

## **FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

### **July, 2017 - ASSOCIATION NEWS**

#### **Board of Directors:**

As many of you know, the Association held its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 and a new Board of Director's was seated. The PDCCA Board of Directors are Ron Crisp, Josanne Smith, Angela Sacco, Steven Waller, Kathleen O'Brien, Charles Ash and Raymond Rieger. The PDCCA Board of Directors will continue to work hard to improve the quality and level of service provided by the Association. They are a dedicated group of volunteers who strive to make a positive and meaningful difference on behalf of the HOA. We encourage you to attend Board meetings regularly and offer your suggestions and feedback.

#### **Community Pools:**

The community pools are functioning well and the Board of Directors recently agreed to increase the pool hours for the authorized users... the pool is now open from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM. The couple of extra hours in the evening were a suggestion that was brought to the board at January's meeting and the change was made immediately. The pools are now also open on all holidays, making the pools available 365 days a year. Come enjoy using them.

#### **Key-Fob Access System for the Pool Area:**

Effective, January 3, 2017, the Association changed the access procedures for the pool area. If you have not yet received your key-fob, stop by the Association office and pick one up. Key-fobs are issued to owners who have paid the annual assessment or to a person authorized by the owner to pick one up. The key-fob opens the pool entry gate, formerly opened by an access code. Merely wave the key-fob in front of the reader at the gate and the gate will unlock allowing you in. The entire pool area is monitored by a sophisticated camera and alarm system. Cameras are on and recording activity at all times. An alarm system is in use when the pool area is closed, able to detect anyone walking around in the pool area. Keep in mind there are No Lifeguards on Duty and children should be accompanied by an adult. As summer approaches, be sure to stop by the Association's Management Office to pick up your key-fob.

#### **Restatement of the Association's Bylaws:**

On April 18, 2017, the Board of Directors approved a resolution approving the restated Bylaws for the Association to bring them up to date with current California Law. Please visit the PDCCA website at [pdcca.com](http://pdcca.com) to view the restated Bylaws. The Restatement of the Association's Bylaws was also mailed to each homeowner at the end of April, 2017.

### **Association Newsletter:**

As announced at the April 18, 2017 Open Session Board Meeting, the Association newsletter will now be produced every other month (rather than on a monthly basis). This decision was made as a cost savings measure (historically, the newsletter cost more money to produce each month than the income derived from advertisers). By changing the production schedule to every other month, the cost savings to the Association will be significant. The remaining issues of the 2017 newsletter will be produced for the months of September and November.

### **Architectural Guidelines:**

The acceptable standard for appearance of property within Palm Desert Country Club Association (PDCCA) is based upon the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R's) and is legally binding upon each residential property owner. The CC&R's require that an owner of property within the community obtain prior written approval for any exterior alteration or addition to their property. All requests are subject to the PDCCA CC&R's, as well as rules and guidelines of the applicable association. Please make sure you have read and understand the rules prior to completion of any Architectural request.

### **Community Improvement Operating Rules and Regulations Regarding "Trash":**

1. Trash receptacles, including recycling bins, may only be placed curbside for pick-up no more than twelve (12) hours before trash pick-up day, empty trash receptacles must be removed from curbs within twelve (12) hours after trash pickup.
2. Please keep in mind that trash receptacles must be stored out of sight from public right of way and from golf course; trash cans may be stored inside carports only in the back area of the carport that is furthest from the street. Trash receptacles may not be stored in locations that cause offensive odors or in a manner that constitutes a fire hazard.
3. No trash, debris, boxes, etc. are allowed to be placed in trash receptacles so as to cause trash receptacles to overflow or not close fully or properly. Trash, debris, boxes, etc. cannot be stacked near trash receptacles or be stored anywhere on property as to be visible from the public right of way or from the golf course.
4. Oversized/bulk trash items for trash company pickup are to be placed at curbside only during the trash pickup time frame as described above.

### **Coffee and Cake with a Cop:**

Please join us on July 12, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the PDCCA Alice Marble Hall to meet your local "Beat 34" police officers, and share a coffee and desert with them. Please bring your comments, your concerns and your suggestions, and take this opportunity to meet and share them with our local police.

## **Coyote Sighting:**

We have received reports that a Coyote has been spotted inside Palm Desert Country Club Homeowner's Association. We urge you to take precautionary measures and not leave small pets outdoors.

The coyote (*Canis latrans*) is a member of the dog family. It resembles a small German shepherd with the exception of the long snout and bushy, black-tipped tail. Coyotes are extremely adaptable and resourceful, and can survive on whatever food is available. They prey on rabbits, mice, birds and other small animals, as well as deer and occasionally bighorn sheep.

In urban areas, coyotes are known to attack small cats and dogs, particularly pets allowed to roam free or left out overnight. A typical coyote weighs between 20 and 50 lbs., and can easily outmatch a smaller pet.

Coyotes are adaptable predators found in most open habitats, including city neighborhoods, open space, parks and trails. They are tolerant of human activities, and adapt and adjust rapidly to changes in their environment.

People with pets should keep them on a leash when walking. While at home, do not allow pets to roam freely. Even pets in enclosed yards run the risk of predation. People should feed their pets inside in an effort to keep pet food from attracting coyotes and other wildlife.

Remind children not to approach or feed any wildlife. While attacks on humans are extremely rare, people should still take precautions.

## **Tips to Remember:**

### **Discouraging Coyotes Near Homes**

- Frighten coyotes with loud noises; use unnatural odors (such as ammonia) to clean trashcans.
- Yell and throw things at coyotes whenever you see them near your home.
- Cleanup food attractants such as dog food, garbage and spilled seed beneath birdfeeders.
- Use yard lights with motion detectors – appearance of the sudden light may frighten coyotes away.

### **Protecting Pets and Children**

- Keep pets in fenced areas or kennels; remember split rail fences and invisible fences will not keep your pet safe from predators. Pet kennels and runs should have a fully-enclosed roof.
- Provide human supervision while outdoors, even in your own backyard.
- Do not allow pets (or children) to run loose in areas where there is coyote activity. Keep pets on leash or leave the area when you see a coyote. Most urban areas have leash laws requiring dogs to be under control. Coyotes and foxes are thought to be responsible for many cat disappearances in residential neighborhoods.
- Although rare, coyotes could potentially injure people. Teach your family not to approach wildlife and never feed wildlife.
- Treat the presence of a coyote as an unfamiliar and potentially threatening dog.

## **Coyote Encounters**

- Rural coyotes are wary of humans and avoid people whenever possible. Urban coyotes seem to be more comfortable around humans.
- Overtly aggressive behavior toward people is not normal and should be reported.
- Never feed or attempt to “tame” a coyote.
- Do not turn your back or run from a coyote.
- If approached or followed by a coyote, make loud noises, yell and make yourself look big.
- If the coyote approaches to an uncomfortably close distance, throw rocks or other objects.

We will continue to keep you apprised of Association news in future issues of the newsletter and on the Association’s website: [www.pdcca.com](http://www.pdcca.com).

From everyone here at the Palm Desert Country Club Association, we wish you and your family a wonderful summer!