

# IPCC HOA 14



## Bird's Eye View

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### New Landscape Company Begins Service January 1, 2021

The new year ushered in Desert Concepts as our new landscape contractor. The Board conducted a provider search, and was impressed with this company's track record serving HOA 14 and the Intervals Timeshare in Indian Palms. Shelly Ruegsegger has had favorable experience working with them. Routinely, they include many special landscape services and treatments without additional billing. Their record of good communication and responsiveness to emergencies tipped the scales in their direction when we searched for a new provider.

Julio Castro, sole owner since 1986, has a fleet of newer equipment. He is licensed in engineering, construction, plumbing, welding and is an arborist. He assures us of quick fixes when problems arise on our grounds. He meets with his employees, and provides them with regular trainings. They are equipped to trim, remove, and plant trees for us as requested. Julio's "All-in-One" service capacity means we have less sub-contracting and quicker response to our requests.

What can we expect? We will have a minimum of 1 full-time employee on site. Marta will be our landscaper at the start, but when pandemic issues lighten up, long-term residents will re-welcome Araceli, who did an excellent job for us about 6 years ago. Count on clean-ups around each building once every two weeks, following a path through our HOA. There will be natural pruning of bushes (no boxes or balls). Emitters will be checked weekly if needed. Desert Concepts will remove dead/diseased plants immediately and report to the Board for approval to replace them. We will work with Julio to establish an annual tree trimming schedule to allow us to both bring our trees to good health and maintain them effectively. The Board will walk through the property regularly with Julio to keep on top of our landscape conditions and needs. We are upbeat about partnering with the new team.

Owners are encouraged to be cordial, but not directive with our new service providers. Please do not make private requests of our landscaper. Only PPM may authorize the work Desert Concepts staff does. Even the Board goes through Shelly to ask for landscape work to be done. Let's all be consistent by contacting Shelly with our landscape needs and suggestions. Please join us in welcoming Julio, Marta, and the mow crew as the newest members of our team of providers.

### It's Board Election Time

Are you interested in serving on the Board of Directors for our HOA? By now, you have received the form to nominate yourself for 1 of the 2, two-year positions to be filled in our upcoming election in February. Here are the deadlines:

January 15: PPM receives your Application to be Nominated for a Directorship. Also send in a half to one-page biography.

By January 22: All voting ballots will be mailed to owners. (Call or email PPM by January 15 if you wish to change your official address where your ballot will be mailed. You can restore the original address with PPM after the election by emailing or calling them once again.)

Prior to February 21: Mail your ballot back to PPM using the signed, 2-envelope procedure. Ballots must be received by PPM by February 21 to be counted.

February 22: The Annual Meeting including the election is held via Zoom. Your secret ballots are counted and reported by the Inspector of Elections (Jean Nelson, homeowner).

We encourage you to consider expanding your interest in our community through a leadership role serving our HOA.

### 2020-2021 Board Members

President	Melaine Timko
Vice-President	Bill Nates
Secretary	Milan Timko
Treasurer	Vicki Pein
Director	Vacant

### Future Board Meetings

Meetings are conducted via Zoom. Log-in information is provided on agendas emailed to owners who signed up for electronic communication from PPM, and is posted in the HOA bulletin boards at each pool 3 days before the meetings.

- Regular - Monday, January 25, 2021, 2 p.m.
- Annual Meeting – Monday, February 22, 2021, 2 p.m.

