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Reminders

Pedestrian Gate

A resident reports that at least once per week the gate at the end of Michigan Court is left ajar by a user. If you exit the gate and don't have a key to re-enter, get one from Avail. An unlocked gate compromises the security of everyone.

Next Board Meeting

May 21 at 2:00 pm. IW City Hall.

Pool Use

Please keep noise to a minimum to respect the neighbors.

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Gloria Stypinski, Sue Howard and Harris Demetre

Residents Party!

The photos from the Residents Party on March 25 have been published on the [website](#). See them all.

Los Lagos Directory

If you did not receive the Los Lagos Directory and would like one, you may pick up a copy from the Avail Management Offices at 51350 Desert Club Drive, Suite 4, La Quinta, CA 92254.

Hummingbirds

Smallest of all the birds in Los Lagos, hummingbirds are also the most colorful, and probably the most aggressive. Some hummingbirds remain with us all year, while others just pay a visit as they make their annual migration north or south. They live at the edge of their energy, which is supplied primarily by flower nectar – or by sugar water supplied by humans in hummingbird feeders. They are fascinating to watch as they soar, hover, fight, chase, or rest on a twig.

Hummingbirds may visit your patio without any inducement, but if you would like to attract more, try hanging a hummingbird



Don and Florence Kristofferson

Community column

Moving On

It is with mixed emotions that Tom and I are leaving Los Lagos. We, of course, are so excited to be moving back to be with our family in Kansas City, but we have enjoyed our years here in the desert, and especially our home base in Los Lagos, where we have made new friends and have had so much fun.

I want to thank Patrick for being the reason this newsletter got started in the first place, as we built on his already established Los Lagos website. Darlene, you are so generous to step up and be part of our experiment. Thank you both!

Herb, you are a marvelous addition, and I am so happy you are providing articles for all of us to enjoy.

We hope to see you next winter as we return to the desert as Snow Birds for a few months!

Vicki Johnston

feeder filled with a mixture of one part white cane sugar to 4 parts tap water. No need to boil; just mix thoroughly. Don't add any chemical coloring. If the sugar water hasn't been mostly consumed in a week or 10 days, that may be because the hummingbirds haven't yet discovered your feeder. It might also be because they see your feeder as being too exposed to potential predators, so you might want to try another location. In any event, you should empty the feeder and clean it thoroughly every week or ten days. Hummingbirds will not be attracted by stale sugar water.

You might be among the privileged few who get to observe hummingbirds build a nest near your patio. The nest will be about the size of a chicken egg and shaped like a small cup. The expecting parents will take turns sitting on one or two tiny eggs. After hatching the parents will squirt food into the gaping mouths of their offspring, as the tiny nest gradually stretches out to accommodate the growth of the newcomers. A hummingbird nest is most likely to appear in a protected location in a tree, but it might appear anywhere. We once had a hummingbird nest built on top of a wind chime!

By Herb Costner

Passing The Torch

Thanks to Gail Herr, Ilayna Turcott (and crew) for many years of planning, setting up, tearing down tables, chairs, drink coolers, etc. for our Annual Residents' Party. Gail has asked that someone else step up to take her place to help Ilayna prepare for this event. Please contact Gail at gkherr@twc.com.

By Darlene Pienta



Jonathan Lexier, Clare Abadie, Betty-Lou Redford