

The Ridgerunner

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Notes From Your HOA President

“Isn’t this weather wonderful?” “This is fantastic!” “I still can’t believe how nice it is here!” These are just some of the comments about the weather I hear from our neighbors when I am out and about. Unfortunately, or fortunately, I cannot print the comments I hear from family and friends stuck in Wisconsin. They just help remind me how lucky I am to live here in Green Valley, AZ.

With the great weather comes some work too. One of these is the year round landscaping rather than just 6 to 8 months of the year. I am still learning the tricks to keep my landscaping time to a minimum. Pre-emergent application, timely pruning and a weekly scavenger hunt for unwanted yard objects are all part of my yard maintenance routine.

Like everyone in our community, I want to keep my yard looking as well as the rest of our neighborhood. I may be a bit prejudiced, but I think we have the best looking community in Green Valley due to the efforts of everyone. Let’s all keep up the great work.

I will put in my first plug to all of you about running for the HOA Board this Fall. These important positions are not too demanding of your time and there is always someone with past experience available to help. We are in the process of creating a continuity book for each position to ease the learning curve.

There will be two positions up for voting in this year. Please consider running for one of these. Everything we accomplish as a HOA Board helps keep our dues relatively low.

Jim Chisholm

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Reminders

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) welcomes all the new homeowners to Portillo Ridge. As a reminder, the HOA requires the ARC to approve all proposed exterior changes on a Lot, before work starts. This includes (but is not limited to) changes in color of a structure, size of footprint of a structure, and major landscape changes that affect new or existing landscaping, including plants, walls, fences, and lighting. Please take the time to review the Architectural Guidelines before commencing any work. If you are unsure about anything, please call any ARC member for clarification.

In order to speed up the approval process we will be sending the ARC approvals by email instead of US mail effective immediately. Year to date: we have had 10 ARC requests, 8 approved and 2 pending.

Dave Churchill

Reminders

Trees between any homeowner and the Santa Rita Mountains are to be no higher than eighteen feet (18’).

All trees and bushes must be trimmed so they do not block public sidewalks.

Recent Transfers

Lot 4 – Salomon to Michael and Patricia Jump

Lot 98 – Rowland to Howard and Carol Grondahl

Lot 127 – Sale Pending

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Social Committee

In addition to the Annual Meeting Potluck that was held on January 18th & the Spring Pizza Party that was held on March 30th, the Social Committee has the following events planned for 2014:

Summer – July 4th Potluck at Madera Vista (Friday, July 4th)

Fall – Appetizers & Bocce at Canoa Hills (exact date TBD)

Winter – Volunteer(s) Needed!

Keep watching your email & the Ridgerunner for details on upcoming events including any changes or new events that may be added.

Also, please consider volunteering for the Social Committee – we need you! Our social activities are part of what makes Portillo Ridge such a special place to live! If interested in coordinating the Holiday Party – or any other event – please contact me: Lynn Chisholm at arichizona@cox.net or 777-8334.

**Portillo Ridge
Annual
Neighborhood Garage Sale!
Saturday
April 12, 2014
7 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

If you would like to participate, please contact Ellen Kelley at Ellen.Kelley@cox.net or 399-4268 for more information.

HOA Informational Meeting

Our Spring HOA informational meeting is April 9, 2014, at 6 p.m. at the Las Campanas Recreation Center. The agenda for the meeting is available on our website and has been distributed by e-mail and mail.

The guest speaker will be Marisa Rice, Senior Hydrologist with Pima County. She will speak about what a riparian area is, Pima County's riparian habitat ordinance requirements and how those requirements affect us.

2014 Food Bank Committee Report

We have 3 yearly collections, “Spring”, “Fall”, and the Christmas Party. Our 2014 “Spring Food Drive” will be on Thursday, April 10th at 9 am.

A committee member will pick up your food donations by your post light. Please call for a monetary donation pick-up.

All money or food received through April 30 will count toward the 17th Annual Feinstein Challenge. Donated food is valued at \$1 per pound. The more donations of dollars and food, the more of a share our local food bank will receive. A flyer will be emailed to you with the Food Drive details the first of April. Thank you again to our wonderful neighbors for their continued support in the fight against hunger.

PS- If you are leaving for the summer, just call 805-377-7240. I will pick up your donation before you leave. Note: no open containers can be used.

