

REFUGE POA NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE BOARD

The POA Board hopes everyone is having a safe and wonderful **summer!** As we head into the season, we would like to share a few community updates, safety reminders, and upcoming information to help keep our neighborhood informed and connected.

As in previous years, the POA Board does not hold regular meetings during the summer months. Our next Board meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 15, at 2:00 p.m.** A meeting notice and Zoom link will be sent to residents prior to the meeting. We look forward to seeing you then!

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Finance Committee: Fran Delach, Ken Goddard, Lisa Gosnell (Chair), Debbie Maggert, Tom Sanders

The Board requests that all committee budgets be submitted by **September 8** to allow adequate time for review prior to the next Board meeting. Thank you for your cooperation and timely submission.

Design Review Committee: Peggy Delach (Chair), Randy Erwin, Rocky Gorder, Tina Nelson, Steve Ticknor

May kicked off with two new home approvals/starts adding to six other homes currently under construction.

The committee has also been busy with numerous homeowners refreshing their homes with repainting requests and approval of turf designs and installations, (20% maximum allowable turf in the front yard).

Great home refresh colors and turf designs are always appreciated by making our community look amazing. Thank you to all those who submitted per community requirements.

Governing Documents Committee: Peggy Delach, Tina Nelson (Chair), Tom Sanders

There are no committee updates to report this quarter.

Newsletter Committee: Peggy Delach, Karla Dunavant, Lisa Gosnell (Chair)

Don't forget to check out this month's Resident Spotlight on the last page! It's a fascinating feature you won't want to miss.

Community Events Committee: Jeanne Decamara, Lisa Gosnell, Debbie Maggert, Kristie Swaim (Chair)

The Social Committee is currently planning exciting fall and winter events for our community. Stay tuned for more details—we look forward to sharing them with you soon!

Roads Committee: Cindy Hacket (Chair), Stephen Hacket, Lloyd Merrill, Jim Yapp

There are no committee updates to report this quarter.

Landscape Committee: Jeff Jennings (Chair), Mike Matlock, Gary Pitchford, Jim Yapp

Citation Park – The project to replace the park turf has been completed. We invite you to check out the new turf!

Please remember that our community park is a shared space for families and residents of all ages to enjoy. We kindly ask all residents and their guests to always pick up after their pets and dispose of waste properly. Thank you for helping keep our park clean, safe, and enjoyable for everyone.



The South Gate Gabion Fence has been repainted.

Multiple faded stop signs have been replaced throughout the neighborhood.

LED lighting to North and South gates for better visibility (similar to new mid gate LED lighting). This project is to improve gate visibility at night to minimize vehicle & gate damage. This project will take place in 2026.

If you have any concerns, suggestions or questions regarding your Refuge Common Area Landscaping, please feel free to reach out to anyone of the Committee members.

Security & Violations Committee: Dale Caolmer, Mark Pickart (Chair), Jeff Swaim

SAFETY REMINDER:

Please help keep our community safe by following all posted speed limits and coming to a complete stop at stop signs. We also ask parents to remind children riding motorized scooters and e-bikes that they are expected to follow the same rules of the road as all other vehicles, including stopping at stop signs, yielding when required, and to not drive their e-bikes on vacant lots. Taking a few extra seconds to obey traffic laws can help prevent serious accidents and keep our neighborhood safe for everyone.

LARRY & PAULA RIPPENKROEGER

Some love stories begin with a chance meeting. Larry and Paula's story began with a chance meeting, and then an 18-year intermission. Larry and Paula's story began in Michigan when Paula was in her early twenties and Larry was in his mid-twenties. It was almost love at first sight, but life had other plans. Paula had committed to a five-year contract to advance her IT career, while Larry was fully immersed in his rapidly growing jet ski racing career. Eighteen years later, they reconnected and have been making up for lost time ever since by building an exciting and successful life together.

A four-time Jet Ski World Champion, Larry's career took him around the globe. He performed for King Hussein of Jordan and participated in the opening ceremonies of the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea. If you happen to meet a true jet ski enthusiast and mention Larry's name, chances are they will tell you he is the "Godfather of Jet Skiing."

In 1994, Larry launched a second remarkable career when he was hired to perform stunts for the movie "Waterworld". That opportunity led to a decade-long working relationship with Bruce Willis, for whom Larry served as his personal stunt double. In 2007, while filming "Live Free or Die Hard", Larry suffered a devastating accident. He fell approximately 25 feet from a fire escape onto the pavement, sustaining severe injuries, including multiple facial fractures and broken wrists. Facing a long and difficult recovery, Larry famously told himself, "This is not a time to die hard." After 13 surgeries to rebuild his face and arms, he regained his health and returned to doing what he loved.

Over the course of his career, Larry has appeared in more than 150 movies and television productions. Among his many accomplishments, Larry earned the Taurus Award for Best Stunt Driver, an award widely regarded as the stunt world's version of an Academy Award. Today, he continues to pursue his passion for filmmaking as a writer and director. Many Refuge residents may remember participating as extras in "Hot Water", the feature film that transformed the Country Club into a movie set during filming in 2021. For a moment, our community looked more like Hollywood than Lake Havasu.

Paula has achieved tremendous success in her own career as well. Beginning in 1999, she worked with major movie studios developing technology solutions as a software engineer. Her expertise and leadership led her to executive roles, ultimately serving as Senior Vice President for several consulting companies. When Larry is not on location, he and Paula enjoy spending time at home watching movies, collaborating on the script for their newest film, "Animal Cracker", and enjoying frequent date nights at the Country Club and Toptracer. From world championships and Hollywood productions to life here in The Refuge, Larry and Paula have created an extraordinary story together, and we are fortunate to have them as part of our community.

