

March 2023



Trails West Newsletter

The Lively Leprechaun

I caught a lively leprechaun
With stubble on his face.
He promised loads of buried gold
And led me to the place.
But when I let him loose to dig,
He leaped and led a chase.
That lively laughing leprechaun
Had left without a trace!



Bu Betsu Franco

Announcements

FYI - Reminder!!! The seasons are changing and the clubhouses are sometimes on the chilly side when we're not moving around. So don't forget to bring a sweater or jacket when coming to play cards, games, art classes, etc.

ATTENTION: We have limited parcel lockers and need you to check your mail daily, if you are expecting packages from Amazon, etc.

The newsletter is now available on the Trails West Facebook page and Trails West website at: trailswestnm.com

Trails West has started a private resident Facebook group for pertinent information about the gates, water outages, and other issues that may pop up in the Trails West Community. Please become a member to stay current with the latest information.
Trails West NM Resident Information

WELCOME COFFEE: All residents of Trails West are welcomed and encouraged to come to welcome our newest residents to our beautiful park. We all can enjoy coffee and meeting our newest members. Thank you from the Welcome Coffee committee

Karaoke News: Always want to Thank you for your participation in the success of this activity and the help it takes to break down at the end of the evening. We have gone through many changes over the years, and thru it all we are coming upon a "Big Mile Stone" in time. Knowing you all enjoyed the portrayal of Katherine Hepburn performed by Toni Marie, She will continue to bring another performance for all to enjoy. "Heads up for what will be next". Our hours will have an earlier ending during these colder months. Starting at 6 pm and ending at 8 pm. Remember we welcome anyone who has an interest to be a part of the Karaoke team. We need help in setting-up the food table, breaking down the tables and chairs - and decorating for the evening. Thank you for your interest! See you Sat. March 11th at 6 pm. Toni Marie and team

WORK ORDERS: All work orders must be turned in at the main office. Clubhouse North staff will not take any work orders and writing work orders in the concerns and comments page is not a work order and will not be taken care of. So call the main office and have a work order filled out. Thank you!

Dog Parks at Clubhouse North: If your dog is a digger, then YOU the owner of your pet MUST bury the holes, this is a safety hazard for everyone using the dog parks. Also excessive barking while at the dog park is a problem, we get the first hellos, but if your dog continues to bark they need to be corrected or taken home.

GATES; Any gate issues need to be reported ASAP! Issues being: gate tag not working, wrong listing at the gate key pad, right listing at the gate key pad but not ringing your phone, etc. When you report an issue; we must have date, time, which gate, what the issue was! We have been given a time frame to report such issues to security, Monday – Thursday 2:00 pm cut off, Friday 12:00(noon) cut off. If not reported in by said times, the issue will remain until the following morning during the week, and Monday morning for Friday afternoons and weekend issues.

ATTENTION: Every morning, every morning, every morning, almost every morning, staff is faced with coffee pots and popcorn machine left in the ON position making for a hard clean up on both. When these items are being made after office hours, it is the responsibility of those who made it to make sure the machines are in the OFF position before leaving. DO NOT UNPLUG THE COFFEE MACHINE!! The clubhouse is an extension of your home and should be treated as such. If any of the equipment is damaged, in this crazy world, no telling when they could be replaced and goodies be restored!! Also, staff spends quite a bit of time, picking up candy wrappers, inside and outside the clubhouse. There are trash receptacles in all the rooms and near each door. Please use them!!! Trails West management

Bikers and Walkers: When you are riding your bike behind a walker, please move to the other side of the street, or ring your bike bell to let them know that you are behind them.. We need to be courteous to our residents that can't hear you coming up behind them. It can be quite startling for them. Thank you!! 3-Wheel bikes need to stop going in between the speed bumps! This causes the back wheels on the bike to be unlevel, and folks have dumped the bikes and themselves in the middle of the street. So please either go over the speed bump, or try to avoid the speed bumps via the sidewalk.

The Cactus Pickin' Jammers We meet from 2 to 4 pm the first and third Sundays. We'll meet at the pavilion as long as the weather holds. When it gets too cool we'll move into the clubhouse. So get out that old guitar, mandolin, fiddle, bass, ukulele or banjo and come join us. Acoustic instruments only please. We cover a wide range of musical genres including bluegrass, old-time folk, contemporary folk, Irish/Celtic and country among others. Even if you don't play an instrument, just come out to listen. For more information call Doug Abbott at 575-590-2788.

HOW TO PAINT ANYTHING

**OIL PAINTS AND ACRYLIC PAINTS AND BRUSHES WILL BE PROVIDED
YOU JUST NEED TO BRING A CANVAS AND A PALETTE.**



**TUESDAY 1:00 – 3:00 PM
MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28
\$25 PER CLASS OR \$85 FOR FOUR CLASSES**

**CALL ROBERTA REMY @ 505-310-0945
TO SIGN UP**

TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES: Once again we are in the process of updating the TW phone directories. If you will; please make sure that the information in the directory is correct.. If you need any changes made to the directory PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE, ASAP. We will try to have a new directory around the 10th of March 2023.

