

**IMPORTANT**

**NUMBERS**

**Villages @ Queen  
Creek**

480-987-0847

**Town Offices**

480-358-3000

**SRP**

602-236-8833

**Waste**

**Management**

602-268-2222

**Southwest Gas**

602-861-1999

**Sheriffs Dept**

602-876-1011

**AAM, LLC**

602-957-9191

**OUR WEBSITE**

**WWW.OURVATQC.COM**

**Things you can find on  
the web-site:**

- Updates and Announcements
- Governing Documents
- Forms
- Board and Office e-mails and contact info
- Minutes and Financials
- Message Board
- Calendar

We have added a way to sign up for e-mail newsletters and updates.

# THE VILLAGER

FALL 2010

## ANNUAL MEETING

**Monthly Board Meetings are Held the last Thursday of the month at 7:00PM in the Community Clubhouse. Exception: November is the 3rd Thursday.**

**Your Board Members are:**

- President:**  
John Webb
- Vice President:**  
Aston Avarell
- Secretary:**  
Sharron Owen
- Treasurer:**  
Brett Ferguson
- Director:**  
Nick Catanese

YES...It is that time again. The 2010 Annual Meeting for the Villages has been set for **Thursday, December 2, 2010** at 7:00PM in the Community Clubhouse. There are 2 seats coming up for election this year. In October you will receive a mailing asking if you are interested in running for the Board and a request to submit a short biography. In November you will receive a mailing with a ballot and a copy of the biographies of your fellow homeowners who are interested in running for the open Board positions. Just a reminder, we will need 20% or 349 of the homeowners of The Villages to submit their ballot in person or by mail to be able to hold the meeting on December 2nd. If we do not establish quorum, a new meeting will need to be called. Please cast your vote and return your ballot in the self addressed stamped envelope or come to the meeting.



## TRASH PICK-UP IN THE VILLAGES

Starting the 1st week of October, the trash pick-up in the Villages will be handled by the Town of Queen Creek. For most of you, the trash pick up fees will be included in your water bill. Homeowners who have H2O as their water company will receive a separate bill from the Town for your trash pick-up. If your present trash hauler is Waste Management the last day they will pick up trash is Tuesday September 28, 2010. After the last pick-up you should leave your EMPTY green container at the curb to be picked-up by Waste Management between Wednesday, Sept. 29th and Friday, Oct. 1st. Waste Management will charge a \$75.00 fee for any unrecovered containers. Homeowners who are here seasonally will need to contact Waste Management to schedule the pick-up of your container when you return to the Villages. You will not need to call Waste Management to cancel service. If you use a different trash hauler you must cancel your service and make arrangements with that company for the pick-up of your present container. The new trash pick-up day for everyone will be Wednesdays for both trash and recycling. Bulk pick-up is being offered on the 2nd Wednesday of the month...YOU MUST CALL TO SCHEDULE FOR BULK PICK-UP. For any questions about the new trash and recycling program please call the Town at 480-358-3450 or visit their web-site at [www.queen creek.org](http://www.queen creek.org).



**ZUMBA ANYONE ?**

If your interested in taking a class in the clubhouse call

Kristy Knotts at  
**480-202-0872**

Do you want to receive Newsletters and Updates from the Association via e-mail? It's easy. Just log onto our web-site at [www.ourvatqc.com](http://www.ourvatqc.com) or e-mail the office at [office@ourvatqc.com](mailto:office@ourvatqc.com) to sign up.

Thank you to the homeowners who participated in the Over seeding Opinion Poll. The results are...

95 residents responded

78 % Yes, I want the Association to continue to over seed the common areas with winter grass.

69% Yes, I want the Association to continue to enforce front yard over seeding for winter grass.

## When to Repaint Your Home's Exterior

You know at some point you'll need to refresh the paint on the exterior of your home, but how do you know when it's time? Here are the top 10 signs that it is time to repaint your home.

