



CANYON GRANADA TIMES

Helpful Tip

We are blessed to enjoy two beautiful, resort style pools at Canyon Granada. When using the spas and pool areas, be a good neighbor and make sure to turn off the spa after use, take down umbrellas, and return the furniture to an orderly condition. Our HOA owns all of this pool equipment and pays the bills to heat and maintain the pools and spas. The main pool area is also a walkway. Dogs must be on leash when walking through the pool area and please don't let your dog urinate or defecate on the grounds near the pool. Let's keep our pools in great shape and sanitary and usable for everyone.

Message from Management

As owners of property at Canyon Granada, we all share the rights and responsibilities of our individual home ownership and the maintenance of our entire community. We encourage active participation in our Homeowners Association or HOA. Our elected HOA Board meets monthly. These sessions are accessible through Zoom, and owners are invited to tune in. At the beginning of each Board session, homeowners are welcome to ask questions or make comments. At the conclusion of this first agenda item, our Board goes into session, and non-Board Member owners are not allowed to comment or engage in discussion during this part of the meeting unless called upon. All HOA Board meeting minutes are available on our Canyon Granada website: canyongranada.com.

The HOA Board Finance Committee, chaired by Hap Blaisdell, is actively seeking interested homeowners to join this Committee. Please contact Cindy Anderson at canderson@mehill.com if you are interested in participating.

Management will soon be forwarding a copy of restated CC&R's to all homeowners. This has been a mandated and costly endeavor. Homeowners will be given the opportunity to review and approve the new CC&R's, and management suggests approval. Contact Cindy Anderson at canderson@mehill.com if you have any questions about this initiative.

Projects

Several big projects have been given the approval and go-ahead by our HOA Board. These projects will give our community a facelift, take care of some deferred maintenance, and enhance the value of our individual homes. Repair, cleaning, and painting of the stamped, red concrete at the entry and roundabout is already underway. Red curbs will also be sandblasted and repainted. Roofs have been repaired, and a contractor is working on a process to repair the peeling paint on the doors. Non-functional solar panels on the north carport will be replaced sometime in the future.

Two very big upcoming projects have also been approved. Recently enacted State of California SB326 requires the following of condominium homeowners associations. (Here is an excerpt of the review of this bill by the State of California Legislative Council Bureau):

This bill would require the association of a condominium project to cause a reasonably competent and diligent visual inspection of exterior elevated elements, defined as the load-

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bearing components and associated waterproofing systems, as specified, to determine whether the exterior elevated elements are in a generally safe condition and performing in compliance with applicable standards. The bill would require the inspector to submit a report to the board of the association providing specified information, including the current physical condition and remaining useful life of the load-bearing components and associated waterproofing systems. The bill would require the inspector to provide a copy of the inspection report to the association immediately upon completion of the report, and to the local code enforcement agency within 15 days of completion of the report, if, after inspection of any exterior elevated element, the inspector advises that the exterior elevated element poses an immediate threat to the safety of the occupants. The bill would require the association to take preventive measures immediately upon receiving the report, including preventing occupant access to the exterior elevated element until repairs have been inspected and approved by the local enforcement agency.

Canyon Granada will be complying with this law during an initiative to repair and recoat second story entry decks, stairs, and balconies. More information will be forthcoming on this project. ***Please note: When this balcony work takes place, owners will be required to remove all items on entry decks and balconies, and any tile or carpet that is on these surfaces must also be removed at homeowners expense.***

A second large project has also been approved by the HOA Board. Bids are coming in for the repair and painting of the entire exterior stucco of all buildings in our development. More information will be forthcoming on the impact of this project.

Security

Car break-ins and petty crime are on the rise in the Palm Springs area. Unfortunately, Canyon Granada is not immune from these acts. Remember to lock your car and don't leave valuables in sight. Secure personal property on patios and report any criminal activity to the Palm Springs Police Department. The HOA Board has been reviewing security measures at Canyon Granada. The best defense will be a good community neighborhood watch. When entering or exiting pedestrian gates, make sure to securely close the gates. Be cautious about sharing the front entry gate code. And always say something if you see something amiss.

A new subcommittee of the HOA board, chaired by Mark Azar, will be formed to review current security measures and to develop recommendations for security going forward. We are looking for a few homeowners to serve on this subcommittee. If you are interested in this topic, please contact Cindy Anderson at canderson@mehill.com and she will get you in touch with Mark.

Did You Know?

Let's talk trash. Our trash vestibules are for household waste and recycling. The large red dumpsters are for household waste. That does not include large or bulky items such as furniture or appliances. Residents are individually responsible for disposal of these items. For bulky item pick-up, contact Palm Springs Disposal Service directly at www.palmspringsdisposal.com.