Sandy Churchill
Food Bank Committee Chairman

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Spring Pizza Party

The East Center Auditorium was the setting for our Spring social event – the Pizza Party! Our evening of fun began with a social mixer attended by nearly 60 residents, including several new/future neighbors – Carol & Howard Grondahl, Pat & Mike Jump, and Sandy & Mike Millikin. The dinner that followed offered up a delicious assortment of pizzas from Two Girls Pizza along with an incredible salad prepared by Stafford & Janice Smith.



After dinner, we were entertained by members of the Strolling Valley Players, including Christine Bohannon, who presented a delightful comedy skit entitled “What’s on TV?” and a musical duo. All indications are that our Portillo Ridge friends and neighbors departed that night with full bellies & happy hearts!



Thank you to our volunteers – Sandy Churchill, Judith LeClair, Stafford & Janice Smith, George & Ellie Higginson, and Jim Chisholm who helped make the evening a success and to all of you who attended the party.

Next up, our Summer social event – The July 4th Potluck and Water Balloon Toss!

Lynn Chisholm

Humor

Jesus is Watching

Late one night, a burglar broke into a house that he thought was empty. He slowly tiptoed through the living room but suddenly he froze in his tracks when he heard a loud voice say: "Jesus is watching you."

Silence returned to the house, so the burglar crept forward again. "Jesus is watching you," the voice boomed again. The burglar stopped dead again. He was frightened. Frantically, he looked all around. In a dark corner, he spotted a bird cage and in the cage was a parrot. He asked the parrot: "Was that you who said Jesus is watching me?" "Yes," said the parrot.

The burglar breathed a sigh of relief, and then he asked the parrot: "What's your name?" "Clarence," said the bird. "That's really a dumb name for a parrot," sneered the burglar. "What idiot named you Clarence?" The parrot said, "The same idiot who named the Rottweiler behind you Jesus."

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Lewis Management Company

There were only a few violation letters that have been sent out in the last few months by Lewis Management. Almost every one of them were “Friendly Reminders” about weeds in our yards. As stated in the last Ridgerunner, please don’t get upset if you already fixed an issue before you received the letter. If this should happen you have nothing to do since the inspector will just cross you off his list during his next inspection once he sees the issue has been fixed.

If you should have any questions about a violation letter, please contact Lewis Management at (520) 742-5674.

2014 Phone Books

Your 2014 Green Valley and Portillo Ridge phonebooks were delivered to all available residences last month. If you did not receive one, please call Jim Chisholm at 777-8334 or send an email to portilloridgehoa@yahoo.com.

Thank you to the distribution team of Tom & Sally Six, Fred & Joan Fischer, Judith LeClair, Sandy Churchill, CJ Rhinehart, Christine Bohannon and Lynn & Jim Chisholm.

Arizona Fascinating Facts

A saguaro cactus can store up to nine tons of water and can live up to 150 to 200 years.

A fully hydrated saguaro can weigh between 3,200 to 4,800 pounds.

The tallest saguaro cactus measured over 78 feet high.

CC&R Guideline Reminders

Vehicles Parked in Driveways

We have been receiving concerns about cars not being parked properly. Per Section 5.21.1 all cars are to be parked only in your garage. If you are not able to park your cars in your garage, please make arrangements to store your vehicles elsewhere. If you have a temporary situation (e.g. visitors), please contact a Board member.

Post Lights

Just as a reminder, the maximum effective wattage for all outdoor lights is 40 effective incandescent (not LED) watts. If your light has more than one bulb, the total wattage for all the bulbs together is 40 effective watts. See ARC Guidelines Section 2.1 for details.

Household Hazardous Waste

As you may have read in the *Green Valley News*, Pima County has advised that they will no longer participate with the City of Tucson on the Household Hazardous Waste Program.

This does not affect the Program here in Green Valley for the April 19th collection from 8am to noon, but it does affect future collections. GVC is pursuing this issue with both the County and the City of Tucson to keep the Program going as it applies to Green Valley only. This is a valuable service to all residents in the Green Valley and surrounding area. We will keep you apprised on our progress.

