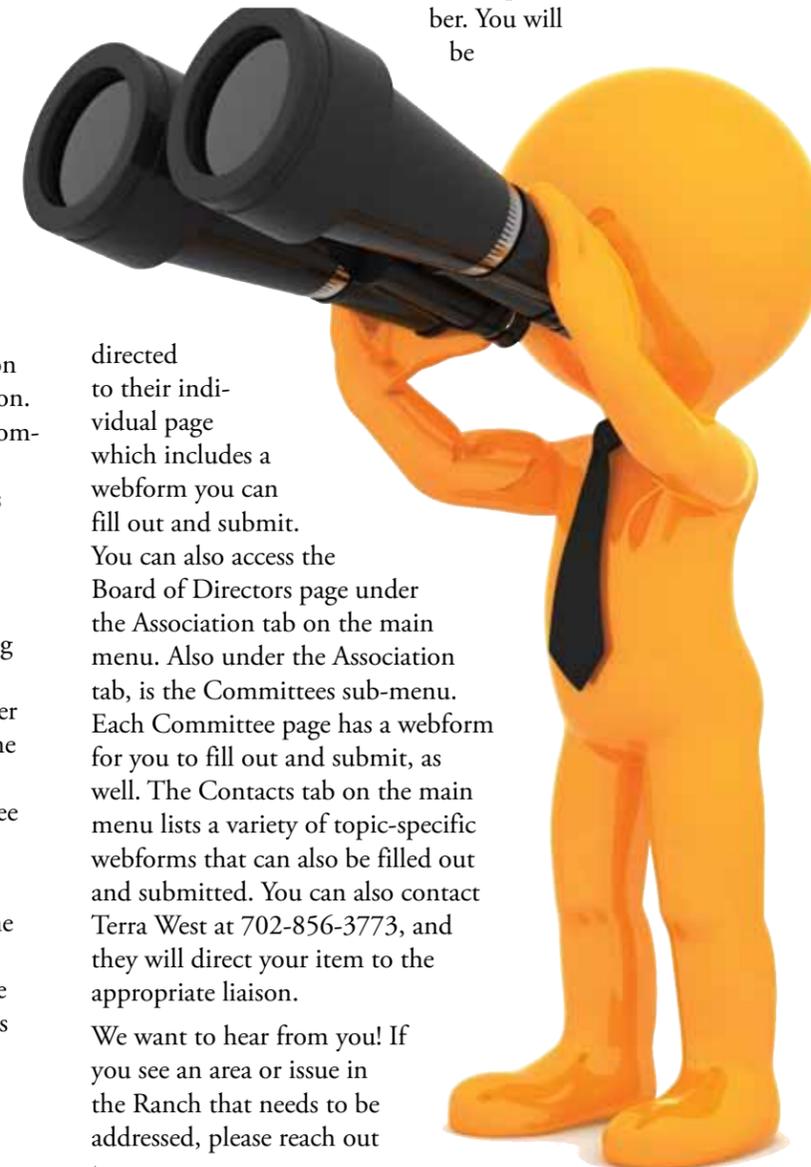
If you have questions, comments or concerns, we have a liaison for that! Every year the Board assigns members to

the following liaison positions – Architectural, Electronic Communications, Finance, Government Relations, Landscape, Safety & Security, and Social/Recreation. Our current liaisons are Paul Rowcliffe, Phil Brody, Rick Schmalz, David Sánchez, Lisa de Marigny, Rick Schmalz, and Jocelyn Holzwarth, respectively.

There are a number of different ways you can communicate with the liaisons via our website at www.greenvalleyranch.org. You can click on the Board of Directors quick link located on the left side of most of the webpages, then click on a specific board member. You will be

directed to their individual page which includes a webform you can fill out and submit. You can also access the Board of Directors page under the Association tab on the main menu. Also under the Association tab, is the Committees sub-menu. Each Committee page has a webform for you to fill out and submit, as well. The Contacts tab on the main menu lists a variety of topic-specific webforms that can also be filled out and submitted. You can also contact Terra West at 702-856-3773, and they will direct your item to the appropriate liaison.

We want to hear from you! If you see an area or issue in the Ranch that needs to be addressed, please reach out to us.



