

Mountain Shadows HOA March 2024 Newsletter

President's Letter: Spring is almost here and it is finally warming up! We are beginning the budget planning to support approving the FY 25 budget at the end of April. To support this, we will have an open discussion meeting on March 23rd with the community. We encourage your questions and input. The meeting notice and Zoom info will be sent out prior to the meeting.

We will be discussing the paving project for this summer. There has been some interest in paving Arroyo this year instead of parking lots. We have also started to plan Phase 5 to the desert landscape, which will probably be the last major landscape conversion. Also, we will be making sure our budget includes the fall reseeding.

I would like to remind everyone that requests to modify or trim plants in the common areas around your patios need to be approved by the board. There is a landscape request form at the office. Also, you should not be modifying our community irrigation to water plants on your patios. Thank you for your help with this.

Fruit tree trimming date: April 1st.

Landscape: Hope this message finds you well and ready for the spring season. I'm very pleased to share that our Phase IV of the desert landscape upgrades was completed in late December. We should receive the corresponding Palm Springs/Desert Water Agency incentive of \$43,684.00 by the end of March. In preparation for our last upgrade, Phase V, the Committee met to do a couple of walk-throughs in February and decided to quote an estimated area of 22,674 square feet. At the moment we are waiting for a cost quote and map from our landscape partner, O'Connell, in order for me to file our application by the end of March. The Landscape Committee will meet in April to finalize Phase V and the work should be completed by early summer.

Architectural Committee—Contractors will be working on various roofs and sidewalks in our community for repairs in March. We have smaller roofing jobs and sometimes they fit us in without notice. Please be understanding.

Please look at your Patio Covers and Window Screens for any painting or repairs that may be needed to keep it looking good. Silver reflective window coverings are not allowed.

Patio Plants and Trees—Please remove, trim back, or cut out your personal front and back patio trees that are touching the exterior walls of the building and patio walls. The overgrown branches and leaves break down the wood and stucco and invite rats and other flying insects.

If any areas need repairs, please contact the office in person or by email.

Garbage Areas:

1. Palm Springs has a mandatory code for Organic Recycling
Please use the **GREEN GARBAGE BINS** to recycle the following:
FOOD: Paper Products with food, Bones, Breads and Grains, Cheeses, Coffee grounds and Filters, Dairy Products, Food Waste, Fruits and Vegetables, Meat, Oils, Poultry, tea bags
LANDSCAPE: Green waste, Plant trimmings, Pruning waste, Trees, Branches, Trunks, Untreated wood
2. Regular garbage is to be disposed of in the large dumpster
3. Recycled boxes are to be broken down and put in **BLUE** Garbage bins. Do not put them in the large dumpster.
4. Recycled cans, bottles, and plastics are to be disposed of in **BLUE** Garbage bins.

St Patrick's Day Potluck: Saturday, March 16th at 5pm. Bring a dish of your choice (sign-up sheet behind library) and your favorite drinks.

Short Term Rental Properties: All units listed with the City of Palm Springs as short term rentals need to have a permit posted in the front window.

Board Meeting Schedule: All meetings begin at 8am except for the October Annual Meeting. Agendas with ZOOM instructions will be e-mailed before all meetings. Agendas are also posted on the website (www.mountainshadowshoa.org) and the HOA bulletin board behind the office.

March 23rd – Budget Meeting and Open Session (bring your questions and concerns)

April 27th

June 22nd

August 31st

October 26th – Annual Meeting begins at 9am, Board meeting follows.