

Monday March 24, 2014

Dear Villas Neighbors,

### **Irrigation & Landscape Maintenance – Important changes from April 1**

Your HOA Board have recently made a number of changes and the purpose of this notice is to bring you up to date.

In January a new irrigation system was successfully installed throughout the Villas, both in the front and back yards, and common areas. All the lines were replaced and new valves and timers installed to enable better control of our water usage. We expect a useful reduction in future water cost due to the elimination of the many leaks in the old system alongside more reliable watering of our yards – matched to the needs of the planting.

In February, at the Annual General Meeting, Villas members met representatives of the company Arizona Landscapes who installed the new irrigation system. They described the installation and answered questions from the residents. There followed discussion about the ongoing landscaping contract and the importance of ensuring the new irrigation lines were protected from damage during ground work.

At a subsequent Board Meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>, and after further discussion with members present at that meeting, the Board voted to move the landscape maintenance contract to Arizona Landscapes - the company who installed the irrigation system.

Although it was recognized that the current company has done a good job and worked well with our residents, there were several benefits from changing contractors. The new landscaping team will know the exact whereabouts of the irrigation lines and will be better able to avoid damage. Any damage will be their responsibility to fix.

In addition, for a similar cost as the current contractor, there will be a landscape team on site every week and that team will cover **the whole of the Villas**. Therefore, each property will receive 'service' once a week, rather than once per month as currently happens (the existing contractor is on site every week, but only attends to one quarter of the villas properties each time).

The new company takes over the landscaping maintenance on April 1, 2014.

**Please be aware that if you have a dog, or you allow renters to bring dogs to your property, all waste must be picked up regularly – ideally every day. For Health & Safety reasons, the landscapers cannot work in yards in which waste has not been cleared.**

This of course also applies to the common areas. If you (or your renters) exercise your dog in these areas they must be on a lead so you can locate and pick up all waste.

We expect that these changes will enable us to maintain the high standards of visual presentation we all want to see throughout our neighborhood.

If you have any questions about the landscape or irrigation improvements, please contact AME Management (520-742-3018) or [amemanagement@comcast.net](mailto:amemanagement@comcast.net)

The next HOA Board Meeting is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the Pool. All residents are welcome to attend. Please note all Board Meeting dates are subject to change – please consult the website or AME Management to ensure you have up to date information.