Awaken Your Inner Art Girl – Art Class for Women

“Art Class for Women” meets every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., in the Clubhouse. Come join the fun using watercolors, markers, and a variety of pens for lettering, art journaling, cards, bookmarks, and envelopes. Call Gail Lieurance, 575-649-0606, for more information and to register. Thank You, Gail

T.O.P.S.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meets at Trails West clubhouse every Thursday morning. Weigh in is 10:00 am. Our meeting starts at 10:30 am and usually lasts an hour. Your first meeting is free. If you have any questions, contact Stephen P. Vanderbeck at (575) 524-3087.

Sew Friends; Wednesdays 10am to 3:30pm. All are welcome to join. We are a group of persons who enjoy making quilts. We welcome anyone who likes to sew either by machine or by hand. If you are not a quilter but want to sew with us, please come join us. The more the merrier. Johnette Franke is the hostess for the group. BJ Alford is the contact person for information and can be reached at 575-343-2036 or smojo413@comcast.net

Girls Night Out: Join us for Girls Night Out. We have fun, laugh, meet new residents, and just enjoy ourselves (the good food is a plus.) For Thursday, March 2, 2023 we will be dining at Sakura on Lohman. Dinner is at 5PM. Please sign up if you plan on attending so I can make correct reservations. If you need a ride or have room to take another passenger, please note that on the sign-up sheet and call a person who has noted they have room or need a ride. For questions or restaurant suggestions, please call or text Kris Maier 575-323-4876 (H – no text) or 303-908-4876 (call-text.)

CERAMICS, CRAFTS AND COFFEE: 9:00 am to 11:00pm Friday morning. Please join us for ceramics, crafting, coffee and good conversation. Bring anything you are working on, sewing, knitting, crocheting, ceramics, jewelry, or whatever you like doing. The only rule we have is, have a good time. Hope to see you on Friday mornings, if you have any questions give me a call. Claudia 708-284-1448

Flags, Flags, and disposal of unserviceable flags...

Do you have any unserviceable flags?? American, state or other? I am in contact with a Boy Scout leader that teaches the proper care of a flag and how to properly dispose of unserviceable flags. I would be glad to take any flags and give them to their troop. I'll be glad to stop by and pick them up. Share this message with friends and neighbors. Thanks.

Carol Gaines, Marine. 575-524-4203 or 575-571-3670, also text. Or drop off at #042 Happy Trails Drive.

HOW ABOUT A BUDDY SYSTEM? Please think about your neighbors, especially those that are alone! Figure out a buddy system to let each other know that all is ok each day!!! It could be as simple as a light on or off. In Trails West there isn't anyone who isn't a neighbor!!

Please do NOT be complacent. We are a gated community however, there are still numerous strangers working and driving through our community. It is a good idea to keep everything under lock and key. We have a beautiful community and this could make us a target for thieves.

Residents riding bikes, and cruising in their golf carts and buggies, we urge you to please put a flag on your bicycles and lower profile carts and buggies. These 5' flags can be purchased at Wal-Mart and Amazon.

The Flags! The Flags! Where are you from? It's time to put up your flag from where you hail! We have new flags, and new pens to put your number on them with! Where were you born? Where did you go to school? Where did you raise your family? Or maybe, where did you come from before joining Trails West? Let's fill up the map once again with who and where!! Come into the office and get a new flag for the map!

Resident Phone Calls: During the COVID pandemic we have implemented an old tradition of calling our folks in the park to make sure all is well. It is important that you call us back to let us know that you are doing OK. Also it is your choice if you want us to continue to call. If you don't, just let us know when we call you and we will take you off the call list. Thank you, Management

SAFE HAVEN ANIMAL SANCTUARY: I collect cans for the sanctuary and thank those residents who leave them with me. If you wish to donate cans for the shelter, please empty and rinse them and tie the bag shut. This stops the bugs from getting into them. There is a collection area by the back door, you can just leave them there. There are signs on the front of the house to direct you. Please do NOT leave them in the golf cart, it makes a mess. The Shelter is having to turn away pets because they are full up so give them a ring at 575-805-5338 if you would like to adopt a furry friend or be a foster parent. All help is greatly appreciated and the Thrift Store (Opposite Sutherlands) gets a lot of very nice donations. Stop in and check them out. Margaret Butterworth, lot 103 Happy Trails South.

March Birthdays

D'Ila Deerman	3/2	Tom O'Brien	3/15
Ed Cruse	3/2	Dixie Neill	3/15
Wayne Pribble	3/2	Don Donmoyer	3/18
Martha Fuentes	3/3	Sue Merrick	3/18
Bob Distlehorst	3/3	Brenda Hines	3/19
Roger Fretwell	3/4	Jody Kilmer	3/19
Linda Pribble	3/7	Jose Sosa	3/19
Don Roth	3/7	David Farley	3/20
Rick Blank	3/8	Diane Stroud	3/21
Gary Tapley	3/8	Karen Richardson	3/22
Carrie Coselman	3/9	Sarah Galassini	3/22
Judy Tannehill	3/10	Linda Dawson	3/26
Joyce Crowl	3/12	Pam Maranell	3/26
Barbara Littlefield	3/12	Tony DePiazza	3/27
Dave Mitchell	3/13	Fran Jenny	3/28
Diane Bell	3/14	David Shields	3/28
Gil Gonzales	3/15	Sarah Fretwell	3/29
		Jan Winkel	3/29

Welcome Newcomers to Trails West!