Manager's Corner

Community Improvements

By Kristin Fyler, Supervising Community Manager, CMCA®, AMS®, PCAM®

As with many resident of Nevada, I too live within a Homeowners Association. I have served on my board, and I am a Supervising Community Manager with in our state. Hence, everything I have done for my communities for the last 14 years has been done from the point of view of a homeowner, a board member and a community manager.

I would like each one of you to take a look at the new park equipment at Friendship Park (on Mountain Ridge) and at Summit Ridge Lane Park (at the end of Palomino Village), these are two parks that the park equipment and playground covering was completely demoed and rebuilt from the ground up. While you are at the Friendship Park, please take a look at the trail between Stag's Leap and Richmond Heights/Terrace, and you will see path lighting for the first time in 20 years. At the northwest and southwest corner of Wingbrook, your Board of Directors has had two different vendors do upgrades to the existing landscape lighting to see the difference and test each system for compatibility with our irrigation before improving the remaining corners. This test, which will last for a minimum of one year, will help determine which system the Board may use in the future.

2015 looks to be a busy year, but I believe that the overall results will be positive and rewarding for the community, its residents and your Board of Directors. You will see wall repairs and painting happening from Green Valley Parkway to Carnegie, so if you have any trees that are not 5' from the walls, please start working on relocating /removing the trees or installing root barriers against the walls as the Association will be doing the same on their side. At the same time the Association will be doing a lot of repair, replacement and painting of wrought iron fences. If you have a wrought iron fence at the back of your property, you will be receiving notification from management ahead of time so you can remove any screening or planting that is against the wrought iron fence.



FAQs

ARC Approval, Birthdays in the Park & the Henderson Multigen Facilities

By Kristin Fyler, Supervising Community Manager, CMCA®, AMS®, PCAM®

I am submitting an Architectural Application for some landscape improvements and am curious when the meetings are and when the deadline is to submit an application for processing. Anything you can tell me would be appreciated.

If you live within a gated sub-association, you must first contact your Community Manager for that sub-association and follow their Architectural Review process and procedures. Once your application has been approved by your sub-association, you may then submit to the Master association the Green Valley Ranch Architectural Application along with a copy of the approval letter you are given by the sub-association.

The Green Valley Ranch Architectural Review Committee meets on the second and fourth Friday of every month with the exception of December. Applications must be received the prior Thursday by 1 p.m. to be included on the Agenda for review by the Architectural Review Committee meeting the following Friday.

Please remember an Architectural Application submittal must be approved by the Green Valley Ranch Community Association Architectural Review Committee prior to the commencement of any exterior changes to your home or landscape. If you are currently working on a project without approval, please cease this work until approval is received.

My daughter's birthday is coming up soon. I would like to plan a birthday party in one of our community parks. Do I need to make reservations for the day and time? Do I need permission to rent one of those inflatable bouncers?

The Green Valley Ranch Community Association has parks, many with playground equipment, BBQ facilities and picnic areas, perfect for family get-togethers and birthday parties.

Per the Park Rules and Regulations, Section 2.8 *Inflatable play bouncers or similar play equipment may not be brought into the Community Parks without written permission from the Association. Any such permission shall only be granted upon the condition that the Member obtaining such permission defend and indemnify the Association for any claims of*

damages or losses, both personal and property, made against the Association as a result of such play equipment.'

Section 2.9 states *'The Community Parks are available to use for birthday parties and other similar celebrations. Reservations are neither required nor accepted. Consequently, the use of the Community Parks for such purposes is limited to a "first come, first serve" basis.'*

Is the use of the City of Henderson Multigenerational Center included in the assessments I pay?

No. However, Green Valley Ranch Community Association should be proud to have this wonderful arena right in the middle of their community. This wonderful facility offers a wide variety of amenities. Researching the City of Henderson website they have to offer a large facility that includes indoor and outdoor pools and a center that offers a large number of recreational events to the community. Some of their most notable features include:

- Adult lounge with reading area and kitchenette
- Art gallery
- Dance room aerobics/fitness room
- Fitness center
- Game room
- Indoor cycling area
- Kids Corner
- Multi-sport area
- Suspended walking/jogging track
- Teaching kitchen

For more information on the Henderson Multigenerational Center including their hours, please visit the City of Henderson website, <http://www.cityofhenderson.com> and click on Parks and Recreation.

