



# *CANYON GRANADA TIMES*

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## **A Word From our HOA President**

Our annual Canyon Granada HOA meeting has recently passed, and the election of your Board of Directors confirmed by a majority of homeowners. We welcome Wayne Bunton to the Board, and Karen Ross will continue her service for a two-year term after filling a vacant Board seat in 2022. A reminder that Board service is voluntary, and an extra duty taken on by homeowners who are interested in preserving the integrity of our Canyon Granada development. The Board is guided by our governing documents in all decision making. Board meetings are open to all homeowners and can be accessed on Zoom. The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

At our annual meeting, I was pleased to provide a recap of some notable achievements at Canyon Granada this past year. In summary, the value of our properties is increasing, as seen by recent sales prices. It is our goal, as a Board of Directors, to continue to maintain our property in a manner that makes it an attractive and desirable investment. In 2022, we completed mandated balcony inspections and found minimal repairs. Our painting project is underway, and Springs Painting is doing a great job giving our property a much-needed face lift. We are complying with watering restrictions imposed by the Desert Water Agency due to continuing drought conditions, and our landscape contractor is doing a good job of maintaining our beautiful trees and foundation plants. In short, things are looking good at Canyon Granada and it is our goal as a Board and we hope for individual homeowners to keep it that way.

## Message from Management

An important reminder to all residents that Canyon Granada Board members are not to be contacted for day-to-day problems associated with the property. If you have a problem with your unit, or you see an issue or problem on the property, please contact our property management company:

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Cindy Anderson

Maryellen Hill & Associates

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### **A Dog's Life**

Canyon Granada is home to a pack of lucky residents – of the canine variety. Our CC&R's give us guidance on how to keep our best friends happy and harmonious on Canyon Granada property. First and foremost, all dogs must always be on leash when on property for their own safety and for keeping the peace with other animals. Secondly, owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. All dog waste must be picked up and disposed of. The pool areas are generally off limits to dogs. Dogs urinating or defecating near the pools can create runoff that becomes a public health hazard. If you are passing through the pool area with your pet, keep it on leash and do not allow it to do its business in this area. Lastly, barking dogs can be a nuisance to other residents. Please try to keep your pets as quiet as possible to minimize disturbance to residents living around you. These simple guidelines will help to make Canyon Granada a dog friendly place to co-exist with our pets.

### **Trash Talking**

In the aftermath of the holiday season, a reminder to homeowners and tenants – do not put your discarded Christmas trees in the community dumpsters. Contact Palm Springs Disposal Company to arrange for pick-up.

## Annual Meeting After Party

The Canyon Granada Annual Homeowners meeting on November 19 culminated in a much-missed tradition – a pool party and gathering complete with delicious food and tropical drinks, long term and new neighbors and friends, and a festive spirit to kick off the holiday season. Many thanks to Carla Swecker and Karen Ross for organizing the party, and a shout out to Donna, Lynn, Chloe, Luisa, Wayne, Jeff, Ed, and Brad who helped with party set-up. We hope to continue this tradition in coming years.

If you enjoyed the Caribbean Rum Punch served at the party, here is the recipe: 1 C. Orange Juice, 1 C. Pineapple juice,  $\frac{1}{4}$  C. Lime Juice,  $\frac{1}{4}$  C. Dark Rum;  $\frac{1}{4}$  C. Light Rum or Coconut Rum,  $\frac{1}{3}$  C. Grenadine. Mix and serve over ice. Yum!



# Projects

## **Stucco and Painting Project**

Springs Painting has done a marvelous job of repairing stucco, painting our Canyon Granada buildings, walls, and railings, and generally giving our property a long overdue upgrade. The special assessment of \$3,000/unit approved by homeowners, funded this project. The assessment is due by December 31, 2022. If you are unable to make your full payment by year end, please contact Cindy Anderson as soon as possible to make payment arrangements, which will include late fees.

## **Carport Storage Area Doors**

The Board of Directors is still assessing the most economical and structurally sound method and bids for repairing 27 of our damaged storage doors in the carport areas. Once we have determined a path forward, the storage doors will be repaired and painted, and Springs Painting will return to complete Phase II of the painting project which will include the carport areas.

