

PARK PLAZAS NEWS

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From the President

Around the Neighborhood---

The trees are wearing their spring fashions and what a beautiful site!



On March 19, Park Plazas held its annual meeting and elected three people to serve on the board in three-year positions. We welcome back JD

Bullington who is serving his second term and Catherine Akridge and Cassara Higgins who are joining the board in their first terms. Many thanks to all who were able to attend. Approximately 45 people attended, and it was nice to see old friends and meet some new residents.

Park Plazas has an active working board, and we are focused on several areas including sustainability. We know that our climate is changing and that these changes are impacting our environment on both a global and local scale. In Park Plazas, we are studying prevention measures to alleviate the impact of droughts, floods, and fires – what are best practices that we can adopt for water conservation, how do we preserve our landscaping/trees, and how do we protect our homes and property. Steve Harvath, a Park Plazas resident and board member, is leading this effort. If you are interested in working with the committee, please contact Steve at harvath.steve@gmail.com.

Tierra Bonita Landscape Management, Park Plazas' new landscape management services provider, came onto the property March 3 and "hit the ground running". Beginning with the public view of Park Plazas, they immediately began cleaning up the

common areas along both sides of the 5 city streets as well as trimming the common area vegetation as needed. Their current focus is doing the same for the other common areas, the walking paths and the cul-de-sac interiors.

Their crew has been on site 4 days a week this month and their crew supervisor meets with Cathy and Richard each Monday morning to review plans for the coming week. They meet again on Fridays to check progress.

Conversations with the office staff as well as feedback we've received from residents indicate they are doing what we contracted for as well as quite a bit more.

STORED PROPERTY ON THE COMMON AREA: We've discovered that some residents are using the common area to store lumber, old rugs, furniture, pots, bricks, wood, etc. Although the covenants include a provision for stacking fireplace wood, there are no provisions for storing any other kind of personal property. Please check around your property and make sure that items are either removed or properly stored.

A few years ago, the Association organized a clean-up effort where residents could place unwanted property, including paints and solvents out front of their property for pick-up on a particular Saturday. If there is sufficient interest, a similar clean-up effort could be planned for this Spring. If interested, please email Cathy at officemanager@parkplazas.org and we could get something planned for later in April or the first week of May.

ABSENTEE OWNERS: As a self-managed property, we've had the benefit of using HOA management software since 2022. One of the benefits the software offers is adding contact

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information for renters. The Manager's Office has been vigilant in getting tenant information when possible and our current records indicate approximately 16% of the properties are rentals. However, based on calls from tenants not receiving notification while the cul-de-sac water meter is shut off for water line repairs, we suspect the percentage of rental property is much higher. We would like all residents to have access to information that is distributed through email – newsletters, dates for cul-de-sac work, and emergencies such as water shut-offs in a cul-de-sac. In the case of cul-de-sac water line breaks, the time before shutting off the water may be very short and communication occurs through email. We ask owners to please make sure that the office has contact information for those living in your home. A fillable contact form can be found as the first item on the list of forms at: www.parkplazas.org/application-forms. You can also use this form to provide the office with your emergency contact information.

DO YOU NEED A PARKING VARIANCE: Please remember that vehicles should be parked in garages and if this is not possible, you need to seek a parking variance. You can find the policy and the application for a variance at <https://www.parkplazas.org/parking>. THANK YOU to the residents/owners who have taken steps to bring their vehicles into compliance!

PARK PLAZAS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS: 2025 will be the 50th anniversary of the beginning development in Park Plazas. In celebration of this milestone, the Association will host an anniversary celebration on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at the Santa Fe Country Club. Look forward to seeing you.

THANK YOU and hope to see you soon!

Laurie Glaze, President

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Our Landscape

Tierra Bonita will open up our irrigation system in the coming week. They will also repair any water leaks that are immediately evident while testing the system and related equipment. We're looking forward to a more proactive approach to maintaining the irrigation system and using the water more efficiently with better aligned drip configurations for our trees and shrubs. We're also going to focus on shutting off water to empty wells and getting water to important vegetation that is in need.