Should you have questions that you would like to see answered in the newsletter, please visit the Green Valley Ranch Community Association website at www.greenvalleyranch.org and click on *e-forms* to access the "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Form".

Note: Please do not submit questions of a personal or confidential nature. All questions submitted are to be concerning the Green Valley Ranch Community, governing documents (CC&Rs), Rules and Regulations, Policies and Resolutions, Social Events or Architectural Standards and Guidelines.

10 Best Practices for Managing Vendors and Contracts



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As elected Board members of the GVRCA, our main responsibility is to oversee the repair and maintenance of the Association Property and Common Areas thereby maintaining the integrity of the Association Assets. This is done by managing vendors and contracts that affect the Ranch. The article printed below is a reprint of an article published in the April 2015 issue of Community Interests and was written for HOA Board members. Your GVRCA Board of Directors follows these guidelines and wants our residents to be aware of the criteria we use to represent you in these matters.

It is important to exercise fiduciary care when managing

association property. In doing so, there are many articles within the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 116 that pertain to managing association business. However, it is equally important to know your association's governing documents including Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&Rs), by-laws and resolutions. While governing documents and laws pertaining to this subject can be overwhelming for a volunteer board member, adopting best practices assures consistency and prudent association asset management, which ultimately protects homeowner value.

10 Best Practices for managing vendors and contracts include:

1. Prequalify vendors

- Verify that all vendors have a valid state Contractor's License in good standing at <http://www.nvcontractorsboard.com/>.
- Have the vendor provide an Insurance Certificate naming the association as an additional insured.
- If as a board member, you know or have a relationship with the vendor, disclose it.
- Do not accept gifts of any kind from vendors.
- Some projects may require site visits or detailed discussion. Consult your attorney or management company to avoid having a quorum of the board present and/or making decisions, or voting at workshops.

2. Conduct Formal Requests for Proposal (RFP)

- Send RFPs to a minimum of three (3) qualified vendors. Don't waste the time of the vendor or the management company/association if the vendor is not a potential fit.
- The format of the RFP can vary depending on the project and will need to be tailored to comply with your governing

documents and laws. Being clear about the purpose, goal, and scope of work is crucial. For more complex projects, you may consider hiring a professional to formulate a scope of work.

- To make an equitable comparison of vendor proposals, include specific evaluation criteria. If possible, use a fill-in-the blank response form and ask the vendor to attach additional information if necessary.

3. Be transparent

Since submissions must be opened at a public meeting, it is important to evaluate vendors on a level-playing field. Do not feel pressured to make a decision if you are not clear or have questions regarding vendor submissions. Postponing a decision until the next meeting may be prudent in this case. At the same time, be sure you are not unnecessarily delaying essential work.

4. Task Committees

Ask committees to assist by soliciting homeowner input or consulting community members with specific expertise who may be willing to help. When working with committees, review the committee charter and provide a defined goal by which you are seeking assistance. Like you, these homeowners are volunteers. Respect their time and

By Lisa de Marigny, DCAL

Green Valley Ranch Community Association and Carriage Lane Community Association Board Member and Officer

willingness to be part of a solution.

5. Consult Professionals

As a homeowner, you cannot be an expert in all projects. Consult subject matter experts i.e. landscape architects, arborists, engineers, etc. when necessary. Use the management company resources that may be available to you. Attorney and finance professionals are critical to your success.

6. Execute Agreements

Have your attorney draw up formal agreements or review the vendor's standard agreement to safeguard the association from liability, and to outline service expectations at the agreed upon price.

7. Manage Vendors

Have a plan to manage the work of the vendor. The management company may have resources and board members may be able to oversee the work. In some cases you may have to hire an outside resource. Re-bid projects often enough to keep vendors honest, but not so often that the association is incurring the cost of switching to a new vendor without good reason.

8. Keep a Calendar

To fulfill your duty to protect association assets, proactively manage vendor contract expirations, and schedule reserve projects, keep an association calendar of maintenance and ad-hoc work to be performed.

