



May 2026 Newsletter -

Our northerners have started their trek home for the summer. Wishing all safe travels as well as a great summer.

It is with great sadness that that we report the passing of our neighbor and friend, Jim Dunn, on April 7th. Our love and prayers go out to Sylvia and her family at this sad time. Jim will be dearly missed by all in our community.

We are in the process of updating our website (www.vokclakesuzy.com). In the meantime, make sure to log on for newsletters, meeting minutes, info on trash removal, and other information regarding our Villas.

A few of the Board members met with our pond maintenance person this past week. As you are all aware, due to the severe drought and the aquifer being so low that our well is not functioning, our ponds are seriously low. We do have our fountains back on for four hours each day. Hopefully as we get into rainy season, the County will lift the restrictions and we'll be able to have them on 8 hours a day as we always have done. Attached is the report our pond maintenance guy sent to Linda Stevens with his findings and recommendations.

A few of our Villas have an issue with their gutters. Bruce is talking to a service person who is going to come and repair them. If you have any issues with gutters or anything on the exterior of your Villa, please let Bruce know so he can arrange for repairs.

May anniversaries – our dear friends who moved back up north a few years ago, Ann and Bob Luther, have a anniversary on May 2nd. Linda and Dick Stevens celebrate their anniversary on May 10th. Ryan Malaker, who celebrated his 40th birthday on April 17th received a record number of cards this year. Thank you all for making it special for him.



Please make sure to keep your carriage lights on even if you are away for safety and continuity.

Roz Seale

Early Tuesday evening, Barbara and I, together with Roz, met with Gil, owner of Sunwest Waterway Management to review the shoreline conditions and identify the vegetation for removal. During the meeting, Gil advised that shoreline vegetation, whether living or dead, serves an important role in stabilizing the banks, reducing erosion and assisting with water filtration within the stormwater system.

Gil further explained that the grasses currently present in the pond contribute to filtering water as it moves through the system. He noted that removing this vegetation would create a rim of bare dirt along the shoreline, which may promote algae growth and increase evaporation.

Based on that discussion, it was determined that removing vegetation at this time could create erosion concerns, regulatory compliance issues and potentially affect the performance of the stormwater infrastructure and the pond. Accordingly, no vegetation will be removed at this time. This matter will be revisited after the pond has refilled during the rainy season, drought restrictions have been lifted or replenished by well water becomes feasible.

Sunwest Waterway Management currently holds the contract for treatment of the pond which is only for two sides of the pond (the sides abutting the golf course are not included). At contract renewal time, the scope and treatment responsibilities will be re-evaluated.