**Sarah & Lisa Galassini
Marty Sewell**

**066 Party Time Place
365 No Problem Drive**

Clubhouse Information

Building is open from 6AM to 7PM.

Please check in with staff.

BOTTLED WATER ONLY IN POOL AREA, GYM & CONFERENCE ROOM

Indoor Pool at Clubhouse North:

The indoor pool is open 9:00 am Daily – Residents Only!!

Water Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:00 am at the pool in Clubhouse North. For information call MaryKay Brady at 575-546-1931.

2nd Water Aerobics Class: New Schedule! – Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Questions call Debby Tennison at 575-652-2155.

• Only 10 people in Water aerobics classes at one time.

GYM: The hours are 6AM to 7PM – ALL EXERCISE EQUIPMENT MUST BE IN THE STATIONARY POSITION WHEN YOU LEAVE THE EXERCISE ROOM AND WIPED DOWN... This is dangerous for our residents and staff.

GUEST FEES: Remember/ ALL GUESTS MUST PAY the cost of using the gym which is \$5.00 per person each visit. Residents must accompany their guest, NO EXCEPTIONS!

CLUBHOUSE NORTH HOURS: 6AM – 7PM – Daily

Gym – 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Indoor pool – 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Laundry Room: 24/7

You cannot use the indoor pool until staff is on duty...

A logo featuring the text "I ♥ Water Aerobics" in a stylized, handwritten font. The heart symbol is red with a black outline. The word "Water" is written in a cursive-like font, and "Aerobics" is in a simpler, rounded font. There are decorative swirls around the text.



It is time to decide if you're going to keep your plot in the community garden or release it. We are starting to get residents asking about openings, so let the office know so we can reassign plots. If we don't hear from you we will release your plot to another resident. Thank you, Management.

Guidelines for the Community Garden:

- 1. NO PETS ALLOWED IN GARDEN AREA**
- 2. SITES MUST BE MONITORED DAILY, KEPT FREE OF WEEDS, MANICURED TO STAY WITHIN YOUR NUMBERED SITE.**
- 3. WHATEVER YOU BRING EACH DAY TO WORK ON YOUR SITE, NEEDS TO BE TAKEN HOME EACH DAY.**
- 4. NO CHICKEN WIRE/CLEAR NETTING IS ALLOWED.**
- 5. EVERYONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN SITES. PLEASE USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE THERE DAILY.**
- 6. PLEASE BE AWARE SHOULD YOU BE USING ANY FERTILIZERS OR PESTISIDES, SPRAYS, ETC. TO NOT ALLOW THEM OUT OF YOUR SITE.**
- 7.NO SMOKING.**
- 8.NO SPLITERS OR TIMERS ALLOWED.**
- 9. Please make sure that you are planting in your designated site, if you don't remember your site number call the office before planting.**

EVERYONE MAY ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF THE GARDEN!!! PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH, OR TAKE ANYTHING GROWING WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE GARDENER!!!

Fun and Games

WE ASK THAT ALL GAME PLAYERS CLEAN-UP AND WIPE DOWN TABLES AND CHAIRS WHEN DONE!

Billiards Room: Please do not place the cue chalk on the pool tables, please leave on the shelf.

March Bingo

Bingo in the Trails West Clubhouse is held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. This month it will be March 12th and 26th. Bingo is open to Trails West residents and their guests. If a TW resident brings one or more new players to Bingo for the first time, both the resident and the guest will get one free Early Bird/Blackout card. Anyone having a birthday this month will be gifted TWO free Early Bird/Blackout cards. Bring your own snacks and beverages. When Bingo is over, clean your table and take your trash with you. Thanks for your help! Card sales begin; 2:30, Early bird game; 2:45, Regular games; 3:00. Packs of cards are \$4.00 each or 2 for \$7.00. Individual Early Bird and Blackout Game cards (optional) \$.50 each. Daubers are \$1.50. Please bring small bills so we can divide the jackpots if there are multiple winners. No twenties please! Margaret Giralté and your Bingo Volunteers

Korn Hole Game (bean bags toss): Mondays at 10:30 am – in the large room in the main clubhouse. Don McLaughlin 575-647-1891

Single Deck Pinochle: Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the game room. For more information please call Denny Schwartz @ 605-222-7805.

Hearts and or 500: Mondays at 1:00 pm in the game room. For more information please call Denny Schwartz @ 605-222-7805.

Double Deck Pinochle: Thursday at 1:00 pm in the game room. For more information please call Denny @ 605-222-7805 or sign up at the office.

