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Next Board Meeting

Monday, May 13, 2019,
2:00pm. Council Chambers,
Indian Wells City Hall, Hwy 111
at El Dorado.

Pickleball

Players meet every Sunday at
11:00am. Jim Turcott advises
that starting earlier on Sunday
is under consideration because
of the rising temperatures.
Watch for an announcement in
email.

Thursday Evening Pickleball
time has already changed to
7:00pm for the same reason.

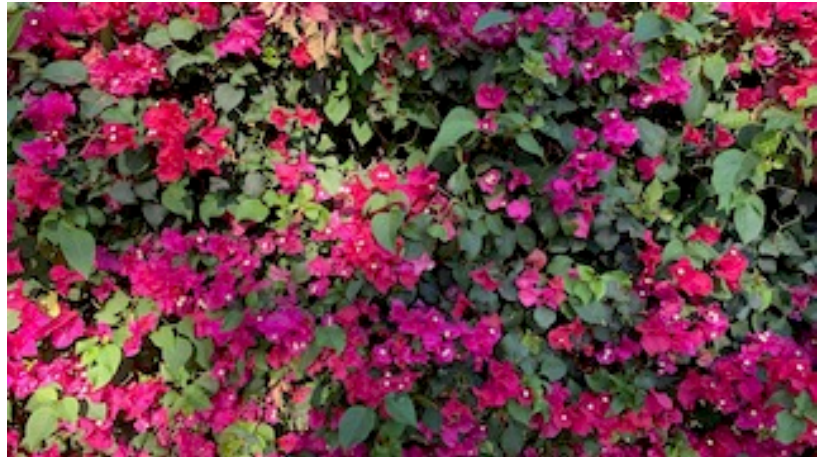
Architectural Committee

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Seeing Red in Los Lagos

If you see a red bush or vine in Los Lagos, it's probably bougainvillea. This colorful, durable, and thorny plant is native to South America, but it has become a landscape staple in warm, dry climates around the globe. In the Coachella Valley, it remains colorful in all seasons, requires minimum fertilizer, thrives in full sun, is usually pest-free, and lives for decades. While the original and most common color of bougainvillea is a slightly bluish red (magenta), there are now some three hundred varieties with a range of colors: red orange, gold, yellow, white, pink, and multi-colored.

The actual flower of bougainvillea is tiny (roughly one-fourth inch in diameter), and almost always white. These tiny blooms usually appear in clusters of three (sometimes two, if one is late getting out of its minuscule bud), and they are surrounded by several colorful "bracts" - leaf-like parts - that give the plant its color. The "bracts" have no capacity to produce seed, but they look like blooms and serve to attract pollinators.

Some bougainvillea are vines that send out long stems that may

Community column

Los Lagos Home Values

Are you curious about the latest selling prices? Or wondering how many homes are for sale in our community? The answers are a click away at loslagosiw.com.

Closed for the summer

This is the last issue for the 2018-2019 season. We will be back for a new season on October 1, Our opening issue will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Los Lagos. We wish our seasonal residents a great summer and safe travels.

A New Adventure for Herb Costner

Most of us know our Newsletter Editor Herb who has been a Los Lagos resident for 18 years. Well, Herb has left our community where he has been involved and so helpful, and he has moved to a nearby senior living facility. While we will miss his keen insights as well as his coordination of various activities, we will take some comfort in the fact that we have three of his unpublished articles. We can all look forward to reading them in our Fall issues, and to saying hello when Herb is visiting friends in Los Lagos.

overwhelm nearby plantings if not persistently trimmed. Bush varieties of bougainvillea grow in a more compact way and are less invasive. The so-called "torch glow" variety (bougainvillea spectabilis) extends short "arms" that have a "sleeve" of green leaves and colorful bracts.

There is no danger of killing an established bougainvillea by pruning it severely. In fact, bonsai enthusiasts find that bougainvillea adapts readily to their unusually heavy pruning to keep them diminutive. While fertilizer is rarely required, an acid fertilizer (i.e., azalea food) may enhance the color of the bracts.

By Herb Costner

For your Pun Repertoire: The Pillsbury Doughboy

The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was seventy-one.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, and Captain Crunch. The gravesite was piled high with flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded.

Born and bread in Minnesota, Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers.

He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes.

Despite being a little flaky at times, he still was a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, three children: John Dough, Jane Dough and Dosey Dough, plus they had one in the oven.

He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.

The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.

By Darlene Pienta