(See Flyer at the end of our newsletter)

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Community Directory Telephone Listings

As most of you know, the GVC has the responsibility for the listings in the White Pages of the Community Directory. This is a monumental task in making sure that the information we receive is accurate before it is sent on to the Publisher. In our recent review of the listings, we find that almost every HOA does not include all of its residents in the Directory.

Listings in the Directory are strictly voluntary and we realize over the years with residents moving in and out of our HOAs, it becomes very difficult to let us know about the changes and deletions. There are four HOAs that have 100% of their residents listed while others vary from 26% to 96%. We realize that privacy is a big issue today and some residents will want only to include selected information in their listings. This is possible; call us for details at 648-1936. Also, cell phones can be listed.

To make additions, deletions, and/or changes to your listing, fill out the Listing Application in the Community Information Section of your Directory. Either stop by or mail the Application to GVC and we will see that it is included in next year's Directory. Please let your fellow residents know about this offer.

FOR SALE

Lot 60 is for sale. Please contact the owner, Lilianna Wolodko, at 847-696-3383 for details. (No real estate agents please.) Please note this is a Central Time Zone phone number.

2014 HOA Board Members

President - Jim Chisholm

Vice President - Pete Mundy

Secretary - Marsha Barnes

Treasurer - Ed Davis

Member-at-Large – Dave Churchill

Officers (non-Board members)

Assistant Treasurer - Donna Severidt

2014 Committee Chairs

Architectural Review: Dave Churchill

Audit: Tom Six

Common Area/Median Maintenance:
Jim Chisholm

Food Bank: Sandy Churchill

Neighborhood Watch: Fred Fischer

Social: Lynn Chisholm

2014 Special Representatives

GVC Representative: Dave Churchill

GVC Traffic & Arroyos Committee:
Donna Severidt

Webmaster

Jim Chisholm and Dave Churchill

The Ridgerunner is your avenue of sharing news and events that may affect our neighborhood. Our newsletter is produced by Christine Bohannon. Please submit any news items to Christine at Kittiecity@aol.com

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Sponsored by the Green Valley Council Community Services Committee

LIST OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES

- ✓ Automotive Fluids
- ✓ Rechargeable Batteries (Alkaline Batteries must be discarded in trash)
- ✓ Computer Equipment (Computers, Printers, Peripherals)
- ✓ Drain Cleaners
- ✓ Fire Extinguishers
- ✓ Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- ✓ Herbicides
- ✓ Hobby Chemicals
- ✓ Also items labeled: "Acid", "Caustic", "Flammable", "Poison", "Toxic" or if the label contains the words "Caution", "Danger" or "Warning".
- ✓ Household Cleaners
- ✓ Lawn & Garden Products
- ✓ Paint Products
- ✓ Pesticides
- ✓ Polishes
- ✓ Pool Chemicals
- ✓ Propane Tanks for BBQ Grills
- ✓ Solvents
- ✓ Ink and Toner Cartridges



Dispose a Med

Yes, you can bring your expired medications to this event. Our Pima County Sheriff's Department will be there to collect and transport the medications for proper disposal

Shredding Event

Sponsored by KGVY Radio and Arizona Economy Insurance
Drop off old documents for shredding 8:00 AM to Noon.
First come first served until the truck is at capacity.

Electronic Recycling

Provided by RISE Equipment Recycling
TVs (including consoles) - \$10 disposal fee
Computer monitors with CRT (cathode ray tube) - \$2 disposal fee
or if accompanied by a CPU, then \$2 fee is waived.

They will also take small appliances –microwaves, vacuum cleaners, carpet cleaners, laptops, servers, printers, copiers, fax machines, computer peripherals (mouse, keyboard, wires), UPS back-up batteries, surge protectors, electronic cables, cell/home phones, stereos, VCR/DVD players, speakers, electric motors, etc.

We cannot accept: Business or Commercial Wastes, Commercial Gas Cylinders, Explosives or Ammunition, Infectious, Radioactive Wastes or Sharps.

***Due to safety issues, **NO FOOT TRAFFIC** is allowed. Volunteers will remove items from your vehicle. If possible consolidation of multiple household's worth of goods into one vehicle will help reduce your time in line. Please place your vehicle in **PARK** during unloading.

Saturday
April 19, 2014
8:00 AM to NOON
Valley Presbyterian Church
Parking Lot
2800 S Camino del Sol
(Follow direction signs)
Any Pima County Resident can participate