PINOCHLE GROUP: They are meeting right now on Tuesday and Wednesday at 1:00pm in the game room. For more Information Call Sam Palm at 647-0320.

TRAILS WEST PARTY BRIDGE

Party Bridge is continuing on Thursdays at 1pm- 3pm in the card room. We hope any Trails West folks who have played before will join us! Join us to meet your neighbors who play bridge. For more information contact Mikki Allbright 979-702-0380

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES: Come join us for MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOS each Saturday at 6:00p.m. in the game room. No experience is necessary. Bring a quarter and 13 dimes to join the fun. Call Kathy Loerwald at 575-636-2518 for questions about the game. Hope to see you there!

Hand and Foot: Game starts at 1:00pm on Monday – if you are not here and ready to play at start times – you will not be able to play. Any questions call Nita Elrod @ 575-642-3818 - Looking for a new host.

Hand and Foot: Every Friday night at 6:00pm in the game room. Any questions call Fran Jenny @ 320-761-5833

POKER & Texas Hold-em: We are moving the Friday night dealer's choice poker time from 6:00pm to 5:30pm. We are also bringing back Tuesday night Texas Hold-em and Omaha Poker, which requires a \$5.00 buy in with NO re-buys at 5:30pm. Questions please contact Mario Martinez



Scrabble: Wednesday evening at 6:00pm, also the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 2:00pm. Don't be afraid to be challenged! We have multiple games at different skill levels. Questions call Diane Bell at 575-932-8602

LET'S PLAY BUNCO: Let's play Bunco at the main Club House scheduled the 1st three Mondays of each month. We have had such a good turnout we recently changed our meeting times from twice a month to three times a month. This is a super fun dice game that is easy to learn. If you bring \$5 and can throw dice, you are in. Money goes toward cash prizes at the end of each evening. Come join in the fun and LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL. Linda Parshall 915-433-6361

Bocce Balls- Exciting news, we now have a new Bocce Ball set for use by all residents. The set includes 8 ball, Pallino, measuring tape, game instructions and a towel for cleaning the balls. The set will be kept inside the game closet located in the Main Clubhouse. Please be respectful and wipe down balls after each use. This game is great fun for all ages and a great way to make new friends. Thank you, Linda Parshall

BOCCE BALL TIME CHANGE: Our fall/winter schedule is in effect as of November 1st, at 1:00 pm, Monday through Friday - weather permitting. We are located behind the pickle ball court and everyone is welcome. The game is easy to play and the rules are easy to follow. It is not physically demanding, but it's a lot of fun. Any number from 2 to 8 can play, and there is always someone available to help out if you need a few pointers. Those with physical disabilities are encouraged to stop by to play or just keep an eye on us to make sure we don't cheat. Interested parties don't have to register or sign up for anything. Just show up any weekday at start time whenever it's convenient for you. Play or not play, you will find a great bunch of people, get a little exercise, and maybe make a few friends. If you need information call: Tony De Piazza @ 817-715-0184 or Dave Maxwell @ 575-382-0555

BOCCE NOTES: There has been some question about the use of bocce ball equipment at the court. Just to be clear, there is a locked wooden box containing personal items that is not part of the park equipment. Those items were purchased or provided by the regular weekday bocce players at their own expense, as was the construction of the box that contains them. There is, however, a smaller box nearby containing a complete set of bocce balls, available for public use by park residents. The park encourages everyone to enjoy the use of the bocce ball courts, but please respect the personal property of others. Please contact Tony DePiazza at (817)-715-0184 or Dave Maxwell 382-0555.

Trails West Community

Chair Yoga for Adults
I can do it, YOU can do it!

A Body in Motion stays in Motion. Come and try it out! Strengthen and Stretch your Body. Improve your physical and mental health.

Monika Wilson will instruct the class. A chair will be used for seated and standing support. Exercise as much as it feels good. Exercising is a great way to minimize physical degeneration, and to increase vitality. It helps to maintain independency.

Each session will be partly seated on the chair and partly on the feet/standing up.

Schedule: Mondays and Wednesdays, starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. till 9:45 a.m. Doors open at the Main Club House at 8:45 a.m. in order to pay, get a chair and set-up.

Cost is \$10 for one class, or a monthly pass of \$50 which will cover two classes per week for a month. Pay in cash (please bring exact amount), or check made out to Monika Wilson.

No credit cards. Check-in will be done by Kim Morris, Debbie Wilson or Monika Wilson.

Wear stable shoes like tennis shoes or sneakers, and comfortable clothes. Bring a water bottle and towel if so desired. FYI: Music will be played in the background during the class.

FREE promo classes:

Try it out on Monday, March 13 at 9:00 a.m., and/or on Wednesday, March 22 at 9:00 a.m.

DISCLAIMER: Please consult with your physician before beginning any exercise program.

By participating in this exercise, you agree that you do so at your own risk, are voluntarily participating in these activities, assume all risk of injury to yourself, and agree to release discharge Yoga with Monika from any and all claims or causes of action, known or unknown, arising out of Yoga with Monika's negligence. Liability Waiver has to be signed by each student before participating in the program.

