

# the **LAKES** **LOG**

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THE  
LAKES**







## Come to the Cinco de Mayo celebration at the Beach and Tennis Club

- Date: Saturday, May 4.
  - Time: 5:00 — 9:00 PM
  - Place: The large park at the Lakes Clubhouse.
  - Tickets: \$10 per person
    - On sale at the Clubhouse.
    - Get your tickets early.
    - Food service by ticket ONLY.
- Food: prepared on-site by a taco vendor.
    - 3 types of street tacos, fresh made tortillas
    - All the toppings you want: guacamole, jalapenos, pico de gallo, onions, cilantro, red and green sauce.
    - Rice and beans,
    - Frozen margarita mix.
  - Music: A Mariachi group will be serenading you.
  - Dancers: A Ballet Folklórico group will entertain.
  - Pinatas: There will be a pinata for the children, and one for the adults.

Mingle and meet your neighbors.

*Lakes Activity Committee*

## President's Report

By Michael Sotak



In my experience, April showers don't bring May flowers, they bring May WEEDS!

This year in particular, while the spring rain showers were wonderful, they brought with them a surge of aggressive and invasive weeds.

Please try and keep your yards tidy and this community clean and crisp.

April events in the Lakes were a blast! From concerts in the park to Spring Fling this past Saturday, I am very thankful to be part of such an active, social community!

Big thanks to all involved in planning, setting up, and carrying out these wonderful gatherings.

The last week of April we received preliminary bids from the 3 individual

contractors interested in performing the vault rehabilitation project.

We will be reviewing these as a board and discussing the next steps at the May regular meeting for the board of directors.

As some of you may have noticed, the Lakes roadway improvements being performed by the City of Tempe are experiencing some delays. Unfortunately, as this project progressed, SRP took the opportunity to install some new underground vaults in our area.

Before new pavement is placed, SRP is doing some various underground work in the area.

While I understand this is an inconvenience, please be assured that SRP performing their work first will create the best final product for our streets.

Speaking with the City, they estimate SRP will complete their work early Summer 2024 and our neighborhood streets will be repaved by Fall 2024.

Also worth noting, I do not believe the roadway improvement project will interfere with the Lakes vault project, or visa versa.

I will make sure that any work we perform on our infrastructure is coordinated with the City to avoid any rework or conflicts.

Lastly, I would like to remind the community to please review the Lakes Architectural Rules before scheduling or performing any improvements to your property, in particular in any areas visible from the street, the lake, or neighboring properties.

This includes but is not limited to landscape improvements, paint, stucco, wall repairs, roof repairs, windows, doors, etc.

Any work performed without an approved Architectural Application puts the homeowner at risk to remove, replace, or modify the work already performed to bring the area into compliance.

The Lakes Architectural Rules and Architectural Application form can be found on the LCA website as well as hard copies available at the clubhouse.

Thank you all for your help.

Cheers and Happy May to all!

## Manager's Report

By Christine Baldanza



The weather has been beautiful and I am happy to see so many homeowners enjoying Lakes life. People are getting out into the sunshine, coming to the Clubhouse to enjoy our recreational amenities, and boating on our beautiful waterways.

It was great to see the turnout at our Spring Fling event where families and friends gathered to listen and dance to some great music. Our community events are always popular and bring the community together.

April had a large number of Architectural Applications submitted for projects and

improvements for their homes. It is great that people are making improvements on their homes, but some homeowners are making these changes without Architectural Approval. The Architectural Application process is necessary to make sure that changes are made within the Lakes Architectural Rules and CC&Rs.

The Architectural Applications are available in the office and online at [www.thelakesoftempe.com](http://www.thelakesoftempe.com).

The application process is not difficult. We require a full description of the work to be done along with a photo of the area to be worked on and samples of materials to be used or brochures picturing the materials. We have color boards in the office that you can check out to select your new house paint colors for body and trim.

Landscaping changes also require Architectural Approval and I want to remind everyone that the Lakes does not allow cactus.

We are known for being a lush, green community and our landscape approval process requires 80% green ground coverage whether by plants or grass or artificial turf.

People new to the Lakes and to HOAs in general need to understand that the CC&Rs are there to maintain the beauty of the Lakes and home our values.

They are often the very reason people have chosen to live in the Lakes.

Homeowners need to read and follow the CC&Rs and the Architectural Rules so we can continue to keep the character of the Lakes as it was intended: lush and green. Our CC&Rs are also in place to remind us that we have an obligation to keep our properties looking their best; weed-free, grass mowed regularly, trees trimmed, houses painted, roofs maintained, garbage cans stored out of sight, and well-kept overall. Take pride in your property.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me.



