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John MacDonnell 00:09

Good day Sun City Shadow Hills, Big John here. It's been a while since I've been on a podcast, I'm hoping I remember how to do it. I wanted to address a few things, a couple of things actually.

John MacDonnell 00:24

Let's talk first, we have the United States flags in front of our property now at the 40th gate and at the Jefferson gate. So I hope you have a chance to take a look at those as you go out the gates and come in the gates. It gives you a good sense of coming home, seeing that flag waving out in front of our property. So real happy with Pete Anderson for spearheading that for, I think Pete said the last 14 years he's been working on that, and we were able to get it done this year. So that's a real big hats off to Pete for staying with it as long as he did, and the entire group of the Veterans. So thank you guys very much for that, appreciate it.

John MacDonnell 01:09

Next thing we want to talk about is, a lot of questions as to what's happening still with the flood control in the front. I had a chance to speak with the foreman, who's Dan Anderson, last week, and he informed, actually has been about a week and a half ago, he informed me that they are running ahead of schedule on our property, which is great. They had to go down 37 feet from the original surface area to put in the concrete walls that they're putting in. And then they're going to backfill with about 35 feet of dirt on top of that, and then they're going to build the new lake. And that is something that we're looking forward to getting done. I know the homeowners along there would like to have their views back and I think it's going to be a good project. As far as the pond #2, that is all done. The grass is having a chance to fill in now. And we're watering that every day to make sure that the sod is taking. And we should be reopening that real soon.

John MacDonnell 02:23

As you all heard, we are losing, not losing, he's moving on to a great promotion, a big uplift in his family and his life. Tyler Ingle, our General Manager. And so I wanted to make sure I say hats off to Tyler, you have been a huge, huge success to this community. You've been you've been a friendly person, you've been a very knowledgeable person, you have done many, many jobs that the General Manager probably wouldn't normally do. And I think you've probably saved and made this community a lot of money in in your protection of our assets and making sure that everything is checked and balanced.

So, hats off to you congratulations on your new position. Hopefully, you'll invite every one of us over to visit you once in a while and get a chance to see your new facility. So hats off to you on that.

John MacDonnell 03:33

So the next thing I want to talk about is what I'm gonna call "Bite Your Tongue." I've had the opportunity to spend time with many people in this community who helped me be a better President. And, I really appreciate them very much. There's been a lot of emails that have been sent out, and things that have been said about me. I don't really want to get into a fighting match with anybody. But I want to tell you this, when things are said about Big John, or things are said about any Board Member, okay, who is spending hours and hours and hours of their own personal time away from their families, away from their friends, and somebody says something that is negative or makes up something along the way, I suggest that you go directly to that person, talk to that person and ask them, is this true? Is this what's going on? Because anything that's said out there is speculation or is made up by somebody. I just don't agree with that. Not one bit. So please, if you have a question about me about what's going on, please ask me directly. Either email me or give me a call and ask me what you want to hear. Okay, what it is that's going on out there? And I'll be happy to tell you that.

John MacDonnell 05:03

Okay, I'm sorry, I'm a little frustrated with it. Because, once again, something's come up. And I've now asked our Security Director to get involved, and it was it was said that the security and Big John are setting up speed traps. And that is absolutely false. So today, our special guest is Tuey Paiyarat and to he is going to give us a little rundown on what a speed trap is. And he's also going to give us a little rundown on what is Tuey doing. What is Allied security doing for us, in this community to keep us safe. And also, I'm going to ask to you to talk a little bit about leaving your keys in the car, and why that's not a good idea. Okay, Tuey thanks for being here.

Tuey Paiyarat 05:51

Good morning, everyone. So the most common definition of a speed trap is a section of a highway or roadway, where the speed of the vehicle is calculated by counting the time it takes the car to travel between two mark points. So we don't do that here. We do use radar for speed enforcement in our community.

John MacDonnell 06:16

So speed enforcement, so basically, what we're doing is we're trying to stop people and vendors from going over the speed limit. Now, we've talked about this in the past, and there is no grace period, the speed limit is what it says on the speed sign. Is that correct, Tuey?

Tuey Paiyarat 06:35

That is correct, there is no grace speed limit.

John MacDonnell 06:38

So there's no grace speed limit. So we're not setting up speed traps as they're called, because we don't even have that kind of facility, any roadways in our community that would allow for that to be done. So

we're just monitoring people's speed and seeing if they're going over the speed limit. If they go over the speed limit, then their in fault of speeding, and they will be issued a citation. Is that correct?

Tuey Paiyarat 07:01

That's correct.

John MacDonnell 07:02

And the citation is done through the mail. Is that also correct?

Tuey Paiyarat 07:05

That's correct. It'll be mailed by the HOA.