## What Has Been Going On?

- The 2021 budget has been approved. There is no increase in \$400/month dues for 2021. The budget and summary of our reserve study was mailed to you in November.
- Tree trimming in front yards is nearly completed. That is as much trimming as the 2020 budget could include.
- Tree trimming throughout the property has been included in the 2021 budget. This is a “catch up” project.
- In November there was a terrific wind which uplifted several trees. Some dangerous trees had to be removed and others are being carefully watched.
- We are unlucky when it comes to pumps. 2 lake pumps and a spa pump had to be replaced. Our reserve funds saved the day. It takes a very long time to obtain replacement items now. There has been a trucking strike and some availability delays. Our water features are all fixed now.
- Violations (issues needing to be addressed by owners) were noted and owners were notified of corrections required. Last year, many owners did not come to Indio from their other homes due to travel restrictions and Covid concerns. So there are bushes and trees growing over patio perimeter walls, patio trees growing over roofs, citrus fruit collecting on patios, and dirt, weed and leaf collections on patios. Our compelling concern is to get rid of plant runways helping rats get up and under our condo roofs by climbing up overgrown plants and trees. All trees and bushes are required to be entirely within the inside of a patio. No plants or trees grow on or over the perimeter walls, and no patio plants or trees touch or grow over a roof. Thank you for doing your part to keep the vermin away. The full-time residents appreciate the tidying up work our part-time owners arrange for to keep their patio areas clean ongoing basis.
- We now have a freshly painted guest parking lot on the corner of Garland and Ullman. The stripes are clean and white, and there is a generous-sized blue space for persons with disabilities to access.
- There is a rumor that the vacant lot on Garland/Cochran has been sold and is being considered for development of residences. Won't that be an improvement!
- Riverside is a county with stay at home orders from the Governor. Restaurants are exclusively takeaway operations. Hair and nail salons are shut down. We are missing the Indian Palms Golf Cart Parade, the Southwest Arts Festival, the Dog Show, Polo (matches not open to the public), Coachella and Stagecoach for 2021. Let's just say we are “on hold” and awaiting effectiveness of vaccines.
- Meanwhile, our HOA pools and spas are open and inviting, and dog walking is an enjoyable pastime. The weather is in the 70's every day. Our grass is spectacularly green, so come join us for a visit if you are able.
- We wish you and your families good health.

## If You See Something, Do Something

As condo owners, we all have an obligation to protect our shared investment in our property. The Board cannot catch every need. Consequently, we count on you to assist by being our eyes and ears, reporting when you see something amiss. Broken things don't fix themselves. Please be faithful and call Mark See at PPM when you see anything broken, a lollipop light that is out, a sprinkler spouting like a fountain, or even a broken sprinkler head. You can start the repair ball rolling by calling PPM about a spa heater that stops working. Mark will get the repair request to someone who can fix the problem. The quicker the repair is made, the better for all our owners. Your active participation in your ownership in this way means a better living situation for us all. Thank you for seeing something, and doing something.

## Red Ant Treatment Rescheduled Due to Rain

Our December 29<sup>th</sup> treatment for Red Imported Fire Ants (living in the sandy mounds of dirt throughout our grounds) was cancelled due to rain. It is rescheduled for January 14. Vector Control provides this service to our common areas no more frequently than once every 16 weeks.

Do keep pets away from the baited area for 24 hours after the treatment so they do not consume the bait. It won't hurt your pet, but it will reduce the effectiveness of the treatment.

We must shut off the water on the day of treatment. If it rains, we'll have another postponement of the service.

## Architectural Modification Approvals Are Required

Please remember to submit an Architectural Modification Request form for ALL changes you want to make outside your dwelling area walls. This means patios, patio covers, windows, paint, rock, irrigation, plants, satellite dishes, and more. Wait for approval from the committee before making changes. The form is online on the HOA14.com website.

## Your Personalized Property Management Team (PPM)

All available at 760 325-9500

Shelly Ruegsegger, Senior Community Manager, ext. 254  
Caren Oliva, Assistant Community Manager, ext. 222  
Mark See, Maintenance Problems, ext. 224

## Journalists Welcomed

This newsletter is a communication service to our HOA. So far, articles are written by the Editor. Suggestions and article contributions are welcomed for future editions. Melaine Timko, Editor [melainetimko@gmail.com](mailto:melainetimko@gmail.com)