# LAKES LOG

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## LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday,  
**MAY 22**

- Christine Baldanza - Community Manager  
[christineb@thelakesoftempe.com](mailto:christineb@thelakesoftempe.com)

- LCA Website  
[www.thelakesoflempe.com](http://www.thelakesoflempe.com)

- Lakes Log e-mail  
[lakeslog@thelakesoftempe.com](mailto:lakeslog@thelakesoftempe.com)

## Financials as of Oct. 21, 2023

**Total Current Assets**  
**\$918,334**

**Total Reserve Assets**  
**\$1,690,621**

**Net Fixed Assets**  
**\$182,178**

**Total Assets**  
**\$2,791,133**

**Total Liabilities**  
**\$384,702**

**Total Fund Balances**  
**\$2,406,431**

**Total Liabilities and Fund Balances**  
**\$2,791,133**

## LCA Committees & Chairpersons

- Activity—Meets 2nd Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
- Architectural—Meets 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Architectural Nominating Committee—Mike Sotak
- Budget & Finance—Meets 7 days before BoD meeting at 7 p.m.
- Fishing & Boating—Clark Fisher  
Meets 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m.
- Lakes Women's Club—Betty McCarney, 1st Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
  - Swim Team Committee—Liaison: Ben Kaufman

## Lakes Sub-Association Contacts and Meeting Dates

Lake Park Villas:  
Vision Community Management  
480-759-4945  
Homeowners Board  
meetings third Tuesday  
of each month, at 7 p.m.

Harbour Village Meeting Date:  
April 25, May 14, June 11, 7 p.m.  
Community Manager, Kinney Mgt.  
480-820-3451 x 201 Amanda Miller  
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Sandcastle: c/o Cornerstone, Inc.  
(602) 433-0331 ext 109, Amanda  
Homeowners Board meetings fourth  
Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m.  
Sandcastle Complex Clubhouse.

Runaway Point: Heywood Realty &  
Investment, Inc., Steve Cheff, Manager.  
(480) 820-1519

January 15  
February 19  
March 18  
April 15  
May 20  
June 17  
July/August No meeting  
September 16  
October 21 Annual Meeting

Village Landing: Lakes  
Sub-Association  
Ogden Red Mountain  
480-396-4567 (Jeff Rauser, Property Manager)

2024 Meeting Dates  
January 17  
February 17  
April 17  
July 1  
October 9

## The Lakes 2024 Board Meeting Dates

January 24  
Feb 13 Annual Homeowners Meeting  
February 28  
March 27  
April 24  
May 22  
June 26  
July No Meeting  
August 28  
September 25  
October 23  
November 20  
December No Meeting

The first annual meeting of the members was held on Feb 8, 1972 and has been held on the second Tuesday in February at 8:00 p.m. ever since.

An agenda is posted on the clubhouse bulletin board five days prior to the monthly Board meeting.

Members who desire to discuss a problem with the Board and seek a resolution are requested to provide the Association office with a short description of the problem and any proposed solution at least seven days prior to the meeting.

The information will be included in the Board's meeting package.

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# Garage Sale a Success

The Lakes Women's Club Spring Garage Sale was a great success!

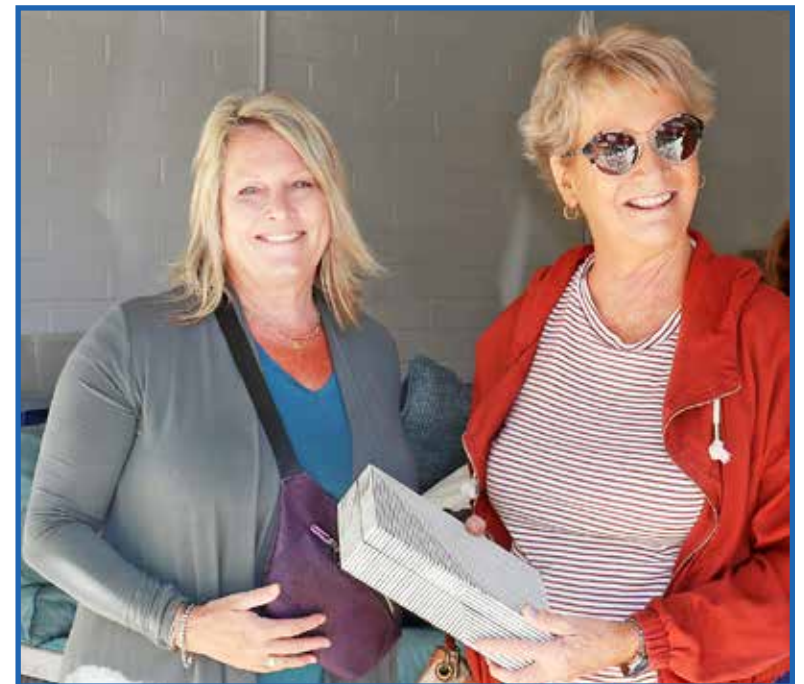
33 homes participated, with lots of items sold; some going from one Lakes home to another Lakes home!

