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Protest proposed hike

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The front page article (“The PIF to get puffed,” Sun City Independent, April 15, 2015) warns RCSC members that the board intends to vote to increase the Preservation and Improvement Fee from \$3,000 to \$3,500 at the board meeting 9 a.m. Thursday, April 30 at Sundial Auditorium, 14801 N. 103rd Ave.

Attend and protest. Do not fall for the deception that “only the buyers will pay it.”

The members who should protest the loudest are particularly single members, members who are about to die, landlords, and those whose primary Arizona residence is not Sun City but somewhere within 75 miles of Sun City. These classes of homeowners are being gouged by “unequal responsibilities.” RCSC Articles of Incorporation, Art. VIII.5 forbids “unequal responsibilities.”

The board justifies the increases because the PIF pays for “necessary” renovations to “keep up with the Joneses.” Actually, Article X provides for upgrading by holding a

membership vote on projects above \$750,000 and, if passed, levying an equal membership special assessment.

Instead of paying \$3,500 for the PIF, with 36,000 members chipping in, see the following special assessments for past “renovations”:

- Fairway @ \$17 million equals \$472;
- Bell Tennis @ \$1.5 million equals \$41.66; and
- Marinette Pickleball @ \$4.5 million equals \$125.

To ever be assessed a special assessment of \$3,500, the project would have to cost \$126,000,000!

RCSC is a non-profit corporation with multi-million-dollar surpluses. That’s wrong.

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