

# Oasis Park News and Views

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## Upcoming Events:

Saturday, Nov. 30

Cookie Exchange  
10 am - Clubhouse  
Bring 36 cookies

Thursday, Jan. 9

Oasis Dinner  
5pm Happy Hour  
6pm Dinner

Thursday, Dec 5

Oasis Christmas Dinner  
5pm Happy Hour  
6pm Catered Olive Garden Dinner  
Cost: \$10 Entertainment: Jeff Milkey  
Bring your own tableware.



Bob W. #57  
Oasis Board President

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Welcome back!** The Park is beginning to fill up with members once again for another great fun-filled winter. There are upgrades and construction projects going on in the Park. Water is out in front of the wall. Now the landscape committee can begin planting trees and shrubs. We also have a few ideas to improve the front of our clubhouse. We will be talking about that in the next few weeks. Our 2020 budget meeting is set for Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 6:00PM. We are asking you to approve a \$200 increase to bring our annual dues to \$2,200. We all know what a treasure we have in Old Town Scottsdale. We must stay financially healthy. **Roy Hauswirth, #82**, has done some research on our position in the community and the security of our future. Please read it below. I think you will have a better understanding of how important it is to get our yearly dues lined up with ever increasing expenses. Thank you to all of our residents who actively participate in our community. Each of you are appreciated for the part you play. Bob W.

**Roy Hauswirth #82**



## HOW TO INSURE A POSITIVE FUTURE FOR THE OASIS PARK

**Current Situation - November, 2019.** It is no secret that real estate around us in Old Scottsdale is on fire. Recent proof would be the building and selling of units at Diamante across the street. It takes no imagination to think that the developer looks at us with the goal of turning the park into Diamante Phase 2. How do we protect ourselves from a hostile takeover driven by a developer and supported by the city? There are two parts to the defense - both necessary but quite different as a part of Imminent Domain.

### Part I

The look, feel, and ambience of the Oasis. No doubt you have tried to explain to someone what we have here. It is almost impossible. I end up with a description of Trailer Park nostalgia and cottage charm. But always with the statement "You have to see it to believe it." The pride of ownership and our extensive landscaping make us a unique entity. A drive-through elicits comments such as "This is charming," "I could live here," "The clubhouse pool complex is very special," or simply "Wow!" It wasn't always like this. There used to be fixer-uppers and various levels of Trailer Park trash which in recent years with pride of ownership have simply gone away. The recent front wall voluntary beautification initiative is an excellent example of countering what is across the street with our own style. In other words we need to be an asset to the city and show off well. If not, we become vulnerable. (More in Conclusion.)

### Part II

We have a legal responsibility to live up to our non-profit status. The city has the power to protect us or to eliminate us through Imminent Domain, which simply means what is in the best interest of the community as a whole. A takeover based on Imminent Domain would have two thrusts.

1. How the property looks and feels. Is it clean, pleasant, an asset to the city or is it shabby, run-down, and neglected? We have this thrust covered.
2. The level and trend of the Reserve Fund. Is it growing or being depleted? If it is healthy and growing, even modestly, the trend is positive. If we are vulnerable in either or both thrusts, the city opens the door for a sell-off and the Oasis would likely be sold and bulldozed. Yes, each owner would be compensated. But how much and would that figure cover a new home are big questions. So, what do we need to do? Raise our very modest assessment up a bit to \$2200 (or more) so that maintenance of the Reserve Fund can grow. It's that straight forward. It has to grow!

### Conclusion

All of us would like the Oasis to be here for the rest of our days and for future generations. We are almost certainly a developer target (Diamante or other) and their way in would be through our non-profit status and our financials, plus the look and feel of our real estate. If we present well to the community, therefore are considered an asset, and have our finances in order, it would be a tough sell to invoke Imminent Domain, and our future is secured.

# Who are the people in your Neighborhood, in your neighborhood...

Thanks Mr. Rogers

Meet Jack and Marilee Russell # 25, residents since 1993.



Jack's mother lived in the house first. All those years ago, Jack and Marilee's neighbors were Bob Greer and his wife, John and Trudy Christiansen, Judge Wanek and his wife Betty, and Herb and Doris Uhlmann. Jack was born in Canada. Fishing was his family's pursuit. His dad owned Sport Fishing Camps. As a young man, Jack accepted an offer to be an Engineer Trainee for a Coal Company in Virginia, USA. Three years later Jack became part of the Virginia Dept. Of Taxation as a Property Appraiser. In 1972, he moved to AZ, where in Santa Cruz County, AZ, he became the Deputy County Assessor. Later, he moved to Phx where he worked as the Manager of Centrally Valued Properties for the State of Arizona until he retired in 1994. Marilee was FIRST a young busy Switch Board Operator to help her parents run their business. When Marilee left home, she was a Legal Secretary for the rest of her work life. She was Legal Secretary to various prominent Lawyers here in AZ, including the Secretary for the Legal Departments of APS and the Safeway Union.

Jack and Marilee have always enjoyed Oasis Park. Jack served on the Oasis Park Board when the Oasis streets were FIRST resurfaced the streets, when the sewer lines were first photographed, when the first Reserve Account was added to the Oasis Budget, and when the Clubhouse grass area was converted to rocky landscape. It was calculated at that time, that more than a million gallons of water would be saved with the conversion to the rock covering. This sweet couple first met in a Singles Class at a local central Phoenix Church in 1979. They were married at a happy occasion in the Oasis Park Clubhouse in 1981. Marilee and Jack, we are blessed to have you in our Oasis Park Community!