9. Budget

Know what you have budgeted for expenses and maintenance work. Even though we are required by NRS to review the reserve study once per year, it is recommended that the study is monitored more often, and that it remains a frequently consulted document.

10. Document Procedures

To ensure that best practices remain in place when board members turn over, and to provide process integrity for the community, consider documenting them into a resolution.

Just as board members are charged with equitably applying the C, C & Rs to protect homeowner value, a solid process of managing vendors and contracts is vital to protecting association assets.

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Apple Knows Pests



Keep Up to Date on What Your Liaisons Are Doing Throughout The Ranch

Lisa de Marigny, Landscape Liaison

This is my second time serving as landscape liaison for our community. The fact that landscape is our largest asset makes it critical to our primary mission to protect homeowner value. This year is especially important because we have recently changed landscape maintenance vendors and added our first exclusive tree maintenance vendor. The board conducted a formal request for proposal (RFP) to secure vendors to maintain our landscape and trees. As a result of the RFP process, we have awarded a maintenance contract to XL Landscape Development and a tree agreement to First Choice Tree Service. We have spent first quarter planning and executing the transition. The landscape transition occurred 1 April and the tree transition should be complete by 1 May.

When I first served as landscape liaison over a decade ago, our primary challenge lied in removing and relocating trees that were planted too close to walls by the developer. It is common for a developer to overplant in an effort to sell homes. We had other

areas of The Ranch that were left unfinished and required completion. We were still a fairly young master plan and not much different than today, we were trying to conserve water. Most of our projects were new additions, tree/wall fixes and xeriscape conversions. The added challenge at that time was that our reserve account was underfunded, which is also common when a community transitions from developer to homeowner control.

This time around, our issues have matured as Green Valley Ranch has matured. Irrigation upgrades are needed to keep up with the demand of larger shrubs and trees. We also have a new problem related to maturing trees. Tree root systems have infringed upon park common area and sidewalks. Our trees have become so large that it became necessary to require the expertise of a dedicated tree service to protect our investment.

You may not know that some landscape has a lifespan and requires refurbishment. An additional, and

often overshadowed, challenge is that landscape refurbishments have not been getting done over the last few years. My goal is to get some of these projects moving again. We simply must ensure that we refurbish areas that appear neglected.

As landscape liaison, it is my role to lead landscape related interaction between the community, landscape committee, the board, and vendors. All of these groups play a vital role in protecting our landscape. Unlike neighborhoods that have a clubhouse, community center or pool amenities, our primary feature is our landscape. It takes a team of people on our landscape committee, management company, board of directors, and vendors to protect this second most important asset next to you. Your input is most welcome. Please report areas of concern to management via our website at greenvalleyranch.org/content/landscape-committee or by telephone at 702-856-3773.

Rick Schmalz, Safety & Security Liaison

Green Valley Ranch is in the process of reestablishing our Safety and Security Committee. Ever wanted to help make your neighborhood a safer place? Well now is the time to volunteer by contacting Terra West at 702-856-3773 or e-mail manager2015@greenvalleyranch.org. Please leave your name and contact information, so we can reply.

The Safety and Security Committee looks for ways to maintain and improve the overall safety of our community through interaction with residents, the Henderson Police Department, the Henderson Fire Department and other agencies.

If you have any specific safety concerns you may contact me directly by sending an e-mail to treasurer2015@greenvalleyranch.org or go to the Safety and Security Committee webpage at greenvalleyranch.org/content/safety-security-committee and fill out a webform. The committee will address them soon. Thanks for contributing to your community.

Jocelyn Holzwarth, Social/Recreation Liaison

Hello Residents!! My name is Jocelyn Holzwarth, and I am the Social Committee Board Liaison.

Well, in case you have missed the weather change (90 degrees in March was a bit of a shock) – spring has sprung! That means we hosted our 1st Social Event of the Year – the Biannual GVRCA Garage Sale! It was a gorgeous day, and The Ranch was buzzing with buyers and sellers.