Call Kim Morris at 972-890-7006 with any questions.

Private classes are available as well. For information, call/text Monika: 575-430-4750.



Pot Luck – On Monday, February 20th, Judy and I hosted our last Valentine themed pot luck. I know – sad to say, but true. No more shout outs to Debbie Davis, no more chocolate kisses, no more mushy stuff. Next year the February pot luck theme will be Presidential though someone suggested a Groundhog theme. A roaster or two full of groundhog and plenty of apple and cherry pies sounds good to me. Guess time will tell, though I am betting no one brings groundhog. Next pot luck will be on Monday, March 20th and the theme will be All Things Irish. Speaking of which, I recently heard that JW was among the first in line on opening day to kiss the original Blarney Stone. How cool! That guy is very much like Waldo – you just never know where he will turn up next. The line forms at 5:30 PM. Please arrive by 10 to 15 after 5:00 and stake your claim on a seat and a serving of dessert – just leave a piece of Marie’s pecan pie for me. As a reminder, serving utensils are provided, however, attendees are responsible for supplying their table service – you know, fork and plate. Also, if you bring your own serving utensils, please don’t forget to claim them before they get lost in the shuffle. Seems pointless to suggest using the sign-up sheet – about 46 people used the sign-up sheet, about 70 people attended pot luck. Good news is we had plenty of seats and plenty of eats. As a point of clarification, the two columns of lines are for your name(s) – it is not necessary for you to list what specific item you are bringing. After all – it’s pot luck!

As always, I am open to all comments and suggestions.

– Michael Tannehill (937.508.3754)



Trails West Residents

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORMS: Once again we need to make sure that every resident has filled out the emergency contact form. Please come by the office and update your information or pick one up. It is very important that we have these on file. Thank you

LET'S BE SAFE!!

Should someone fall, you should always call 911. Someone may say they don't need 911 though the only ones who can say that IS 911!! So, you will find that management of Trails West as well as the Trails West crew will always call 911. Neighbors should do the same as the 911 crew are the only ones who can say whether you need to go to the hospital, doctor or just go home and rest!!! Management

If you have solicitors' knocking on your door please call the Office @ 575-524-9226 during office hours or Ruben @ 575-639-3566, or Ruben Jr. 575-639-3569 so they can be escorted off the property.

ATTENTION: Please don't stop the Trails West crews for concerns or issues, notify the main office and a work order will be made. Thank you!

Please be advised and share with your neighbors – ANY changes to the outside of your home, including additional plantings or removal MUST be approved by Ruben and Leigh with input from the owners of Trails West. You must have a written approval for the changes you wish to make. Please bring in your changes in writing for approval. This is due to folks taking upon themselves to make changes that have not been approved. The owners of Trails West want all residents to know that they are not trying to be restrictive though Trails West was created with an open concept.

ATTENTION: 911 EMERGENCY MAY ALWAYS BE CALLED FROM THE PAYPHONE IN THE CLUBHOUSE.

RESIDENTS GOING AWAY FOR THE DAY, PLEASE DON'T PARK BY THE ENTRANCE OF THE CLUBHOUSE!! THERE IS PLENTY OF PARKING AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE WITHOUT BEING AT THE DOORWAYS.

BE ADVISED THE ONLY ROOM THAT CAN BE RESERVED IN THE MAIN CLUBHOUSE IS THE BALLROOM, AND IN CLUBHOUSE NORTH IS THE CONFERENCE ROOM. BUT ALL RESERVATIONS ARE MADE AT THE MAIN CLUBHOUSE.

PLEASE BE COURTEOUS TO YOUR NEIGHBORS, WHEN IT IS WINDY PLEASE TIE UP YOUR WIND CHIMES.THANK YOU!

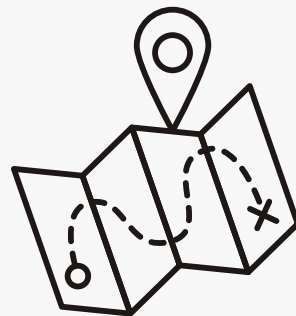
Here in Trails West we need to be courteous to each other, we have had some complaints about people running into the neighbors carports and landscaping. All we ask is that if you do damage to your neighbors property to let that person know what happened.

ATTENTION: EACH AND EVERY GROUP MUST CLEAN UP AFTER THEMSELVES! ONCE THE ROOM IS BACK IN ORDER, BE SURE TO TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE. THAT IS THE LAST CLEANUP ITEM EACH GROUP NEEDS TO DO BEFORE THE NEXT PEOPLE COME IN.. IT'S ALL ABOUT SANITATION!!

