

## **Communications Committee Meeting Aug. 10, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Syd Sonneborn, in the pool area of pool #1 at 10:00 AM. Nine Owners were in attendance.

Syd started by reminding the attendees that the next earthquake practice drill called The Great California Shake Out, is scheduled for Thursday, October 21 at 10:21 in the morning. Did anyone have any ideas on how they would like to participate in the exercise? A good suggestion was to have the home owners check on their neighbors and then head down to the tennis courts and report in. The Association would then provide refreshments as we used to do at our Socials, providing snacks and champagne to participants.

Gail also wanted to poll the attendees to see if they were interested in having a program at the next meeting on Reverse Mortgages. It would give our homeowners a chance to hear if the idea would be of any benefit to them in a "neutral atmosphere". The people attending thought it was a very good idea.

The meeting was then turned over to the home owners attending. A comment was made on rusting patio gates needing repair. Who was responsible for getting the work done. Gail said the Association takes care of the repairs and to call it in to Veronica, at our Management Company.

Questions were raised on the new remote control gate openers we will be receiving once the new gate opening system is installed. Most likely, Rhonda and a technician, will spend a few days handing out the new "clickers" at a designate pool area in exchange for old ones. Each homeowner is supposed to have a minimum of two remote controls.

The steps leading into pool #4 have been painted and can give an illusion of being a ramp not steps, when the sun is South of the pool area. We need white strips painted on the edge of the steps to correct the problem. There have been two accidents reported to date. The shower at pool 4 also can not be turned off completely. It drips all the time. Speaking of pools, pool #s 1 and 3 will be heated this winter.

Howard reported on landscaping. We still have problems even in the summer months of people not picking up after their dogs. We also have problem areas that are in shade under trees etc. where neither the summer grass nor the rye grass seems to grow. In response to a question, no new desert landscape projects are planned at this time. The City did have a plan where it paid for sod removal along the curb area and side walks. If that is funded again, we would look at it.

Gail reported she is still complaining to the City about the conditions to our north in Portofino. She feels if the City can assist the Palm Desert Country Club in landscape maintenance, the same should or could apply to Portofino. She has not had a response from the City yet.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45AM. Our next meeting will start at 9:30 AM to help beat the heat, on September 14.

Respectfully submitted by Syd Sonneborn, Committee Chair