While the garage sale is the “Kick-off” event for the year, keep checking in as we plan on having our Annual GVRCA Pool Party in August. October has the committee kicking off another “Fun in the Fall” adult-themed-evening party. Also in October, the fall Garage Sale is scheduled for 10/10/2015. That seems like an auspicious date, so if you missed the garage sale in April, you will have another opportunity when the weather cools off again!

If this sounds like lots of fun for you – Please Come and JOIN the Social Committee. We operate from the “More the Merrier” principal and this

gives you the wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors, come out and participate in all the Ranch has to offer. Our meetings are the first Thursday of the month at Panera at 6:30 p.m. We’d Love to see you! In the meantime – have a great “Spring into Summer and enjoy!”

We would love to hear from you as well. You can send in your comments in a variety of ways. First, you can send an e-mail to social2015@greenvalleyranch.org. You can contact us via the website by filling out the Social Feedback form located at greenvalleyranch.org/content/social-feedback or at greenvalleyranch.org/content/social-committee.

**GVRCA
Board of Directors'
Notice of Meetings**

**May 21st
June 18th
Regular Board Meeting**

Meeting agenda, meeting minutes & financial statements available electronically upon request free of charge from Terra West at (702)856-3773. Paper copies will be made available at a cost of \$0.25 for the first ten pages & \$0.10 for subsequent pages. Audio recordings on CD are available at a minimal charge. Items are made available to the Association's membership in accordance with NRS 116.3108 & 116.31083.

Terra West Henderson Office
11135 S. Eastern Ave. Suite 120
Henderson, NV 89052

GVRCA MEETINGS

Meeting Type	When	Time	Place
GVR Board (reg.)	3rd Thursday	6:00 PM	DW
GVR Board (exec.)	3rd Thursday	4:30 PM	DW
Election/Budget Ratification	TBD	6:00 PM	DW
2015 Board Organization	TBD	6:00 PM	DW
Social Committee	1st Thursday	6:30 PM	Panera
Architectural Committee	2nd/4th Friday	10 AM/2 PM	TW

The GVRCA Board of Directors regular meeting is open to the public (see www.greenvalleyranch.org for monthly agenda).
The GVRCA Board of Directors executive session is held to go over delinquencies and legal matters. Hearings may be scheduled through Terra West at (702)856-3773.
The Social Committee is looking for volunteers. If you are interested in joining, please send an e-mail to social15@greenvalleyranch.org.
The Architectural Committee meetings are held to go over submitted architectural applications. Homeowners can schedule appointments to meet with the committee through Terra West at (702)856-3773. The meeting time alternates. 2nd Friday is at 10 a.m. & the 4th Friday is at 2 p.m.
PANERA – Panera Bread at The District, 235 Village Walk Drive, Henderson, NV 89052
DW – Desert Willow Community Center, 2020 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy., Henderson, NV 89012
TW – Terra West, Henderson Branch, 11135 S. Eastern Ave., Suite 120, Henderson, NV 89052

GVRCA Board Meeting – Open Forum Meeting Disclosure

At the beginning of every Regular Session of the Board of Director's meeting, an Open Comment and Discussion period will be devoted to items listed on the agenda. At the end of every Regular Session of the Board of Director's meeting, an Open Comment and Discussion period will be provided to the homeowners to speak to the Board on non-agenda items. At the conclusion of the open call to the homeowners, individual members of the Board may respond to those who have addressed the Board, may ask management to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, except in emergencies, no action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken.

**Green Valley Ranch Community Association
Master Association Assessment Payment Information
\$50.00 Monthly**

Per the Assessment and Fines Collection Policy and Enforcement Policy, Regular Master Assessment payments are due on the first (1st) day of each month of each year ('Due Date'). Assessments are delinquent if not paid by the thirtieth (30th) day. Such Assessment shall be deemed delinquent and the Association will impose a late fee in accordance with the list of collection charges attached to the collection Policy as Exhibit "A". A Notice of Intent to Lien to the Owner will be mailed via certified or registered mail, return receipt requested to the address of the lot and the Owner's mailing address on record, if different from the lot address if any Assessment is not paid by the forty-fifth (45th) day after the first day of each month, unless the due date for an assessment is specified differently. An Intent to Lien fee of \$45.00 will be charged to any account that is mailed a Notice of Intent to lien. Statements are not mailed to any account that is delinquent. For any account that becomes delinquent, property owner must contact the Collections Department Hotline at 702-251-4596 directly.