John MacDonnell 07:09

Okay, and then you'll have your opportunity to answer the speeding violation at the covenants committee, or even as far as the Board. So Tuey, what's going on as far as the security in our community? Our security is still pretty good, we're doing great with it or what's going on?

Tuey Paiyarat 07:29

Yes, as security department you know, we contracted out with Allied Universal Services security, and they provide guard at the gates, maintain access control for our community to keep, you know, the bad guys out and keeping us safe in the community, as well as providing a patrol services that take care of all other needs.

John MacDonnell 07:55

Okay, so I know it was noted over the last couple of weeks that we had a couple of cars stolen. I mean, did they break a window? Did they bust into somebody's house? What happened with this basically, I mean without divulging too much of the private information? Just in general what goes on with this?

Tuey Paiyarat 08:18

So we had a rash of thefts from vehicle within the community in just one particular section. And what happened is all of those thefts occurred on a vehicle parked on homeowners driveway, unlocked, you know, with a garage door opener inside and all other items of value inside providing an opportunity for, you know, for the thief.

John MacDonnell 08:50

So now we're these cars actually stolen and droven off the -- I'm sorry, droven it that's terrible -- driven off the property?

Tuey Paiyarat 08:57

Well, we do have two vehicle thefts. And again, those steps are you know, unlocked vehicle with the keys inside.

John MacDonnell 09:07

Oh my goodness, okay. So I would highly suggest that you don't leave your keys inside your car. I know that a lot of people have these new remote controls, remote control keys that all you have to do is have the key in and the push a button and the car starts. But you've got to make sure that you don't leave the key in there because if you do, most people will have a transponder on their car already. So basically, if a thief can get your car started, and they're going to drive your car and they're gonna go right outside the gate and away they go. And all the personal belongings and everything are gone and so is a car. So don't leave your keys in the car please. That is a gift to a thief and they thank you very much for it. But it puts a lot of burden on you to go through all the process of recovering everything. that you had in the car, and the car itself.

John MacDonnell 10:03

Let's talk about another thing here Tuey. So, the city of Indio decided that they were going to try, I believe a pilot program, with these, I don't know if they call them Lift or Link or something scooters. And I noticed that the scooters on every single corner you can imagine in the in the city. What is what is our rule about those scooters on the property?

Tuey Paiyarat 10:29

Okay, so scooters are prohibited within our community period. Scooters, you know, we deem it unsafe, and they're not to be operated on our property.

John MacDonnell 10:42

Okay, so obviously, somebody who has a scooter from outside is not going to have a transponder or anything and be able to get in the community. So our security teams, are they at the gates, are they letting them know that they're not allowed on property with those? What's going on with that?

Tuey Paiyarat 11:03

Yes. So, those scooters that the city of Indio is allowing to have, they're called the Bird scooters. And not yes, of course, if we see him at the gate, we will not we'll let them know that is prohibited within our community. And we'll let them know that you know, that they can't bring it inside the community, as far as you know, riding it in. And if you know, we see any scooters in our community, then we will remove it. And if somebody's riding it, we will advise them not to ride it. And you know, if the offense continues, and we'll go ahead and cite them.

John MacDonnell 11:42

Okay. Well, I think so one of the one of the biggest things is the community, we rely on a lot of members of this community to let us know when they see people that are either strange, or maybe they don't look like they belong here. Or even if they're breaking into a car or anything like that, or anything. So I think one of the biggest things we can say is a phrase that's been going around the world is "See Something, Say Something." And we want to make sure that you contact Tuey, at the security desk, the security office and make sure if you see something that looks wrong, let him know about it. And they will send out a security patrolman to make sure of what it is that's going on. Also, the other thing too, is right now, because we're starting to head into a lot of the hot times of the of the season, we're going to notice a lot of sprinklers and things that are broken off or shooting out water. Those are also things that

you need to let the security team know about because they have the opportunity to call the homeowners even if they're not home, and leave messages or get in contact with them wherever their other home is. And that way they can get those items fixed. So anything you see, see something, say something, let's actually know over here at the security desk, or let the main gate know, maybe as you're driving out or driving in, let them know that you saw something so that they can take a look at it.

John MacDonnell 13:19

As far as everything else in the community. I think things are going great we've gotten through the election, your Board is working really hard to come together and solve as many problems in this community as possible. And again, I would tell you, in closing, if you have any question about what you hear either on Nextdoor or in emails, and you want to ask a Board member, I would email that Board member, or if you have their phone number, call that Board member and ask that board member, is this true? Is this really what's going on? And as far as I'm concerned, I will be happy to answer those questions because I have nothing to hide and nothing to gain. So I will be happy to do that. So Sun City, thank you very much for your time, appreciate it. This was a little bit longer podcast, but I had a lot of information to get out to you. So have a great day and I look forward to seeing you in the community. Thank you, bye bye.