Recyclable items go in the blue garbage bins. Items considered recyclable include cans, glass bottles, plastic bottles, loose paper, and cardboard. A few recycling tips and no-no's:

- Remove caps, corks, labels, and lids. Empty remaining contents from containers and lightly scrape out.
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- Cardboard must be completely broken down before placing it in the dumpster. It must also be clean and dry with all loose tape removed. Soiled pizza boxes and wax covered cardboard are **not recyclable** and must be placed in the trash cart.
- Soiled takeout food containers or “clamshells” are considered contaminated and are **not acceptable** for recycling.
- Packing peanuts are **not recyclable** and should be bagged (preferably into paper sacks) and put into the trash.
- If you collect recyclables in plastic bags, dump items out of the bags into the recycling bags Plastic bags are not recyclable.

Upcoming Events

Coachella Valley Music Festival – April 15 – 24, 2022, and Stagecoach – April 29 – May 1

The Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival (commonly called the Coachella Festival or simply Coachella) is back after two years of postponements and cancellations due to COVID. Coachella is an annual music festival held at the Empire Polo Club in Indio. The festival dates back to 1993 and is widely considered one of the most successful music festivals in the nation.

The early festival was affordable, tickets costing only \$50. Today a ticket to one of the three-day weekend events started at \$474. The festival famously showcased lesser-known musicians and was considered a trendsetter within the music industry. This year’s festival headliners include superstars Harry Styles, Billie Eilish, Ye (formerly known as Kanye West) and Megan Thee Stallion.

You can expect to see an increase in the population of the valley as the influx of concert goers search for a roof over their heads. Festival goers seek a variety of housing options including tent camping, RV’s, vacation rentals, hotels, motels and cars. The 2022 festival sold out almost instantly at 198,000 tickets for a total gross of \$84.3 million.

If Coachella doesn’t satisfy your musical taste, the Stagecoach music festival kicks up the dust at the same Indio venue April 29 – May 1. This country music festival will host headliners Carrie Underwood, Thomas Rhett and Luke Combs.

These two festivals make the Coachella Valley the go-to place for musical happenings during the month of April.

Resident Profiles – The Roaring 90’s

Canyon Granada has the distinction of being home to a number of “nonagenarians,” or people who have lived into their 90’s. In our 2022 issues, we will be profiling some of our community residents who have achieved this auspicious goal.

MARILYN PURDY

On April 17, 2022, Canyon Granada Resident Marilyn Purdy turns 91. “I *never* thought I’d reach this age,” quips this still-active nonagenarian. Marilyn was born in Long Beach, California and, at age 18, joined the Army during the Korean Conflict. She was stationed in Yokohama, Japan

where she met her future husband, David Purdy, who was also stationed there. “During that time, I was very fortunate to travel throughout Japan and, especially, to enjoy the beautiful Japanese countryside,” recalls Marilyn. Upon her discharge, she returned to Long Beach, got married and, a few years later, had a son, Greg.

While working in the aerospace industry, she attended Long Beach City College, Cal State Long Beach and graduated from Cal State Dominguez Hills.

The following decades were spent working in the field of gerontology at senior centers in Santa Ana, Palm Springs, and Phoenix.

In 1998, at age 67, Marilyn joined the Peace Corps and was assigned to a small town in Bulgaria where she was a T.E.F.L. (Teacher of English as a Foreign Language) instructor at a school teaching the primary grades. During this time, she was able to travel throughout Bulgaria, as well as to six other Easter European countries.



Marilyn with her fourth-grade students in Bulgaria (1999)

When Marilyn returned, she moved to Canyon Granada, which Greg had purchased during her absence.

In 2000, she joined the AmeriCorps Vista Program and was sent to Washington State to head a remedial reading program at an elementary school. When she returned in 2002, she volunteered with the ESL (English as a Second Language) program in Palm Springs schools.

Then, in 2005, Marilyn joined the Palm Springs Follies as a community ambassador and worked there until the show closed in 2014.

Afterwards, she continued her volunteer activities with the Palm Springs Historical Society as a docent; the Palm Springs Airport as a ‘Navigator’; and at the various film festivals in Palm Springs.

“I think the most interesting part of my life was traveling to 26 countries and living five years abroad,” says Marilyn. “There is no better way to learn another country’s culture.”

Today, you’ll find Marilyn busy as the program chairperson for the Mizell Senior Center’s Widows and Widowers Club, where—every Monday—a different speaker addresses the group on a variety of interesting subjects. She is also an avid reader and enjoys trading favorite books with fellow Canyon Granada Resident Marilyn Hast. “Living at Canyon Granada for over 20 years, I’ve made some dear friendships,” says Marilyn. “Sadly, several of those have passed away, but I am grateful that we still have so many wonderful neighbors. Ultimately, it’s the people who make a community and that’s what makes Canyon Granada so special to me.”

If you have any questions you would like addressed in this newsletter or suggestions for future editions, you may contact either Karen Ross (powerup6850@gmail.com), or Greg Purdy (gregmpurdy@icloud.com)