## People in Your Neighborhood quick Announcement

### Who are the people in your Neighborhood, in your neighborhood...



Both new members and long time residents will be interviewed for a biography

Whoo-Hoo!



**YOU'RE ONLY  
AS OLD AS  
YOU REMEMBER  
YOU ARE**

## Kids say the darndest things



1<sup>st</sup> graders finish the sayings.....

It's always darkest before....daylight savings time.  
Don't change horses.....until they stop running.  
You can't teach an old dog new.....math.  
If you lie down with dogs you'll.....stink in the morning.

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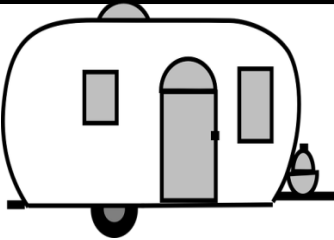
## Meet Paula and Ron Walker #83....resident since 2015



Paula grew up in Ponca City, OK, an oil company town. Ron grew up in a tiny town named Tuttle, OK. Paula was in the Pom & Kick Line at her High School! Ron played baseball, football and basketball in High School. Paula went on to attend North Western State University in OK. Paula became a 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> gr Math and Science Teacher. Her students loved her Science Experiment where they would gather in a 2 story Media Hall to assemble from scratch, and fly Hot Air Balloons. The goal was to fly their Balloon all the way to the ceiling. The biggest test is to keep hot air in your balloon. The hot air sneaks out every time the

Balloon turns over sideways. Paula taught for 30 years. Ron started a career in Oil Distribution, etc. right out of High School. Ron, also, served in the National Guard in the Communication field for 10 years. He was deployed to Japan and Germany. In his work career, Ron worked for boss, Bob Whittington (#57). When Bob W. moved on, Ron took over Bob W's job. Ron is an avid golfer. He has played The Phoenician, The Ocotillo in Chandler, The Wigwam, Pebble Beach, and Kapa Lua in Hawaii. His favorite course to play is Ki-olina in Oahu. He's been coming to Az to play golf since 1979, so at that time, the AZ courses had only a simple metal shed for a clubhouse. Ron and Paula met at a company event in OK. They married in 2007. They purchased in Oasis Park #83, in 2015 because they agreed it was a great place to retire, AND THEY WOULD BE FAR AWAY FROM OKLAHOMA TORNADOES!

Paula has 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. Ron has 2 daughters and 2 great grandsons nicknamed "Double Trouble". Happy to have you here!



## Oasis, the Days of Yore

**March 1974:** ...honor system clubhouse library going strong.

**April 1974:**..."rumors flying around the Park...there is a strong possibility that a clover-leaf for proposed freeway through Phoenix will need our 15 acres and condemnation proceedings will start before year's end. "

**December 1974:** All residents encouraged to improve their locking facilities, doors, and windows. Light project progressing well.

**February 1975:** Extended effort to be made to add security to the homes. Scottsdale Police to offer identification help.

**April 1975:** Approximately 90 outside lights now installed.

Here in 2019, Wayne Blessing #80, → -4-  
Volunteers to clean outside lights.



## Oasis Park has

diligent cactus preservationists.

They have planted baby cacti to provide cacti for the front

wall project.

BUT THEY Have Extra agave cactus plants available to residents. Contact Joanne #31



## Are you a party person?

You can reserve the Oasis Clubhouse for a party, meeting, etc.? Fill out a Facility Request form located in the pocket tree outside of the Clubhouse Library. Turn your Request form into Bill K. #9.

You will be notified when approved.





# Nature News



What is the 'white stuff' on the cactus outside the Pool Rm Clubhouse door? (west side)



It's called **Cochineal**. Cochineal is a small insect that gives a white fuzzy appearance on the stems and pads of the cactus. When crushed, the tiny bug exudes a bright red/scarlet liquid.



Cochineal has been used for centuries throughout the Americas and is still used today

as an edible red food dye as well as a dye for clothes and decorations. If anyone is interested in taking a tour at the Desert Botanical Gardens, contact Bobbie Scopa #53, she generally volunteers on Sundays. She'd be glad to give you a **GREAT** tour. Arizona has more species of cactus here in our desert than any other US. desert.



## RECIPE

### Thanksgiving Moist Cornbread



1/2 c. Butter  
2 eggs  
1 (8.5oz) pkg dry corn bread mix  
1 (15 oz.) Whole kernel corn  
1 (14.75 oz.) Can Creamed corn  
1 cup. Sour cream  
Bake at 350 in greased 9x9 pan.  
45 min.



Mark your calendar...  
every Saturday morning,  
**Ladies Coffee** 9:30 in Clubhouse.



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# FOR SALE

HP LaserJet 3015 Printer  
with extra Cartridge. Just  
installed a new cartridge.  
\$40 Contact Pete #71



24" Computer Monitor  
with speakers. \$10  
Contact Pete #71



Wooden Shelf. 6 feet tall,  
32 inches Wide, 16  
inches deep. \$10  
Contact Pete #71



Wood Mission  
Dining table  
6 chairs.  
18" leaf  
2 arm chairs  
\$450. OBO.  
Contact Loyd #1



Pub table /chairs.  
40 inches tall  
29x29 square.  
Teakwood \$150.  
Wagner's #94  
612-275-2701



# Lost & Found

A **turquoise drop earring** was found on  
Oasis street after Thanksgiving Dinner

## The Riddler

- Which word in the dictionary is misspelled?
- If you feed me I live, give me water and I die, What am I?