It was also great to be outside and visit with neighbors.

The LWC is planning to organize and publicize another Lakes-wide

garage sale later this fall, so start cleaning those closets and garage again! Thank you for supporting LWC. The funds raised help us with our philanthropic projects, mainly helping neighborhood schools and others in Tempe.

*Submitted by Jennie Cohagen for the LWC*

















# Summer Swim Lessons

Swimming instruction is back! Coach Sheila is offering four classes in May and June for students ages 4 to 10. Each class meets five times with one make-up opportunity. Classes may be adjusted or changed at the instructor's discretion. Schedules are available at the front desk.

May classes meet **Monday and Thursday, May 6–20**, with make-up available on May 23.

June classes meet **Tuesday and Thursday, June 4–18**, with make-up available on June 20.

Parents/guardians may register and pay at the front desk of the Beach & Tennis Club. The fee is \$100 per student payable by cash or check made to the LCA.

## Classes

### ***Basic Skills | 4:45-5:15 PM | Ages 4–5***

Students are comfortable in the water without a parent and function well in a small group. Students learn basic safety rules, breath control, kicking, submerging, floating, and paddling.

### ***Fundamental Skills | 5:20-5:55 PM | Ages 5–6***

Students are able to submerge, blow bubbles, kick, and function well in a group. They will learn rhythmic breathing, freestyle, and backstroke.

### ***Stroke Development | 6:00-6:40 PM | Ages 6–8***

Students are able to swim 15 yards nonstop without assistance. They will refine fundamental skills and develop the four competitive strokes.

### ***Stroke Improvement | 6:45-7:25 PM | Ages 8–10***

Students are able to swim 25 yards freestyle and backstroke. They will improve the four competitive strokes, starts, and turns.





## Lakes Snakes 2024 Calendar

April 28th	3-5 PM	Cookies with the Coaches Social	Lakes Beach & Tennis Club
May 28th	6:00-8:45 AM	First Day of Practice 6am- 13 & Over 7am- 9-10 & 11-12 8am- 8 & Under	Lakes Beach & Tennis Club
June 1st	7 AM	<b>Meet #1: Snake Swim</b> (Introduction inter-squad Meet)	Lakes Beach & Tennis Club
June 8th	7 AM	<b>Meet #2: Dobson Dolphins</b>	Lakes Beach & Tennis Club
June TBA	7 AM 8 AM	Team & Individual Pictures Group #1: Ages 9-18 Group #2: Ages 8 & Under	Lakes Beach & Tennis Club
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	7 AM	<b>Meet #3: @ Ahwatukee</b>	Ahwatukee Community Center 4700 E. Warner Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85044
June 22nd	7 AM	<b>Meet #4: @ Team Tempe</b>	McClintock High School Pool 1830 E. Del Rio Dr. Tempe AZ
June 29th	7 AM	<b>Meet #5: Apache Junction &amp; Val Vista</b>	Lakes Beach & Tennis Club
July 1st	5 PM Warm-Up 5:30 PM Start	<b>Meet #6: Ahwatukee Red, White &amp; Blue Relay Meet</b>	Lakes Beach & Tennis Club
 July 4th Thru July 6th Independence Day Holiday Break 			
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	7 AM	<b>Meet #7: @ Cottonwood Clippers</b>	Cottonwood AZ 150 S. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street Cottonwood AZ 86326
July 15 <sup>th</sup> -18th		Last Week of Practice Session #1 – 7AM (9 & Over) Session #2 – 8AM (8 & Under)	Beach & Tennis Club
July 18th	6 PM	End of Season Celebration	Beach & Tennis Club