Statements are sent as a courtesy and will be sent monthly to the address listed on the Association's membership register as of the date of the notice. It is the responsibility of each owner to advise the Association of any mailing address change in writing. You may make your payment payable to Green Valley Ranch HOA by personal check, money order or cashiers check and mail to:

Green Valley Ranch HOA
c/o Terra West Management Services
P.O. Box 98813
Las Vegas, NV 89193

You may make your payment in person at the Terra West Management Services Henderson Office located at 11135 S. Eastern Ave., Suite 120, Henderson, NV 89052 or you may utilize the Authorization Agreement for Automatic Payments (ACH Debits) program. When making your payment, please write the property address and account number on the check, money order or cashiers check that the payment is to be applied to.

Please contact the Community Association Office at (702)856-3773. The Accounting Department at (702)251-4598 or visit the Terra West Management Services Community Website <http://www.terrawest.com> to obtain the form to set up this service.

Please Note: If you own your property within a gated sub-association of the Master, please contact your Community Manager for dues payment information and also notify them of any mailing address change according to their procedures.

The messy flower stalks are coming out on our desert dwelling palms! Oh yes, that flowering mass of very small flowers. It hangs down and drives neighbors with pools crazy! Here are some tips when you hire someone, or even when you do the palm cleaning yourself.

- *Bugs live in palms*, so be careful!
 - *Beware of thorns!* Many of the palms have large thorns up and down the rachis, or the "long arm" that attaches from the trunk to the frond itself – these can be very dangerous to the pruner as well as the person on the ground.
 - *Make sure you keep as many green fronds as possible.* They provide food, or chlorophyll, that keeps your palm healthy. The best palm has many fronds, and they appear between the 9:00 and 3:00 marks on the clock. If they are green, leave them. If they are brown, take them down! You should only have to prune your palm once a year, and this is the season.
 - *Avoid puncture wounds to the trunk.* Gaffing is a common practice with palms. The climber attaches spikes of various lengths, and stabs them into the trunk to climb. These wound marks allow disease to enter into the trunk over time. Please avoid this practice, and if a company uses these spikes, have them use a ladder first.
- And I've saved the most important for last.
- *If you decide to hire someone, make sure they are a certified arborist that is a licensed landscape contractor with a valid business license.* I've seen many trucks around the Ranch that are pruning palms.

**PALM Pruning
ALERT! season
is here!**

They leave a card on the door, or stop by and offer their service. Are they cheaper? Potentially, but don't be fooled. If they fall or have an accident on your property, what then? Could this impact your homeowner insurance, or worse? What if the climber cuts himself? Does he work alone? You owe it to yourself to avoid a potential tragedy in your own back yard. It happens frequently in the palm pruning business.

Stay safe, and stay cool, and get your palm trees pruned safely!

By Lisa Ortega,
Landscape Committee Chairperson

GVRCA Salutes Laura Baker



Laura shares her time and energy to make the world a better place.

The GVRCA Board of Directors and Terra West would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank Laura Baker, our Social Committee Co-Chairperson. Laura attended the GVRCA 2012 Holiday Party and asked our then president, Mike Forman, how she could contribute to the Ranch. She had recently retired and had some spare time on her hands. Mike invited her to our next social committee meeting where we promptly elected her chairperson! She could have said – whoa, I just want to help out, but instead she said she'd do it, but might need some support.

Since that time, she has organized numerous events. She has created streamlined criteria for future social chairpersons to follow. She is a wonder when it comes to getting door prizes for the all the events. She spearheaded the Blue Star Mothers Stocking drive throughout the Ranch. These things in themselves are accomplishments to be praised, but Laura does something else that makes her extra special.

She develops relationships with the people she meets and gives back to those organizations. While the Ranch collected items for Christmas

Stockings to send to soldier's serving overseas, Laura went and helped stuff the stockings. When the social committee participated in the Henderson Stroll and Roll, Laura developed relationships with people at The City. When the City hosted a free concert at the Pavilion for the Air Force Band, Laura gave out tickets – 850 tickets!

