

## Retirement Lifestyle!

Many researchers have done studies on senior citizens and how their lives change after retirement. Such organizations attempt to understand what senior citizens need to ensure a long and healthy life. A number of items always seem to rise to the top;

- Security
- Being active (physically and mentally)
- Minimum Stress

Laguna Woods Village (Leisure World) was designed with these in mind and they are a drawing card for most current and future residents. We try to ensure that these are a part of the advantages that LWV provides;

- Having a closed community with controlled access is high on the list for providing security.
- Our facilities (clubhouses and sports) enable us to take advantage of maintaining an active life that allows residents to keep “young” in body and mind. With the availability of the hundreds of Emeritus Classes on site, we only need to make it to the nearest bus stop within LWV to gain access to an active lifestyle in a social surrounding that makes us feel a part of a family.
- Many researchers attribute poor health to undo stress. This takes it’s toll both physically and mentally. Not having to worry about the high monthly assessments, can relieve this burden from seniors, widows and widowers.

If Board Members jeopardize any of these, they are not performing their duties. We have a tendency to sit back and allow PCM, via the General Manager, to handle all of these requirements. If we were the General Managers top priority, this would be well and good since there would be no conflict

of interest. That is not the way we are organized. The General Manager constantly reiterates that he only does what the Boards tell him to do, but in actuality, the Boards default to PCM’s suggestions 99% of the time.

The General Manager has PCM Management and the PCM Employees as higher priorities above the resident/owners. The consequence is a deterioration of the lifestyle that we expect.

Maintaining a high level of Security is questionable when you read the new Recreational Policies that are being considered.

Replacing Saddleback College Instructors with PCM Staff will reduce the availability of resident activities that are currently available.

Watching our assessments continue to escalate with what appears to be a degradation in services does nothing to reduce stress in residents who are living on a fixed minimal income.

If we spent as much time and money on managing our “Building Maintenance” as we do on “Land Development” we would see a reduction in assessments. Instead our continuous increase in yearly assessments goes by without any contention by the Boards.

## “Land Swap” ?

**T**he words “Land Swap” came out of the General Managers mouth at the November GRF Board Meeting. The was no explanation or clarification of his meaning when he uttered these words.

If PCM/GRF doesn’t want rumors to circulate around the Village, please engage mind before putting foot in mouth. With the current discussion about the development of a city “Pocket Park” and the glaring need for San Sebastian parking, our library parking lot appears very inviting to a developer like Standard Pacific. Please put our fears to rest, GM. Please define, “**Land Swap!**”