

### Board boasts of having bad ideas

In Don Schordje's guest commentary (Sun Cities Independent, July 23, 2008) rebutting Anne Randall Stewart on behalf of the Recreation Centers of Sun City Board of Directors, he boasts the board ordered the failed management of the facilities by the general manager and golf superintendent. Here's a partial list of their spending:

- \$3.5 million<sup>1</sup> at Bell, 16820 N. 99<sup>th</sup> Ave., resulting in collapsed pool decking<sup>2</sup> and wasteful TV sets
- \$500,000<sup>3</sup> at Marinette for merely refurbishing the pool and bathrooms.
- \$410,000<sup>4</sup> for a simple single-room, block-walled Lawn Bowling Club building, which they tried to convince everyone into thinking was a "multi-use" building.
- \$3 million for the Sundial Recreation Center, 14801 N. 103<sup>rd</sup> Ave., renovation in 2002, which was lost when the roof collapsed.
- \$5 million<sup>5</sup> to restore Sundial to operation after having it down since June 2006. (That's \$8 million LOST!).
- \$20 million to demolish and replace Fairway Recreation Center, 10600 W. Peoria Ave., without having the money in hand.
- \$650,000<sup>6</sup> at Lakes East Golf Course for desert landscaping that now has weeds<sup>7</sup> and grass overtaking it and stones that can get picked up to wreck the lawnmowers.
- Installing high energy using parking lot lights everywhere even right next to the Bell swimming pool. The light is bright enough that we could charge for having "under the stars" open heart surgery there!

Mr. Schordje claimed (in a copy sent to residents) no one but Ms. Stewart has complained about the multi-millions being squandered. Surely, he remembers that in January 2006 her group, The Sun City Formula Registry, delivered 1,141 signatures (one of which was mine) to recall his mentor who was leading the spending frenzy.

Ignoring the petitioners, the board banned Ms. Stewart from attending meetings or using the facilities and threatened her with permanent expulsion. It appears to me that their aim is to scare the rest of us into silence. This may be why Mr. Schordje hasn't heard any complaints.

Open golf and bowling is a bad idea. If the best defense is a good defense, it is self-evident why Mr. Schordje boasts about having bad ideas.

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Bell pool parking lot lights

<sup>1</sup> Daily News-Sun, 6/7/05; 12/17/05; Independent, Front Page 1/12/05

<sup>2</sup> Daily News-Sun, Page A3, 1/31/07; Front Page, 2/21/07

<sup>3</sup> Daily News-Sun, Front Page, 7/12/06

<sup>4</sup> Daily News-Sun, Page A3, 10/4/07

<sup>5</sup> Daily News-Sun, Front Page, 2/1/08 (\$4.9 million)

<sup>6</sup> Daily News-Sun, 2/1/06, 9/17/06, 9/21/04 (prediction of \$750,000); Front Page, 9/25/06

<sup>7</sup> Daily News-Sun, Front Page, 9/25/06