1. Signs of discoloration or rust stains indicate that you need to repaint. These are predominately found near pipes and faucets. Find the source of these stains and eliminate it to avoid having to repaint these problem areas again.
2. Faded or worn paint is very common with our harsh Arizona sun. Sometimes this is hard to tell until you touch up problem areas with the original paint and you can tell a difference in color.
3. When your paint looks blotchy or uneven you'll need to repaint.
4. If your paint is showing signs of flaking or peeling you'll need to repaint. Peeling paint usually indicates that the paint did not adhere to the surface during painting. To avoid peeling paint in the future, thoroughly wash the siding surface and scrape any loose paint. Only paint in dry weather. Be sure to completely scrape loose paint from the surface, sand and fill if necessary, and prime before repainting.
5. Streaked or patchy paint is also a sign of wear.
6. Cracked stucco indicates a problem area. Even a hairline crack needs to be taken care of to prevent moisture from damaging your house. These areas will need to be filled in prior to painting to avoid further damage from water infiltrating the stucco.
7. Your trim is usually made from wood and often shows signs of wear before the rest of the house. The trim may need sanding before applying a new coat of paint.
8. The white stain that appears on your walls is called Efflorescence. Salts leach from mortar as moisture dries out of it and can appear as a white dust or residue on the masonry. It naturally occurs from the drying out of new masonry and is not harmful to the house. These salts can be washed off with water or will disappear with weathering. However, if efflorescence persists at localized areas, this may indicate that a moisture problem may exist. Crumbling bricks at localized areas can also indicate a moisture problem. This is a very common and unsightly problem often caused by yard sprinklers spraying the wall instead of the grass.
9. The area around the garage is especially prone to dings, chips, and dents. The stucco will need to be repaired before applying a new coat of paint.
10. The last sign that it is time to repaint your home is that you've painted the wrong color. Remember your Association must approve any changes to the exterior prior to work being done. Make sure to fill out an Architectural Submittal form before you start painting with samples of your new colors. Forms can be found on the web-site [www.ourvatqc.com](http://www.ourvatqc.com) or by calling the office at 480-987-0847

## Other Helpful Advice and Tips

- Check the weather conditions. For best results, paint on dry days with temperatures ranging between 50°F and 90°F. If possible, try to work in the morning before the sun becomes too strong.
- If you're not sure about the color you've selected, buy a small amount of paint and apply it in an inconspicuous area. That way, you'll have a chance to see what the finished product will look like in natural sunlight.
- Pick a brush that is appropriate for the coating. A high quality brush will minimize dripping and hold more paint than a lower quality brush. For latex paints, an all-polyester or nylon/polyester blend is the best choice. Select a natural bristle brush if you're using alkyd paint.
- If you plan on hiring someone to do the job, see if your neighbors also need to repaint. Sometimes you can get a discount for larger quantities.
- When planning a project always get three bids and check on your contractor's licensing at <http://www.rc.state.az.us/>.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### VENDOR APPRECIATION DAY

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH**

**11:00AM to 3:00PM at the Clubhouse**

**The Villages @ Queen Creek is hosting a Vendor Appreciation Day. Residents who own a business have an opportunity to have a free booth and share their products or services with all our residents. Non profit organizations are also invited to have a booth. There will be door prizes, free food, music and Special Town guests. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors who have a business or share your business with your neighbors. This is a family friendly event and all residents are welcome. For more info or to register as a business please contact:**

**Lori Kuhuski at [lkuhuski@earthlink.net](mailto:lkuhuski@earthlink.net) or the office at 480-987-0847**

The Autumn season in the desert is a great time to do some planting. Did you know that ELS, the community landscaping maintenance company, is offering the residents of V@QC some great deals on plants and trees? Contact Lynn Hudson with ELS at [lynn@evergreenaz.com](mailto:lynn@evergreenaz.com) to find out their monthly specials, prices, types and delivery information.

## THE HOLIDAYS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER

**IF YOU DECORATE YOUR HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS MAKE SURE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2010 YOUR HOLIDAY LIGHTS ARE LIT BY 7:00PM TO BE PART OF THE DECORATING CONTEST. GIFT CARD PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED IN JANUARY.**