PLEASE REMEMBER ANY TIME YOU ARE GOING TO HOSTING A FUNCTION IN THE MAIN ROOM OF THE CLUBHOUSE THAT INCLUDES PEOPLE COMING FROM OUTSIDE TRAILS WEST COMMUNITY, YOU MUST HAVE A "WATCHER" IN PLACE TO MAKE SURE FOLKS ARE GOING TO THE MAIN ROOM AND NOT OTHER ROOMS. SHOULD YOU NOT HAVE A "WATCHER" IN PLACE DURING YOUR FUNCTION; THE HOST(S) FOR THE EVENT WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE OR THEFT DONE IN OTHER ROOMS. MANAGEMENT

ATTENTION PET OWNERS: It is very important that the office has pictures and vaccine records for your pets. Please contact the office to make sure that these documents are on file. If you just want to update pet pictures, Please email them to Leigh at trailswest@totacc.com or bring 2 copies of pictures to the office.

TRAVELING FORMS: It's highly recommended by the Trails West Management that you turn in a "Traveling Form" when you will be out of town. The forms are at the end of the counter in the clubhouse at all times and you will also find mail hold cards should you need them!



U.S. MAIL SERVICE: DO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE POSTAL EMPLOYEES WHEN THEY ARE BOXING THE MAIL. IF YOU DON'T HEED THE WARNINGS AND HAVE FUTURE VIOLATIONS – IT COULD RESULT IN HAVING YOU TO GET A POST OFFICE BOX ELSEWHERE. If you are ready to pick up your mail and the mail person has not finished, please DO NOT PARK ON THE STREET OR NEAR THE P.O. BOXES!!!. Any other questions or concerns please contact the office.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU DON'T PUT YOUR MAIL IN THE RENTAL DROP BOX, the drop box is not checked daily, so putting your mail in it can delay your mail by days. Thank you, Management.

It is illegal to post or affix ANYTHING to the US postal boxes. It is also not allowed to affix letters, notes, fliers, etc. to the benches throughout the community. There are bulletin boards at the main clubhouse. (one for community information and one for Las Cruces information), please post there. We also have the Trivia for any information that is regarding upcoming activities in the community. The cut off for the Trivia is the 22nd of the month prior. We also have the public and private Facebook page/group to post information.

DIRTY WATER: Las Cruces Utilities provides the water, wastewater and solid waste removal to Trails West. So, when you experience dirty water coming into your home, you need to inform the City of Las Cruces right away while running your water in the home until clear. The City of Las Cruces needs to hear directly from the person(s) being affected. Not every home at the same time gets this problem. This helps the City of Las Cruces to locate where an issue needs to be addressed. Trails West is on the City of Las Cruces water system and dirty water can stem from anywhere in the City of Las Cruces which might have a break in their lines. Once they repair a line, when they re-attach the lines friction from the water breaks loose minerals that have built up and pushes them down the line. Please call the City of Las Cruces any time you have dirty water problem at (575) 526-0500. Trails West may pay for your water though the City of Las Cruces is the source of water and they don't know there is an issue, they cannot help to correct the problem. The City of Las Cruces does not want to hear from Trails West, they NEED to hear from the affected party. PLEASE NOTE: Water leaks are not a city emergency that is a Trails West issue. So call the office for a work order or after hours call Ruben at (575)639-3566. Management



Library: When you return books, donate books, or are just looking and it is difficult to reshelv, please place books in the basket by the fireplace.

TRAILS WEST ACTIVITY FUND

Date Transaction Deposits Withdrawal Fund Balance

12/31/2022 Balance Forward \$ 2,789.78

1/24/2023 Cans - 28 lbs. \$15.40

1/31/2023 Ending Balance \$2,805.18

02/22/2023 Current Balance \$2,805.18

Note: I am resigning as The Can Man at the end of this month after over 5 years. I will continue to maintain the account and will accept crushed cans only. If you want to recycle uncrushed cans put them in the plastic tub between the two large recycling dumpsters by North Clubhouse.

THE SPEED LIMIT IS: THE SPEED LIMIT IN TRAILS WEST IS 15 MPH! Please observe the posted speed limit and advise your visitors and workers.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS VEHICLES AT THE GATE HOUSE, HAVE PATIENCE!!! The greeters are doing their best to keep us safe, keep traffic moving, give out information quickly, and be aware of the people who are entering our community. Residents, please make sure you have a window sticker, PLEASE don't just drive through...

PARKING: Remember on-street parking is not allowed at night! Do not leave your vehicle on the street overnight. If you have company and need more room to park, you're welcome to park at the clubhouse for a short time period. REMINDER- RV'S are allowed to park by your house to load and unload during day light hours. NO driveway may be blocked at any time. Overnight parking of travel trailers, motor homes, trucks, commercial vehicles may be permitted to park at the clubhouse with prior management approval not to exceed two (2) nights, with a parking pass.

Bike Riders: Please remember that bikes have to obey the same laws as a vehicle. Stop at stop signs, watch where you're going. Safety First!!!



WILDLIFE AND FERAL CATS phone #'s:

Feral Cats - DAC- Animal Control # 575-528-4100 or 575-526-0795

Injured or Dead foxes - NM Game and Fish # 575-532-2100,

Skunks - USDA Wildlife Service's # 575-527-6980.

