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SCOTTSDALE COUNCIL OF HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS

SCOHA NEWSLETTER

IN OUR 42nd YEAR

SEPTEMBER 2016

ASSOCIATION INSURANCE OCTOBER 25, 2016

The next SCOHA meeting will be October 25, 2016. We will have a special guest speaker, **Paul Davis, of the Arizona Group**. Mr. Davis will present on the topic of **Association Insurance**.

The Arizona Group was formed in 1993 and is an Independent Insurance Agency with 2 locations; one in Mesa and one in Gilbert. They are a group of over 40 individuals from many different areas of insurance and offer quality protection portfolios for their clients. In 2006, The Arizona Group joined forces with Arizona Federal Credit Union. Paul Davis has been a member of the team for the past 17 years and has been in the insurance business for 25 years. Mr. Davis has a special focus on Property Managers, Credit Unions, and Contractors.

The October 2016 meeting will take place on **Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at noon**.

Please make your reservations as soon as possible, and please note that we must have a reservation to guarantee a lunch and a seat at the meeting.

Call Andrea Moscarello at **480-427-2884** or send an e-mail to **andream@carpenterhazlewood.com** by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 21 to make your reservation for the October 25 meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

SCOHA ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME BACK!

We are excited to welcome back the members of SCOHA, as well as some cooler weather, to the Valley!

2016-2017 HOA Handbooks will also be handed out at the October 25 meeting.

SCOHA's NEW WEB SITE:

SCOHA's web site has been restored and remodeled by our esteemed Treasurer, Matt Metz.

Check it out here:

www.scottsdalehoa.com

SCOHA
DATA TO
REMEMBER:

Tuesday,
October
25, 2016
11:45 a.m.

Lakeview Room
McCormick Ranch
Golf Club
7505 McCormick Pkwy

\$15.00
Reservations
Required

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Legislative Update 2016

Summary of the May 2016 Meeting

At the September 2016 meeting, we had 2016 Election Special. Our panel of guest speakers included Mayor Jim Lane and Mayoral candidate Bob Littlefield. The City Council candidates included Suzzane Klapp, Virginia Korte, and Guy Phillips.

We started the meeting with a 5 minute open floor for each candidate on the panel to introduce themselves and speak about anything that interested them. Mayor Jim Lane spoke first and gave a brief overview of his history in government as well as his personal background. Mr. Lane moved to Scottsdale in 1973 and has served two terms as Mayor of Scottsdale. In his time as Mayor, he has not raised taxes and improved the McDowell corridor, as well as making the downtown area on that lives up to the live/work/play concept.

Next to speak was Mayoral candidate, Bob Littlefield. He is an Army veteran that served two tours in Vietnam, and an Arizona State University graduate with a degree in engineering. Mr. Littlefield has been a member of the City Council for 12 years and thinks that part of what makes Scottsdale so great is the concern the citizen's share about keeping it that way. Mr. Littlefield says he is running for the Mayor position because Mayor Lane's policies do not increase the quality of life of Scottsdale residents. He also has a firm stance against the DDC and putting any commercial items at the gateway of the preserve.

After that, the first City Council candidate to speak was Suzanne Klapp. Ms. Klapp has lived in Scottsdale for 18 years and is originally from Indiana and had worked in California before coming to Arizona. She has been on the Scottsdale Council for 8 years and has helped guide the city to where it is now. Additionally, Ms. Klapp is the chair of the audit subcommittee and helps manage the city's fiscal responsibility to keep taxes low and try and eliminate a food tax.

The next City Council candidate was Virginia Korte. She is a second generation native Arizonian and tries to live by the motto of "Put Scottsdale First". She comes from a long line of car salesmen and business owners, and even worked in that space herself for some time at her family's Chevy dealership. Ms. Korte has helped oversee the water supply and has been heavily involved with Scottsdale Schools. Three items that are important to Ms. Korte this election season are funding, transportation, and tourism.

