

Harbour Village Community News

October 2026

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

From the HOA Board

The next HOA Board meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 PM in The Lakes Clubhouse. Everyone is encouraged to attend. If you need a ride to the clubhouse, send us an email at hvcommunitynews@gmail.com and we'll help you out.

The City of Tempe is currently performing a leak assessment of Harbour Village. You have already received several emails from Debbie Tribioli letting you know when they are on-site. The goal, of course, is to reduce the amount of water that Harbour Village is using. Water continues to be one of the biggest expenses for the HOA and we all pay the bill. The irrigation and water conservation project largely funded by the City of Tempe installed new irrigation technology to better manage how we use water on our plants.

Everyone needs to be mindful of how we use our water. We all are aware of how long it takes for the water to get hot at the kitchen sink. There is technology that can be installed to ensure that your hot water is always ready to go. Another water-saving approach is to fill a bucket or large pan with the cold water that is running and use that water for plants inside and outside of your home. If you have any other thoughts on how we can conserve our use of water, send us an email and share your ideas!

On that note, a **Beautification Day** is planned for **Saturday, October 24th from 9:00 to 11:00 AM**. This is an opportunity to spruce up our community and meet your neighbors. Come when you can and stay as long as you like. Gather at the pool house. Tools will be provided, please bring your own gloves and hats.

If everyone does a little bit, it adds up and helps to keep the neighborhood looking tidy. Here are some things you can do...

- If you see something lying on the ground, like oranges, branches, or trash, please take a moment to pick them up and drop them in the dumpster.
- Be neighborly and keep your dog on a leash and pick up after your dog.

- Be on the lookout for seedlings from the Whitelead Tree ...



The **Whitelead Tree** (*Leucaena leucocephala*) is a non-native invasive weed/shrub/ that spreads quickly, forming dense thickets and displacing native vegetation. If not properly managed or removed, these can grow into tall trees. It is specifically prohibited in The Lakes and is one of the top 100 invasive species in the world. If you see "volunteer" shoots coming up anywhere on the property, please pull them or notify Debbie Tribioli, and someone will be sent out to confirm what type of plant you have identified and to remove it if is the Whitelead Tree.

Pool Party

Saturday, October 24th from 4:00 – 6:00 PM.

Come and meet friends and neighbors. You can bring something to share or just come by!

Did you know?

City Hall Farmers Market

Starting October 18, the event at 31 E. Fifth Street in Tempe will be held most Sundays from 8 AM to noon, between October and April – and between 7 and 11 AM May through September. The Farmers Market will feature a variety of small business vendors selling

produce, baked goods, ready to eat foods and hand-made items. Go to tempe.gov/CityHallFarmersMarket or by Instagram @ TCHFarmersMarket.

Irrigation Update

Here are some of the components of the new irrigation technology that has been installed at Harbour Village...



Master valve that controls flow through the main line. There are 2 in the Harbour Village system.

Flow sensor monitors flow and compares it to main line capacity. 2 in system.



Weather station gathers daily temperature, rainfall etc. and sends the data to the controller via bluetooth communication.

The "Air Card" is the cellular communication device that allow for remote control of the controller from any device with internet access.

Weathermatic controller replaces existing irrigation controllers. There are 5 total in Harbour Village.

State and Local General Election Dates + Tips

Here are some dates and tips for voting...

Tue. Oct 27 – Last day to return ballots by mail

Tue. Nov 3 – Polls close at 7 PM: last day to drop off your ballot (or vote in person) at any vote center.

You can check your registration and find nearby voting locations and ballot drop boxes at

www.BeBallotReady.vote

Another resource is www.elections.maricopa.gov

The pine trees in Harbour Village

We came to live in Harbour Village, in part, because of the beautiful, mature trees in our community. All the pine trees in Harbour Village were planted when Harbour Village was first built in the early 1980s and were popular in the landscaping of that time.

The tall, skinny pine trees with really long needles are Canary Island Pines (*Pinus canariensis*). These conifers hail from the Canary Islands in Spain and can grow over 100 feet high. Under warm conditions, this is one of the most drought-resistant pine trees. The aromatic wood, especially the heartwood, is among the finest of pine

woods, being hard, strong and durable. The wood of the Canary Island Pine is now becoming popular as a 'tonewood' and is used for the soundboards of guitars and other string instruments.

Now that the heat is abating, step outside and enjoy the beautiful garden we live in!

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 HVcommunityNews@gmail.com.

A handy way to keep up on what is going on is to become a member of the **Harbour Village Tempe Facebook Group**. Click on this link and join! www.facebook.com/groups/810018574698138

Debbie Tribioli is the Property Manager for Harbour Village. Please reach out to Debbie first, at the number below, with your questions or concerns or to report things that need attention, especially those needing immediate attention. Debbie is in the office Monday through Thursday. For Friday through Sunday, and after hours, you can leave a message with the switchboard and she will respond promptly to problems needing immediate attention.

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For urgent matters after normal business hours, this number will connect you with emergency services.

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You can find an online version of the *HV Community News* on the Harbour Village HOA website.