Foxes in the community: The foxes are an asset to have in our community; they help to control the number of “varmints” throughout the park. While many people think that live-trapping animals and taking them somewhere else, where they will live happily ever after is an ideal solution for all involved, this isn't actually what happens. More than 70% of relocated foxes die soon after relocation due to stress, starvation, and dehydration. If you are having fox problems, please call the office. Please note; we do not want to relocate them, as they are a true asset. Also please be aware that if you are poisoning mice and rats, the foxes are eating them, which in turn causes the foxes to be poisoned and die too. Thank you, Staff

PETS: There is the common area with grass and pooper scoopers available by the front entrance and pet stations in place! Do not allow your pet to use other residents' yards. Residents who are having a problem with others letting their pets use their yard for a bathroom, Ruben recommends using Animal Repellant around the perimeter of the yard. This product helps to tell the pet this is not a bathroom and will not hurt the pet either. The animal repellant encourages pets to go elsewhere to do their business. All pets must be leashed and may not be left unattended outside. Please remember that pets are NOT allowed in the fenced area around the pool, or around the Bocce Ball, Pickle Ball courts, or the community garden.. Please do NOT walk your pets in these areas!! Management



OUTSIDE VISITORS AND CHILDREN VISITING: Trails West guidelines state: Guest staying 72 hours or longer must be registered at the management office to obtain guest identification, and guests can bring their pets, but they must follow the same rules as residents. Also management has noticed that some children are not being accompanied by the resident, and have been playing on golf carts and bikes. PLEASE, DON'T ALLOW THIS; THIS IS AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN... All visitors MUST be accompanied by the resident that they are here to visiting while in the community. Questions? Please come to the Trails West Office. Management

YARD DEBRIS: Please remember that the Trails West maintenance crew picks up yard debris every Thursday afternoon. They do not pick up regular trash which needs to be disposed into the trash dumpster for regular pickup by the City of Las Cruces.

Outside companies, workers, etc: When you hire someone to work in your yard or in your home, part of what you pay for when you receive the service is disposal. Many residents have reported finding debris from jobs at the dumpsters when it should have been hauled away by the person doing the work. Please make sure anyone you hire hauls away any trash, debris left from the job, out of the park. Also, please keep your sidewalks clean and clear of debris, this is an extension of your landscaping. Also please inform your neighbors that you are having work done, and instruct your workers not to go into other resident's yards. Thank you, Ruben

RECYCLE BINS (Blue Containers): We all need to be considerate of everyone in Trails West that is recycling. Please break-down your boxes before placing them in the recycle bin, by breaking them down allows everything to sift and creates more space, also perhaps if you see someone not breaking them down or having troubles, jump in and lend a hand. Also make sure that only recycle products are deposited in the bin. Thank you Trails West Management. If you need help breaking down boxes for the recycle bin Tom Elkin is willing to assist.

Recyclable Materials: Paper Products: Office paper & envelopes, newspaper & inserts, Telephone books, junk mail (please open), shredded paper, brown paper bags, magazines, catalogs.

Corrugated cardboard, BROKEN DOWN (NO PIZZA BOXES)!

Chipboard: (cereal boxes, tissue boxes, etc.)

Metal: Steel/tin cans (food cans), Aluminum beverage cans – Please rinse out and donate to the Trails West Activity Fund.

Plastic: #1 - #7 plastic containers ONLY, NO GROCERY BAGS

THINGS THAT DON'T BELONG IN RECYCLE BINS ARE: Glass, Styrofoam, plastic grocery bags, food contaminated items, NO HOUSE HOLD TRASH, clothing, yard waste, batteries, or engine fluids, household appliances. City of Las Cruces recycles division

DO NOT BLOW YOUR LEAVES TO THE STREET – IF YOU MUST, PLEASE SWEEP THEM UP AND BAG THEM SO THEY DO NOT BLOW INTO YOUR NEIGHBORS YARD. RUBEN RECOMMENDS BLOWING THEM TO THE BACK OF YOUR HOME AND THEN BAGGING THEM FOR PICKUP ON THURSDAYS. THANK YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS THANK YOU AS WELL!!!

ATTENTION: Please DO NOT allow anyone to work on the drip lines, except the Trails West Crew. If you have an issue, please call or come to the office to put in a work order. All work orders go on a schedule to be completed. However if it is an emergency; call the office as soon as possible.

Main Clubhouse bulletin board – Items for sale: If you are going to post an item for sale, you must post on nothing bigger than a 3X5 index card, it must be a resident, with your phone number and the date posted, once items are sold please remove your listing. If items are posted on a bigger sheet of paper they will be removed and disposed of. If items have been on the board for longer than 2 months, it will be removed and disposed of. Thank you, Management

HELPFUL TIPS:

- 1) Do not place over the door hooks, shoe racks, mirrors, and organizers on your interior doors, sometimes this causes the door to be hard to open and we can get locked in.**
- 2) While you are away on vacation, it is a good idea to have the water shut off to your house. Please call or come to the office to put in a work order Then just call us before you get home and we can have the water back on by the time you get home. Please be aware Trails West crew is not available on weekends.**

**OFFICE SERVICES – For Trails West residents- We offer services that may be of use:
FAXING – we will send faxes for you, as well as receive faxes for you; the cost is \$1.00 for first 5 pages. Also we make black and white COPIES - for 10 cents each. WE DON'T HAVE CHANGE – SO SMALL BILLS PLEASE OR EXACT CHANGE!!!**

Ruben does NOT conduct business at his home. You have no reason to go to Ruben's home and talk to him about watering issues!! Call the office and have a work order put in place.