In light of the ongoing drought, we ask residents to take stock of their front and back yard trees and vegetation and make sure they receive adequate water. A document titled ***A Waterwise Guide to Trees*** ([click here](#)) is a PDF, from the Water Use and Conservation Bureau of the NM Office of the State Engineer, that provides a broad range of information from planting trees **for** New Mexico and tips for watering in dry climates. Check it out!



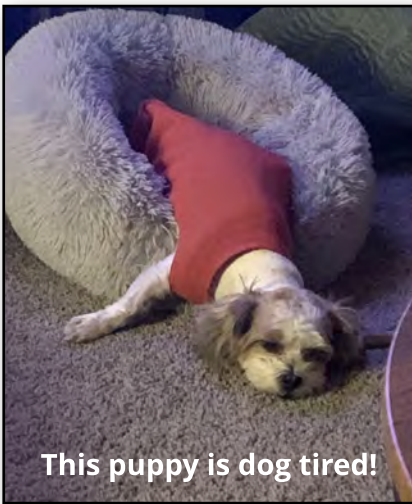
Mail Boxes and Observations from our Mail Carrier

As of this writing, 35 lot owners have opted for the locking mailboxes. We're especially grateful to Dick Lueck for his expertise and commitment to taking care of the installations. If you're interested in getting one, you can get the registration form at the office. The terms and conditions for switching mailboxes and product ordering information are included in the form.

Our mail carrier recently provided feedback on the mailboxes and how some residents are using them. His tips include attaching outgoing mail using the clip found on the inside of the top handled door rather than dropping the mail in the incoming mail slot. Our postal carrier does not have keys and cannot retrieve your outgoing mail if it's placed inside the box. Also, if you do have outgoing mail, lift the flag to the vertical position. He advised if the flag is down, there is no reason for him to look for outgoing mail. His biggest tip is to collect your mail every day as uncollected mail acts as a magnet for those stealing mail.



Dogs of Park Plazas



This puppy is dog tired!

We've received several reports about dog owners not picking up after their pets. The solution is simple: cleaning up after your dog is not only a responsible habit but also a healthy practice that benefits dogs, humans, and the environment. With 15 mutt-mitt stations and 18 trash cans conveniently placed along the walking paths, doing the right thing is easy and takes minimal effort.

Speaking of dogs and their owners, don't forget that the off-leash dog park is a shared amenity meant for everyone to enjoy. It's a great space for dogs to roam free, socialize, and play—whether it's chasing a ball, making new furry friends, or simply exploring new scents. However, owners remain responsible for managing their dogs and any consequences that arise if their pet becomes unruly. If your dog tends to get overly excited or difficult to control off-leash, please be considerate and leash them when others arrive.

Thank you for helping keep our community clean, safe, and enjoyable for all!

Community Garden, in Early Spring...

The 2025 growing season is about to begin and over the coming 6 to 7 months, we will see it evolve from last year's bones to a vibrant garden ecosystem where the planted seeds grow and produce all kinds of bounty as well as supporting wildlife, insects and microorganisms that interact within a garden environment. The adjacent photo shows the starting point for these two beds. Each month a new photograph will be taken from the same spot and over time, we'll witness its evolution. Stay tuned!



Park Plazas is 50 Years Old!

Join us Saturday, April 5th, from 4:00 - 6:00 PM
at the Santa Fe Country Club.
(3950 Country Club Road, Santa Fe, NM).

Enjoy great music, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and
a cash bar - all in the company of fantastic
friends and neighbors.

We're very grateful to our generous sponsors for
helping make this event possible. Thank you!

Grab your party shoes, bring your best stories,
and let's raise a glass to 50 years of community!

See you there!

April Dates

- Apr 2nd - International Fact-Checking Day
- Apr 6th - National Carbonara Day
- Apr 11th - Dog Therapy Appreciation Day
- Apr 17th - National Cheese Ball Day
- Apr 22nd - International Mother Earth Day
- Apr 30th - National Tie Dye Day

Office Hours for the Manager's Office

Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday
from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
or by appointment. 505-471-8809

Calls and emails will be returned within 48 hours

Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 23rd
6:30 P.M.

~ Manager's Office ~
Community input invited
at the beginning and end of the meeting.

The Board packet is available for download
on the Monday before the meeting.

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Park Plazas 50th Anniversary Celebration!

Many thanks to our sponsors and service partners
for their loyal and continued support!



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