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THE “QUIET” SEASON

The busy winter season has drawn to a close, and with the mild temperatures of Spring and the smell of citrus blossoms in the air, the atmosphere at Canyon Granada and throughout the Coachella Valley is quieting down. Our grounds look terrific, thanks to the good work of our landscape maintenance crew, our on-site gardener/warrior – Martine, and our Landscape Committee who oversees improvements to our grounds.

As we prepare for intense heat here in Palm Springs, here are a few tips to help you protect your property if you will be away for the summer:

1. Arrange for your mail and regular deliveries to be stopped or forwarded.
2. Arrange for storage of valuables that you won't be taking with you.
3. Remove any standing water from fountains or containers on your deck or patio. These can become breeding grounds for mosquitos.
4. Remove or cover chairs, furniture and décor on your patio or deck.
5. Seal up non-refrigerated products like cereals, grains, boxed foods, baking products, and pet foods to discourage an invasion of bugs or rodents.
6. If you will be leaving the refrigerator running while you are gone, toss any food that will spoil. You can keep items like condiments and water in the refrigerator. A working refrigerator that is nearly empty uses more energy, so add bottles of water.
7. Provide a key to your unit as well as your contact information to a neighbor or friend who lives nearby.
8. Set A/C at a high temperature like 88 or 90. Turning A/C off completely is your choice, but high interior heat can harm artwork, furniture, carpeting, wine, food, etc.
9. Flush all toilets and run all faucets.
10. Turn off ceiling fans indoors and out.

11. Open the doors to the washer and dryer, the dishwasher, and any other appliance that typically seals up. Put a few tablespoons of vegetable oil in the dishwasher and in the garbage disposal so that the seals don't disintegrate in the heat.
12. Turn the water heater off.
13. Unplug appliances, entertainment units, computers, or anything susceptible to power surges.

MAKING LEMONADE



This season at Canyon Granada, Mother Nature gave us lemons, **a lot of lemons**, plus a plethora of grapefruit, and oranges. Unfortunately, invasive pests (namely aphids) prescribed that all fruit be removed from 35 citrus trees during early March 2025, what did Canyon Granada do? Making lemonade was certainly one option, along with many other citrus based concoctions. A more altruistic goal was sharing some of this largess with local agencies serving the needs of people who depend on weekly food allotments from food pantries. Thus, a small but mighty contingent of residents consisting of owners, visiting friends, and Winter tenants, got busy picking fruit for donation to these agencies.

A potentially sad story for our trees had a happy ending for the Community Food Bank, Saint Teresa's Church Food Pantry, and the Boys and Girls Club of Cathedral City. All these food distributing agencies received generous donations of fresh, wholesome citrus from Canyon Granada – about 800 pounds of it to be precise. Our trees have now been treated with a compound designed to make the trees healthier and more resistant to pests for the next growing season. Many thanks to everyone who either picked fruit for their own use, or for donation to these worthy agencies. We will look forward to an abundant new citrus crop next Winter.



Canyon Granada citrus on its way and ready for distribution at The Community Food Bank

Management Messages

Our HOA Board is reviewing and prioritizing needed improvements at Canyon Granada, such as asphalt replacement, tennis courts, future landscape changes and improvements, along with all the normal operating expenses we incur. Our Canyon Granada budget will soon be finalized, voted on, and approved for our fiscal year beginning July 1. A great way to stay informed about these important topics and investments is to attend our Board Meetings via Zoom. The next meeting is scheduled for May 3 at 10:00 a.m. A formal notice will be provided by Management prior to the meeting.

Board Members – Volunteers at your Service

An important reminder to all residents that Canyon Granada Board members are not to be contacted for day-to-day problems associated with the property. If you have a problem with your unit, or you see an issue or problem on the property, please contact our property management company:

Management Contact:

Cindy Anderson

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Palm Springs, CA 92262

Office: 760-320-5033, Ext. 225

Cell (For After Hours Emergencies):

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Landscape Committee

Phase I of the rock overlay along South Palm Canyon drive was completed in January. This was a big improvement for our community.



