

Serving On A Committee or How to Be Part of the Solution

Volunteerism is the lifeblood of many successful communities. Sun City Vistoso has built a strong volunteer committee structure to assist the Board of Directors and management in the operation of various aspects of our community.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the community and establishing policies. Management is responsible for carrying out Board policies and the day-to-day operation of the community. Often, this leaves little time to devote to details of specific areas of the community.

Various committees have been established to address this situation. Operated under a mission statement adopted by the Board, these groups of community volunteers address specific areas of our community, research and explore different ideas, talk to other community members and make recommendations for improvements.

Every year, community member is appointed as Chair of each committee and then the Chair selects committee members. Each committee works with, but is separate from, the Board of Directors. One Board member serves as a non-voting liaison to each of the committees in order to keep the flow of information between the committees and the Board ongoing.

Committees serve May 1—April 30 with some of the committees having member term limits. These are our committees and a brief description of what they do:

Ambassadors This program consists of residents that love SCV and want to show off this community and provide a comprehensive guided tour of Sun City Vistoso. Meets as needed.

Active Health Develops and recommends a wide variety of programs to provide health and wellness opportunities for residents.

Architectural Review Deals with development standards, architectural improvements, aesthetic harmony, residential inspections and many of the compliance issues found in our governing documents. Usually meets twice a month.

Communications Develops methods to engage all residents in the communication process thereby gaining their understanding, input and participation in developing Association initiatives.

Community Assistance Deals with humanitarian and other needs of the community. Maintains the loan room, which has medical and child-care equipment as well as items for out-of-town visitors. This group also handles the aluminum can recycling efforts and coordinates the pancake breakfast fundraisers. Volunteers handle telephone calls and assist in the loan room. Meets monthly.

Conservation & Energy Assists in the education of homeowners and staff in energy, water and other conservation related subjects. Meets monthly and as needed.

Consumer Referral Maintains a listing of reputable businesses and service providers for members' reference. Provides members with an avenue to register satisfaction or complaints regarding vendors and maintains a bulletin board for community advertisements. Volunteers are at the consumer referral desk Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9:30-11:30 AM. Meets monthly.

Election Coordinates Association elections. Prepares candidate for the election process, conducts candidate forums, verifies and counts returned ballots. Meets as needed.

Emergency Preparedness Develops an emergency preparedness plan for the community and encourages residents to participate and become prepared.

Finance-Budget Provides recommendations regarding financial policies and controls, funding options, investment options and long-range fiscal plans. Aids in the preparation of the annual budget and review of monthly financial statements. Normally meets monthly except during the budget process when additional meetings are scheduled.

Food & Beverage Provides operational advice for The Café and the catering service. Gathers resident input. Meets monthly.

Gift Shop Oversees the operation of the gift shop, coordinates the consignee and volunteer staff, ensures quality merchandise is offered to the community and public. Meets monthly.

Golf Advisory Provides recommendations on golf programs, maintenance, playability, scheduling, improvements and projects on the golf course. Also serves as a central point for golfers to express needs, concerns and desires. Meets monthly.

Government Affairs Assists members with information and provides guest speakers on government activities, taxes, political candidates, health and safety, utilities and other related issues. Meets monthly.

Landscape Researches and recommends appropriate vegetation and maintenance of common lands. Meets monthly.

Marketing Advises on efforts to inform potential residents about our community and the advantages of home ownership here. Recommends ways to promote the Sun City Vistoso community. Works with realtors. Meets monthly.

Neighborhood Pride Promotes homeowner compliance with the governing documents to maintain property and aesthetic values. Meets monthly.

Nominating Secures candidates to run for the Board of Directors. Meets as needed.