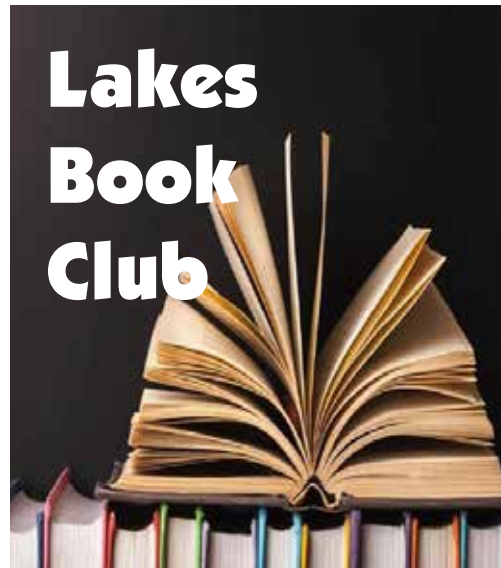
Lakes residents are invited to attend the Lakes Book Club on Thursday, May 16th at 7 p.m. at the Lakes Clubhouse.

All are welcome to attend the discussion even if you have not read the book. Maureen Harrison will lead a discussion of *ER Nurses: True Stories from America's Greatest Unsung Heroes* by James Patterson and Matt Eversmann.

## Below is the book club's schedule:

**June 20....**The Golden Couple by Greer Hendricks & Sarah Pekkanen.... Lynn Ann Wojciechowicz

*For more information, please contact the*



*Lakes Book Club Coordinators listed below:*

Patsy Policar  
perkypatsy@cox.net

Diane Escalante  
descalante62@gmail.com

April Sapinski  
Lrkinc@aol.com

Suggestions for the 2024-2025 Lakes Book Club may be sent to book club coordinator Patsy Policar.

Please include the title, author and a brief description of the book.

*Regards,*  
*April Sapinski*  
*Lrkinc@aol.com*

## Out to Lunch Bunch is Going to Tacos & Craft

Lakes residents and their guests are invited to join the Out to Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, May 8th at noon at Tacos & Craft, 4915 S. Rural Road, Tempe. (Northeast corner of Minton and Rural)

Taking special pride in combining the perfect flavor profiles in a unique Mexican gastronomic experience, Taco & Craft menu highlights include unique "Tacos de la Casa" selections such as the Chipotle Salmon with hard-seared salmon, fresh apple-cucumber pico and a drizzle of cilantro-lime crema; Roasted Cauliflower topped with charred Romanesco salsa

finished with pickled onions; and Camarones Fritos with Argentinian red shrimp made crispy and served with pineapple salsa and jalapeño slaw.

Diners can also enjoy selections from the "Tacos de la Calle" portion of the menu featuring Quesa Birria with slow-roasted goat meat and Oaxaca served with fresh chili consommé; Al Pastor with achiote-marinated pork served with a charred pineapple salsa; and the Caramelo Mixto — a tortilla filled with Oaxaca cheese, carne asada and chorizo charred to perfection and finished with onions and cilantro.

A variety of "Aperitivos" get the dining experience started or serve as sharables for groups. Showstoppers include the Queso Fundido featuring melted Mexican cheeses, spicy chorizo and green chiles served

with crispy tortilla chips; El Mar Mixto, featuring shrimp with fresh fish ceviche, pineapple-mango salsa, spicy cucumber, avocado mousse and pickled onions and Fresno chiles served with plantain chips; and the Flautas de Res — slow-cooked seasoned shredded beef rolled in a crispy corn tortilla, served with avocado salsa.

Please make reservations at the clubhouse no later than Monday, May 6th. Let us know if you need a ride, as we will carpool from the clubhouse at 11:30 a.m. for a 12:00 luncheon.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennie Cohagen at 602-451-6177 or April Sapinski 602-430-4413

The Out To Lunch Bunch meets the second Wednesday of the month from September through May.



## Personal Training Services

**M**y name is Rich Bonelli and I am the personal trainer at the Lakes. I am

very passionate about health and fitness and am confident that I can design an individualized, safe, and effective training

program to meet your specific fitness goals. My motto is "It's never too late to start your fitness journey"! I often get asked, "Why do I need a personal trainer"? Here are some great reasons:

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- A trainer provides an accurate assessment of fitness readiness levels
- A trainer promotes safe exercise training through proper form and adequate rest

- A trainer encourages accountability
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  - A trainer provides motivation
  - A trainer will push you beyond your comfort zone while staying within your limits.
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Please contact me to set-up an initial consultation for personal training services at 602-448-1047 or richardebbonelli@gmail.com.





# Pickleball News

**T**hanks to many of you who joined the instructional clinics this spring. We will start up again in the fall and hope to see you back.

Now that we have had our beautiful courts for some time, many Lakes residents are giving it a try.