Pathway lighting between the 200 & 300 building was fixed and provided additional lighting along the pathway towards the west pool.

At the March HOA Board meeting, three additional landscape projects were approved:

1. Phase II of rock overlay outside the wall at corner of South Palm Canyon drive and Granada and at main entrance.
2. Mulch and irrigation addition to 38 citrus trees.
3. Planting of new trees to increase canopy coverage in preparation for compliance with upcoming state and local water conservation mandates. The new trees will better establish while we are still watering grass. We get credit for the canopy of new trees at maturity so we can plant younger trees now at lower cost. These plantings, at maturity, will bring us close to a mandated 50% coverage goal.

Review of the square footage of turf and canopy coverage at Canyon Granada is ongoing. The Landscape Committee has measured all square footage of turf and determined we currently have 40K sq. ft. of turf, with 17K sq. ft. of canopy or 40% coverage. We should be in good shape to meet a 50% canopy cover requirement without the need to plant major new quantities of trees and shrubs.

Security

An ongoing reminder: Please remember that no community can ever be crime-free. For example, it is possible for someone to enter the property under false pretenses to commit crimes, for residents to commit crimes against their own neighbors, for guests of residents to commit crimes, and for employees to commit crimes. As a result, the association cannot guarantee your security. You should NOT rely on the association to protect you from loss or harm. You should provide for your own security by keeping your doors locked; refusing to open gates or doors to strangers; asking workmen for identification; installing a security system; carrying insurance; etc.

Owner Profiles



Jim Hahn volunteering at Community Food Bank. Kyle Lockwood (far right) volunteering at Palm Springs Film Festival

Jim Hahn and Kyle Lockwood are owners and residents at Canyon Granada. They call Michigan their home base. During the Winter months they are full-fledged and participating members of not only our Canyon Granada Community, but also several local nonprofit agencies. These two set the standard for how “snowbirds” make the greater Coachella Valley such a vibrant and giving place in the Winter.

In 2017, Jim started volunteering in his small community of South Haven, Michigan, delivering hot meals to seniors through the Meals on Wheels program. Once in the desert, he started working with the Community Food Bank for the LGBT+ Center. The Center provides Jim many other volunteer opportunities that are fun and great fundraising opportunities.



Food ready for distribution at the Community Food Bank

Kyle does volunteer work with the Palm Springs International Film Festival. He is a lead with the Film Festival, supervising crews of volunteers and coordinating their roles at various theaters throughout the January festival. The Palm Springs Animal Shelter is also a recipient of Kyle’s volunteer work. He regularly cares for dogs awaiting adoption. He also staffs the Animal Shelter’s tent each week at VillageFest, answering questions and selling merchandise.

Both Kyle and Jim volunteer during Modernism Week, acting as docents in private homes and drivers during the event.

Most recently, Kyle and Jim were mainstays of Canyon Granada’s March 2025 fruit giveaway, picking hundreds of pounds of fruit for donation to the Community Food Bank.

With all their volunteer endeavors, both Kyle and Jim feel that one of the most rewarding outcomes of their volunteerism is getting to know their fellow volunteers while helping the community provide essential needs.

Upcoming Events

DesertX

Act fast, because the site specific, international art exhibition called DesertX is now on display at locations throughout the Coachella Valley through May 11. The installations represent beautiful, thought provoking works by artists from across the globe. Exhibitions reflect the indigenous past and

present of the desert, environmental activism, the impact of humans on the landscape, and emerging technologies that we can incorporate into contemporary society.

DesertX has an app that you can download with excellent descriptions and directions to art sites www.desertx.org. Here are a few examples of the beautiful works on display during 2025 DesertX.



Distribution of Newsletter to Tenants

Our Canyon Granada newsletter is distributed to owners only. We encourage owners to share communications with tenants. If you have a question or suggestion for a future newsletter, contact Karen Ross at powerup6850@gmail.com