

Harbour Village Community News

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A Community Newsletter for the Residents of Harbour Village, Tempe, Arizona



*With April come a flock of visitors coming and going.
A white duck on the lake is a rare sight indeed! Check
out the Haiku poem on page 2.*

Harbour Village HOA

The last HOA Community / Board meeting was held on April 8th. Thirty-five people were in attendance.

Special Assessment Update:

As of 4/12/25, 62 votes had been cast. Of those, 56 are “yes” votes, and 6 are “no” votes. 41 “yes” votes are required for the special assessment to pass. 18 owners have yet to vote, so we encourage everyone to cast your ballot, regardless of how, so that your voice is heard. The last day to vote is 4/18/25.

Looking forward, given the overwhelming positive response, it’s time for each of us to prepare to make a lump sum payment, in the amount of \$13,637.00, by June 2, 2025. Payments by check should be made to Harbour Village, and delivered to Kinney Management, either by mail or hand delivery. For those who are able, early payments are encouraged, to help the selected contractors (especially for the roofing, which will be the first project) purchase materials as soon as possible (think tariffs). On April 12th Jim VanVliet sent out an email to the Harbour Village residents with an update on the vote and next steps. If you did not receive it, you

might want to reach out to Jim, or to us, and we’ll make sure you get a copy.

Jake Stowell from 5 Guys Roofing attended the HOA meeting to explain the process for the roofing project. A detailed plan outlining the work schedule and calendar of activities will be shared prior to work commencing in early June.

The Board also communicated the plan to remove all cable TV and internet wires from all of the buildings. We know that most are not in use, and also several of the internet companies are planning to, or have moved, to wireless. For any residents who rely on physical cables or satellite dishes for your TV and internet, please contact Kinney Management ASAP.

The HV HOA Member/Board meeting in May will be held on May 20th (Tuesday) at 7:00 PM in The Lakes Clubhouse.

Bring questions... get answers

Did you know?

Radar cams are coming to an intersection near you...

The city of Tempe is installing radar cameras at 14 intersections this spring for the purpose of safer roads. Mobile units will also be deployed as needed to other areas of concern.

One recent study showed that speed-related crashes dropped by 65% in Scottsdale where radar cameras were installed. Cameras will begin capturing images later this spring. For the first 30 days, violators will receive warnings. After that, tickets with \$250 fines will be issued for speeding and running red lights. A map of where cameras are being installed can be found at <https://www.tempe.gov/government/transportation-and-sustainability/transportation/vision-zero>

Need to get rid of old medications?

CVS and Walgreens have drop off kiosks at store locations nearby, and the City of Tempe also offers a couple of drop off locations.

Timely reminders

With the summer temperatures coming a little early this year, it's time to get your HVAC system checked out.

Also, here's a reminder to change the batteries in all of your smoke alarms. It's also a good idea to remember to vacuum them, as well.

Harbour Village Haiku

Young jacaranda,
funded, planted in sunlight
blooms community.

On Saturday night
the Lakehouse DJ pierces
the peace, but we dance.

Rushing down the stairs
to the car, one quick breath in—
ah, orange blossoms! Spring!

Round, fuzzy paddlers
follow their proud, mallard mom—
Stay close! Don't fall back!

Reg Blakely lives in Building 2 and works from home for a global learning and development company with HQ in Dublin, Ireland. Once an active performer in the National Poetry Slam competitions, she enjoys a view of the lake from their 2nd floor balcony, where she finds plentiful subject matter for writing haiku.

Haiku is a short, poetic form that gained popularity in Japan in the late 1600s. The Japanese poet Basho became internationally famous for using haiku to encourage presence in the moment, often using a single image or event to evoke a mood or insight.

Haiku is a great poetic form to practice while living in The Lakes because it frequently features an element of nature. The classic form of haiku consists of 17 syllables in 3 lines (using a 5-7-5 syllable pattern).

Do you haiku? Try it out and bring your best (or worst!) to share at the next Harbour Village pool party.

Activities here and about...

Have you checked out our Harbour Village bulletin board recently? If you are interested in playing in a fundraiser pickleball tournament to support Special

Olympics athletes, there is a poster on the bulletin board with more information and a QR code for signing up. Also on the bulletin board, you will find a map from the City of Tempe showing paving projects slated for 2025 in The Lakes vicinity.



April pool party - April 27th at 4:30 PM

This will be potluck style, so please bring something to share if you're able. If not, no worries, please come anyway to connect with your neighbors.

Sign off

We would love to get to know you and hear your ideas for how we can foster a sense of community here at Harbour Village. You can share your thoughts and email address with us by emailing us at [http://HVcommunityNews@gmail.com](mailto:HVcommunityNews@gmail.com).

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