Dianne Mizelle, City of Henderson, wrote this to Laura, "I wanted to take a moment to personally say thank you for all of your efforts in getting tickets distributed for the Air Force Band concert. Your dedication to helping us was unwavering and we appreciate so much your helpful attitude and your spirit of volunteerism. There aren't too many like you out there who are willing to donate their time and energy – and we appreciate your help very much."

She received a letter from J.C. Davis, Director of Cultural Arts & Tourism that reads in part:

"On behalf of the Department of Cultural Arts & Tourism, we would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for volunteering your time to distribute tickets to neighbors, businesses, Blue Star

Mothers and Nellis Air force Base for the United States Air Force Band concert this past Saturday."

She recently received an award from the Blue Star Mothers.

When I asked her about doing this article, she was hesitant. She said if it will encourage others to volunteer then that was fine. She told me that "Green Valley Ranch is an amazing community, full of amazing people quietly making a difference in other lives. I am always humbled to see the incredible people who give their time to help others." Well, Laura Baker, we think you are amazing! Thank you for being a wonderful role model.



Social Scene

Committee Welcomes New Members and Gets to Work on the 2015 Events

By Laura Baker, Social Committee Co-Chairperson

This year has been a good one so far. We have had an influx of new faces at our last several meetings. That's terrific news for the Social committee and for our residents. As I have often said, with no volunteers there would be no events. I can't speak for anyone else, but I LOVE TO HAVE FUN. I love the events that are possible when we have a enough people working together on them and sharing their ideas. Granted, there is no paycheck to compensate your time and effort, but volunteering can be a truly rewarding experience and frankly, it's just plain fun. The word "work" takes on a whole new meaning when you know that you don't **have** to do it.

Joining us on the committee are Kelby Brandow, Karen Crittenden, and Anne Marie Keane. We also have had an old friend return. Lori Roques, a longtime member of the Social Committee, left for a while but has returned. Another old friend, June Edgar has left the Ranch. These two ladies are certainly a hard act to follow. They both dedicated literally years of volunteering unselfishly their time and effort to make Green Valley Ranch a great place to live. Welcome back Lori, and June, you will be greatly missed!

Speaking of dedication, our new Board of Directors Liaison to the Social Committee, Jocelyn Holzwarth, has served in every capacity here in the Ranch. It will be a pleasure working with Jocelyn. Her enthusiasm is catching and learning from her experience will be both beneficial and fun. Meanwhile, when one door closes another opens, and we welcome each and every one of our new members with enthusiasm.

We kicked off 2015 with our Spring Garage Sale. The weather was

gorgeous and the Ranch was bustling with buyers and sellers.

Up at the information center, we handed out maps/participant lists and Popcorn Girl coupons for the eager shoppers. We published ads in the newspaper, on Craig's List and on community calendars. Banners were hung at all the major Ranch intersections. Due to the increase in social committee volunteers, we were able to place signs at the entrances to all of our participating communities that corresponded with our map/participant list handout.

Our next big event will be our annual pool party which is tentatively set for Wednesday, August 19th at the Multigenerational Outdoor Activity Pool. This event is always a success. Free ice cream treats and a door prize drawing, with prizes for young and old make this event well attended each year. Watch for a confirmation on that date on the website or in our next newsletter.

We have lots of good things in the mix for this fall. We welcome your comments and ideas even if you cannot come to a meeting. You can send in your comments in a variety of ways. You can send an e-mail to social2015@greenvalleyranch.org. You can contact us via the website by filling out the

Social Feedback form located at greenvalleyranch.org/content/social-feedback or at greenvalleyranch.org/content/social-committee. Also, please feel free to write us at:

Terra West Office
Attn. Social Committee.
11135 S. Eastern Ave. Suite 120
Henderson, NV 89052

Your comments and ideas are important to us. Please don't be shy!

Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at Panera Bread at 6:30 p.m. located in the District at Green Valley Ranch. They last about an hour give or take. We hope you will join us.

Until next time, stay safe, be happy, and remember we are all neighbors. Take the time to smile and say Good Morning. It's amazing what can happen when you start your day on a positive note!



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