## **Front Doors**

The Board of Directors has been discussing alternatives for repair or replacement of front doors. The painting of the doors several years ago resulted in a failure of the paint on some doors with excessive sun exposure. The HOA will pay to have doors re-painted, but complete replacement of doors will be a cost borne by each homeowner. The Board has been assessing a variety of door styles and more information will be forthcoming on options. We will be working with Springs Painting to do a full assessment of front doors on all 60 units and based upon their findings and report to Management, we will determine our path forward.

# Landscape Committee

Our landscape contractor has been doing a great job of coordinating tree and shrub trimming, and necessary removal and pull back of existing foundation plants during the painting process. The Board of Directors recently approved a \$3,000 budget item to replace plants damaged or removed throughout the property during the painting project.

A reminder that Canyon Granada is complying with Desert Water Agency recommendations for HOA's during this time of drought. Thus, our grass this winter does not have the usual look and

appeal from past years. The Board of Directors recently discussed this matter and voted not to proceed with water intensive scalping and reseeded of grass for the winter. Canyon Granada is in the process of replacing sprinkler timers provided as an incentive from Desert Water Agency. These timers are on back order but will be installed as soon as we receive them. If you see an area watering during daytime hours, it is likely they are being controlled by an old, marginally-functional timer. All watering should be happening at night. Further, HOA's are asked to only water essential landscape areas. This includes turf areas that contain trees, shrubs, and foundation plants. If we don't continue to water these areas, the loss of trees and plants could present an extreme financial hardship to our HOA. Report any watering problems you see to Cindy Anderson, or flag immediate problems like broken sprinkler heads or leaking water so that Isaac, our day gardener, can attend to it in a timely manner. Flags are located outside the grounds keeper shed in the north garbage disposal area.

## Security

This is an ongoing reminder regarding security. *Please remember that no community can ever be crime-free. For example, it is possible for someone to enter the property under false pretenses to commit crimes, for residents to commit crimes against their own neighbors, for guests of residents to commit crimes, and for employees to commit crimes. As a result, the association cannot guarantee your security. You should NOT rely on the association to protect you from loss or harm. You should provide for your own security by keeping your doors locked; refusing to open your door to strangers; asking workmen for identification; installing a security system; carrying insurance; etc.*

## Events and Community Resources

### **Sports, Sports, Sports!**

Can you conceive of a better winter climate than we enjoy in the Coachella Valley? An additional 500,000 winter residents can't be wrong. People flock to the desert to enjoy year-round golf, tennis, pickleball, swimming, cycling, hiking, walking, sunbathing, and generally enjoying everything the great outdoors has to offer. Here is a sample of premier sports events happening in the Coachella Valley this winter.

#### **The American Express PGA Golf Tournament – January 16-22, 2023**

Have you ever experienced a Professional Golf Association (PGA) tournament as a spectator? Whether you are a die-hard golf fan or not, it's a fun and unique experience. This year's American Express PGA Tournament is being hosted at PGA West and La Quinta Country Club right down



the road. Get your exercise by walking the beautiful courses following the pros, or just relax in a host of hospitality areas enjoying great food and drinks. Friday and Saturday tickets include evening concerts featuring Gwen Stefani on January 20, and Darius Rucker on January 21.

### **Tour de Palm Springs – February 17, 2023**

The Tour de Palm Springs is one of the largest and most festive cycling charity events of its kind in America. Every year, the event hosts up to 10,000 cyclists from 46 different states and four countries. Since 1998, and with the help of 2,000 volunteers, the Tour de Palm Springs has distributed nearly \$4,000,000 to over 150 local nonprofit organizations. Enjoy the event as a rider, or just share the road as cyclists take over the town during this event.

### **BNP Paribas Open – Indian Wells Tennis Garden, March 8-19, 2023**

The BNP Paribas Open is the largest two-week combined tennis event outside of the four Grand Slams. In recent years the Indian Wells Tennis Garden debuted an impressive renovation, highlighted by the addition of more dining options on site, including Wolfgang Puck’s Spago, a full-service 100-seat restaurant that overlooks the court on Stadium 1. There are three main courts at Indian Wells Tennis Garden and a host of additional courts. The BNP Paribas Open offers equal prize money for men and women.