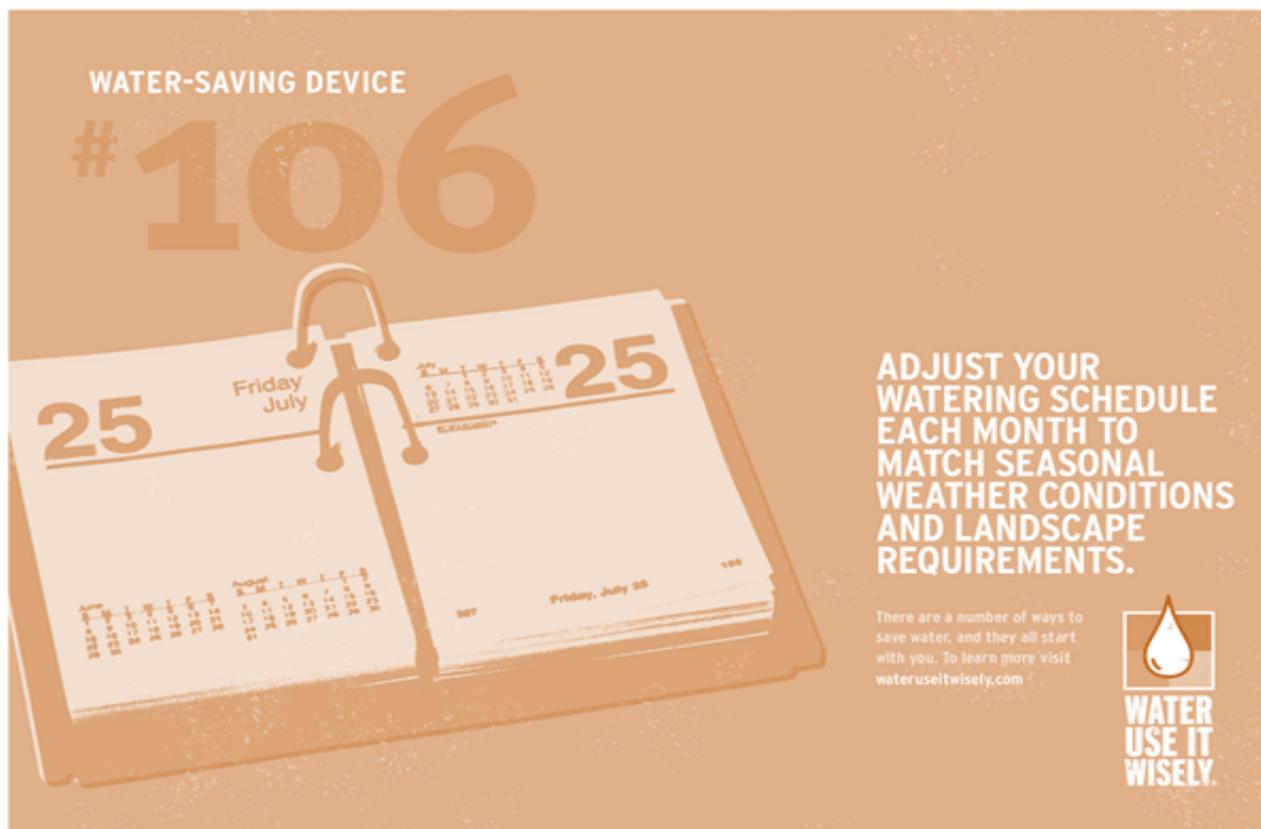
Finally, we heard from City Council candidate Guy Phillips. Mr. Phillips grew up in Phoenix and has five children that he and his wife raised in Scottsdale. He is also in the air conditioning business. Mr. Phillips believes strongly in the fact that we can improve on tourism in Scottsdale, which helps bring money into the community. He believes that the City Council is here for

you and is the link between the government and you as citizens.

The floor was then opened up to questions from the attendees at the luncheon. A question was asked regarding the construction near 101 and Thomas Road, which Mayor Lane explained would be an Automall that is technically being build on tribal land.

Also discussed was the addition of some shallow condo properties that will be going in near the McDowell corridor. Another question was asked in regards to the Desert Discovery Center situation, in which Mayoral candidates Lane and Littlefield disagree. Both candidates originally voted for the DDC, but now there appears to be a split in the community regarding the matter.

Another big topic of discussion was transportation. Each candidate expressed the fact that there are no plans for rail technology to be installed in Scottsdale. Ms. Klapp and Korte described how this would be a positive thing, as rail technology is expensive, and planning on not installing it frees up much of the budget to think outside of rail. Ms. Klapp proposed the possibility of using more ride-sharing methods or even electric busses or more trolleys. All candidates also agreed that there should be a method developed for getting to and from Sky Harbor Airport easier than renting a car or taking a long cab ride to and from the airport.



WATER-SAVING DEVICE

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ADJUST YOUR WATERING SCHEDULE EACH MONTH TO MATCH SEASONAL WEATHER CONDITIONS AND LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS.

There are a number of ways to save water, and they all start with you. To learn more visit wateruseitwisely.com

WATER USE IT WISELY.

The advertisement features a large orange background with a white calendar showing the month of July. The calendar is open to the 25th, which is a Friday. The number '25' is prominently displayed in large white font on the left page. The text 'Friday July' is written in a smaller font above the date. The right page of the calendar also shows the date '25' and 'Friday, July 25'. The calendar is bound with a silver ring. In the bottom right corner, there is a white water drop icon inside a square frame, with the text 'WATER USE IT WISELY.' below it.



Dear SCOHA Members:

It is crucial that all SCOHA members contribute to a legislative action fund in order to protect associations from harmful legislation. We anticipate a difficult challenge again this year at the Arizona legislature and will have no chance of protecting associations and the people who live in them unless we hire a lobbyist. We cannot, however, hire a quality lobbyist without the financial assistance of our membership.

During the past few years, we have seen things change for the worse down at the legislature. Last year, the legislature passed new laws pertaining to community associations. We expect similar battles this year.

The bottom line is that we need a lobbyist in order to make sure that any new laws regarding associations are good for associations and the people who live in them. We cannot hire a good lobbyist without a substantial financial commitment from our members. To that end, we are asking that every association make the best possible donation that it can. At a minimum, we are asking for \$1.00 per home from every association. Please make your check payable to SCOHA and mail it to 6720 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 261, Scottsdale, Arizona 85253.

This is certainly a worthwhile investment when you think of the risks associated with harmful legislation. It is a small price to pay in order to ensure that we have laws that will make our communities better rather than worse.

Thank you for your consideration with respect to this important issue. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Curtis S. Ekmark
President
