

REFUGE POA NEWSLETTER

2025 – Quarter 3



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FROM THE BOARD

Welcome back to all our summer travelers!

Our next POA meeting is coming up on Tuesday, September 16th at 2:00 pm. This meeting will be a zoom meeting with a link sent to all prior to the 16th.

Important reminder: Please remember that golf carts are not allowed on the golf course after hours, when the course is closed, or if you are not playing golf. Please remind your guests of this rule as well.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Finance Committee:

Our finance committee will meet on **Friday, September 19th at 3:00 pm** to review the 2026 budget and to review/revise the 5-year look-ahead plan including the new road updates. Results will be discussed at the October POA meeting.

Design Review Committee:

The DRC Committee continues to see interest in building new homes in the community. Homeowners, please continue to submit exterior paint color changes, landscape changes, exterior lighting changes, pools, new fencing and/or walls, and any other exterior home remodels. Please refer to the design guidelines to better understand exterior remodeling requirements.

Now is a good time to apply pre-emergent to empty lots and landscape areas of homes due to the recent rains.

Governing Documents Committee:

Reminder to residents to view the revised CC&R documents online. The voting is still scheduled to be held at our February 2026 Annual Board Meeting. As a reminder, the revisions included removing the “Declarant” wherever mentioned as the developer has not been involved with our community since 2008 and changing the voting requirement on community issues from 2/3 in good standing, to majority, or 50% +1.

Newsletter Committee:

The newsletter committee is always looking for new and interesting stories to share with the community. If you have a fun story or know of a person who stands out in our community, please contact one of the committee members.

Community Events Committee:

Top Tracer Golf: Due to the tremendous turnout at our last event, the Community Events Committee will again host a Top Tracer night full of fun & prizes on **Sunday, November 12th**. Further details and a sign-up sheet will be sent as the date approaches.

Golf Cart Parade is scheduled for **Sunday, December 14th**. We will again plan to meet on Masters Court with decorated & non-decorated carts, and this year, we are adding a prize for “Best Dressed Humans”! Details to follow as the date approaches. Remember, you do not need a golf cart to join in the fun!

Paint N Sip is still on the calendar for early 2026, **tentatively set for 2/11/26**.

IWGCC Events: A very informative list of projects coming up at the IWGCC was sent out by Amy Telnes’ office on August 4, 2025. If you did not see the list, check your email on that date with a subject line stating, “Notes from Iron Wolf to The Refuge Community Association”. There are just too many wonderful things happening to list here!

Roads Committee:

Asphalt slurry type 2 (1/4”) was completed on all roads. This application was used to extend the life of the roads for another 5-7 years before the need for asphalt replacement. The roads committee is working diligently with Sunland Paving to re-do all cul-de-sacs and several problem areas throughout the community. Residents will be seeing vacuum sweepers removing the shedding aggregate and also rollers to compact the slurry over the next few weeks.

ALLO Fiber has completed their work & is ready for you to call for installation, if interested.

Landscape Committee (LC):

Landscape Renewal [Arnold Palmer North]: The IWGC has now committed to completing their landscape project to address the adjacent loose sand on the golf course, holes 4, 5 & 7, before the end of this year. The POA areas on Arnold Palmer (between the mid gate and the South gate) are expected to be completed by the end of this year, after IWGC completes their work. IWGC will be

completing the POA landscape refresh and will take over maintenance and watering responsibilities for this area as they are now doing for South Arnold Palmer. This will reduce the POA irrigation and landscape maintenance costs of this area going forth.

North Gate Entrance Landscape Rock Refresh [Complete]. The 3–5-inch landscape rock at the entrance next to North entry curb has now been refreshed.



Signs have been added to the Mid Gate and North Gates to remind construction workers that no construction is allowed prior to 6:00 am.



Common area maintenance – weekly service continues to be provided by Tizard Elite Landscaping.

Street Sweeping & Street Light cleaning are being completed on a quarterly basis (more as needed).

Proposed projects for 2026 budget considerations have been discussed by the LC and submitted to the POA Board in July.

Key Landscape projects under consideration for 2026 include:

- 1) LaTrobe/Deacon common area rock refresh adjacent to holes 1, 8 & 18.
- 2) Rock Refresh around mailbox areas as needed.
- 3) Add LED lighting to North and South gates for better visibility (similar to new mid gate LED lighting).

Security & Violations Committee:

By now, all residents should have received an email to activate their **myQ app** account, thereby allowing them to gain access and control visitor access via their phone. As a reminder, the new MyQ/Community App allows you to create temporary passcodes for visitors and delivery services, preventing you from having to give out your personal passcodes. If you have not yet activated your account, or need help in doing so, please contact Amy Telnes at (928) 505-1120.

Amy and her staff continue to issue **access bar code stickers** to be applied to vehicles as residents visit her office, located at 500 N Lake Havasu Avenue, Suite A104 (in the Bahama Business Park).

The Security Committee meets the last Wednesday of each month downstairs at Iron Wolf's Bogeys and Stogies.