## **Resident Profiles**

During 2023, we will be featuring profiles of residents with an interesting story to tell. If you know a Canyon Granada neighbor you would like to feature, please contact Karen Ross at [powerup6850@gmail.com](mailto:powerup6850@gmail.com)

### **ROY YOSHIMATSU**





This is the story of a boy, who left his rural ranch home at the tender age of 17, to fly away and see the world. Born and raised on the 300,000-acre Parker Ranch on the Big Island of Hawaii, Roy Yoshimatsu grew up with a view of two of Hawaii's most iconic, 13,000'+ volcanic peaks – Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa. The peaks were visible from the home he grew up in.

The travel bug bit Roy hard when he saw a performance of Up With People, an international program that empowers young adults to make a difference in the world through volunteering, leadership, and the performing arts. Two weeks out of high school, Roy left his rural home and sheltered existence in Hawaii to head to New York City, where he joined an international cast of Up With People performers. He was initially so homesick he called his mother collect every day. One day, frustrated with escalating phone bills, Roy's mother admonished him to "stick it out!" He did and commenced performing on David's Island off the coast of New Rochelle, NY. International casts of Up With People came to the Island for sing offs, and from there Roy began traveling coast to coast and around the world.

What an experience for a young man! While traveling in Canada, Italy, Switzerland, and South America, Roy lived with host families and learned all production numbers in the native language of the country he was in. At one time, he and his cast members were guests of Prince Rainier and Princess Grace at their hotel in Monaco. Roy traveled 35 places until he settled back in Southern California to attend Chapman College where he obtained a four-year degree in sociology and psychology.

That familiar bug struck again! Roy was offered an opportunity to spend a semester at sea as part of Chapman's World Campus Afloat program. He traveled to Asia, Africa, Japan, Taiwan, Morocco, and Ceylon, learning about each country, taking tours in country, and generally becoming a global citizen. No wonder when he graduated from college, Roy rejoined Up With People and spent another two years as a member of an elite cast of 30 members traveling in the U.S., Belgium, and Germany. Aloha Airlines sponsored performances at Surf Hotels on the islands of Hawaii, which took Roy closer to home. His cast performed at the Spokane World's Fair in a special pavilion, and he returned to international travel. During his career with Up With People,

he performed in a broad cross section of venues from a week of sold-out performances at Carnegie Hall, to gymnasiums, to huge stadiums, to outdoor concerts in Harlem.

In 1975, American Airlines was recruiting new flight attendants in Honolulu, and they hired Roy on the spot. An economic downturn furloughed new recruits, and Roy took a job as a waiter at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Los Angeles, where he trained for food service. He was called back by American and got his wings in 1976. He flew mostly international (no surprise here), and was based out of La Guardia, Los Angeles, and San Francisco where he flew for 25 years. While in San Francisco, Roy explored another passion – Roller Derby! Yes, Roy became a member of the San Francisco Bay Bombers where he skated for 15 years.

Roy always excelled at everything he did, and he became an instructor in American Airlines' training department. He performed training for in-flight emergencies, international flagship food service (including special service for Hong Kong, Sydney, and Auckland), and cultural awareness. Roy was a premier flight attendant on ten inaugural flight launches with American and became a recruiter for the airline where in 2013, he met his future husband, Ed Young. Ed was a flight attendant supervisor which meant he had to go through the same training as his employees. The two literally bumped into one another in the cafeteria and were married in 2017. Roy and Ed have been living happily ever after at Canyon Granada since 2014.

Roy officially retired from American Airlines in 2017 after 41 years of service. However, he still does part time work recruiting pilots and flight attendants for Breeze Airways, an airline providing non-stop service to underserved routes across the United States.

To what does Roy credit his incredible energy, drive, and thirst for adventure? His mother, of course, who recently passed away at the age of 97. She inspired him to believe he could set goals, follow his heart, and succeed at anything he desired. Although she encouraged Roy to become a worldwide explorer, Canyon Granada is lucky to be the place he decided to settle down and call home.

## **Distribution of Newsletter to Tenants**

Our Canyon Granada newsletter is currently distributed to owners only. We encourage owners to share communications with tenants. If you would like us to email future correspondence directly to your tenants, please contact Karen Ross at [powerup6850@gmail.com](mailto:powerup6850@gmail.com), providing the emails you wish to include.

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