Like all sports such as golf or tennis, there are a few things new players will

want to know about court etiquette. There is no reason a new player would know this unless someone offered some helpful tips, so here are a few to consider:

If players are on a court that you need to cross to enter or exit the facility, wait until their rally or point is over before doing so.

If your ball strays onto another court where a game is being played, yell “Ball!” or “Ball On!” and then wait for them to stop play and retrieve it for you.

This is a safety issue as well as a courtesy.

When playing a point, if you are not sure if a ball is in or out, you must call it in.

The team that struck the ball in question should not weigh in unless asked.

Pro-tip: In doubles, both teams’ goal should be to advance to the kitchen line (aka Non Volley Zone).

This is where most points are won, vs. rallying from the baseline or mid-court.

The returning team has the advantage with this and can establish themselves at the kitchen before the serving team because of the “two bounce rule” (serving team must wait for return to bounce before striking the next shot).

Lastly, don’t forget about the dedicated times for “drop-in” play where anyone can come out and likely find a game with other players.

These times are listed on the Lakes website on Sign Up Genius tab.



# Mah Jongg at The Lakes is Growing and Expanding

Play Mah Jongg at The Lakes Tuesday Afternoon and Friday morning!

We now have two opportunities for Lakes residents to play Mah Jongg upstairs at the clubhouse: Tuesday afternoon from 1 – 3pm Friday morning from 9 – 11am

LynnAnn Wojciechowicz is in charge of the Tuesday afternoon group. Jane

Toaspern is in charge of the Friday morning group. We MUST be notified by 8pm the night before you wish to play in order for us to accommodate you.

Contact LynnAnn for Tuesday by text: 602-769-5088 or email: [lynnannw@gmail.com](mailto:lynnannw@gmail.com)

Contact Jane for Friday by text 602-403-8620 or email:

[Janetoaspern@icloud.com](mailto:Janetoaspern@icloud.com)

We use the National Mah Jongg League 2024 card. If you don't have a card, but would like to learn, phone or text LynnAnn (602-769-5088) or email her: [lynnannw@gmail.com](mailto:lynnannw@gmail.com).

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Wednesday 6:30 – 7:30

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Thank you to our Lakes community for helping by donating snack supplies to TempeCARE7.

## Thanks from LWC for donations to Tempe CARE 7

The Lakes Women's Club thanks the Lakes community for their generous donations of non-perishable, healthy snacks for Tempe CARE 7.

In each of the 6 Tempe Union High Schools and several of the Tempe Elementary Schools there is a CARE 7 Youth Specialist providing free social and emotional support to students who may be struggling with stress, anger, depression, anxiety, conflict resolution and

life skills. The Youth Specialists work to improve lives and meet the needs of not only the student, but also the family.

The staff of Tempe CARE 7 asked for the LWC's help in providing healthy snacks for the students interacting with the Tempe Schools' Youth Specialists. Some of these students do not have access to food on a regular basis.

Thanks to the great response from the community, we have supplied CARE 7 with a large variety of different snacks.

*Submitted by the  
Lakes Women's Club*

**Mark Your  
Calendar  
for These  
Upcoming  
Events**

**May 4:  
Cinco de Mayo  
Fiesta**

**May 28:  
First Day Swim  
Team Practice**

**June 4  
First swim meet at  
The Lakes**



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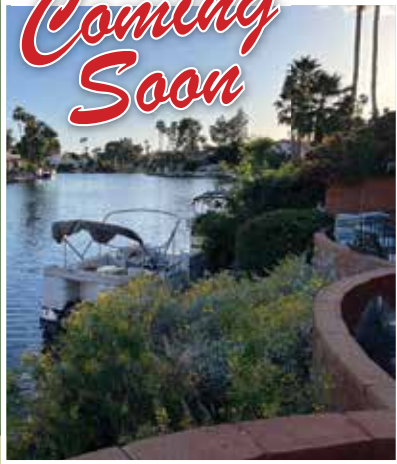


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*Waterfront Townhouse*

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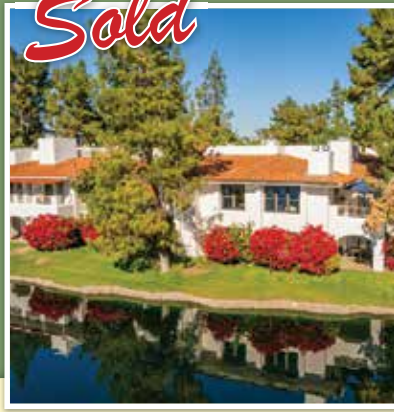
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