Tips from Ruben: Many requests have been made for a list of plants, trees and shrubs that do well in Trails West. Following is a list of the plants that have success in the community:

**Trees: Red Oak Live Oak
Chinese Pistachio Mesquite
Bradford Pear Flowering Crab
Chinese Tallo Red Bud
Ash Palo Verde
Catalpa Italian Cypress
Pines Bubba Willow**

**Shrubs: Indian Hawthorne Photina
Nandina Roses
Purple Sage Green Cloud Sage
Pittisporum Forsythia
Spirea Lilac
Pyracantha Carolina Jasmine
Juniper**

**Flowering Plants: Verbena Cherry Sage
Lantana Mexican Sage
Bird of Paradise Barrel Cactus Red Yuccas Agave
Ocotillo Sotol
Soft leaf yucca**

When you use the outside water spigot, or the hose bib on your home to water your landscaping, wash your car (or RV which is not allowed), clean off your driveway or sidewalk that you are using domestic metered water? What that means is that water is not only charged by the gallon for usage but it is also metered for wastewater charges. Wastewater charges are larger than water charges. These charges have an affect on your annual rent increases. By lowering usage it takes some pressure off these increases. Water expenses are one of the largest single expenses of Trails West monthly. The landscaping is on a meter the city considers water only. No waste water is charged to this meter. It is much cheaper! If you believe there is stressed vegetation within your landscaping, please call the office and a work order will be issued for the Trails West crew to check to make sure it is working properly and that the landscaping at your home is receiving enough water to maintain the beauty!

Weekly Schedule of Events

SUNDAY

Jam Session – Cactus Picking Jammers	2.00pm to 4:00pm	1st and 3rd Sundays
Scrabble	2:00 pm	1st and 3rd Sundays
Bingo	2:30 pm	2nd & 4th Sundays

(Card Sales starting at 2:15pm)

MONDAY

Water Aerobics	10:00 am – indoor pool
Corn Hole Game	10:30 am – Main room
Bocce Ball	1:00 pm - weather permitting
Pool School	1:00 pm – Billiards room
Hand and Foot	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm – Game room
500/Hearts	1:00 pm – Game Room
BUNCO	6:00 pm –1st, 2nd & 3rd Mondays - Game room

TUESDAY

Water Aerobics #2	9:00am – indoor pool
Art Classes	10:00 to NOON – Main room
Bocce Ball	1:00 pm - weather permitting
Learn to Paint from Photos	1:00pm to 3:00pm Main room
Mah Jongg	1:00 pm – Game room
Pinochle	1:00 pm – Game room
Texas Hold-em	5:30 pm – Game room

WEDNESDAY

Sew Friends	10:00 am to 3:30pm
Water Aerobics	10:00 am – indoor pool
Bocce Ball	1:00 pm - weather permitting
Single Deck Pinochle	1:00 pm – Game room
Pinochle	1:00 pm - Game room
Scrabble	6:00 pm – Game room

THURSDAY

Water Aerobics #2	9:00 am – indoor pool
TOPS	10:00 am – Main room
Bocce Ball	1:00 pm - weather permitting
Party Bridge	1:00 pm – Game room
Pinochle	1:00 pm – Game room
Double Deck Pinochle	1:00 pm – Game room
Girls' Night Out	5:00 pm 1st Thursday

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FRIDAY

Ceramics, Crafts, and Coffee
Water Aerobics
Bocce Ball
Pool School
Poker
Hand and Foot

9:00 am to 11:00pm Friday morning.
10:00 am – indoor pool
1:00 pm - weather permitting
1:00 pm – Billiards room
5:30 pm - Game room
6:00 pm - Game room

SATURDAY

Welcome Coffee
Water Aerobics #2
Reserved
Karaoke
Mexican Train Dominos
Snacks & Crafts

9:00 am - 2nd Saturday
9:00 am – indoor pool
2:30 pm to 6:00 pm 2nd Saturday
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm 2nd Saturday
6:00 pm – Game room
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm every last Saturday

Welcome Coffee is the 2nd Saturday of every month at 9:00am

Potluck is the 20th of every month at 5:30pm

Should you wish to reserve the clubhouse, please fill out a “Proposed” reservation form. Please use these two “Permanently Scheduled” pages to check availability. Once you have done that, the office will check for individual reservations in place!



MAIN ROOM REMINDER: ALL groups that use the main room for their functions, Please empty the trash cans and deliver to the dumpster.



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Potluck
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