

# The Ridgerunner

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## **Notes From Your HOA President**

Our highly anticipated and welcomed monsoon season is finally upon us. Annually it brings us the moisture we seem to always desperately need this time of year. It also treats our senses to majestic ever changing cloud formations and displays of spectacular lightning. This last gift can be very dangerous.

One of our residences in Portillo Ridge recently found this out first-hand. During one of our storms a lightning bolt hit their chimney causing several hundred dollars in damage and a few anxious hours assessing and fixing the damage. (See picture to the right) The owners are seasonal residents and had someone looking after their house.

This serves as a good reminder of what can happen to any of us and the importance of checking over your property after a storm. If you are not physically here, ensure you have someone looking out for your property while you are away.

We are in the process of cleaning up our database for the HOA. You can help us by ensuring we have your current information on file.

Sometimes we forget to update our HOA information when we get a new phone number or email address due to all the other important people and agencies that must be notified with a change of contact information.

Please help us maintain your current HOA contact information so we can get information to you in a timely manner. I know you would appreciate that!

*Jim Chisholm*



## **HOA & ARC Meeting Date Change!!**

GVR has been directed to close early, 6pm, at all centers on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day so that their staff can enjoy the holidays with their families.

They have moved our BOD meeting reservation from November 26th to a week earlier on November 19th from 6:30pm – 9pm.

Please be advised that our November Board of Directors Meeting, and the preceding ARC Meeting, will be on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your understanding.

## **2015 Annual Meeting**

For planning purposes, our 2015 Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 18, 2015, at Las Campanas @ 6:00 p.m. with a Potluck at 5:00 p.m. We will publish more information about the annual meeting as it gets closer to this date.

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## **Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Report**

Although your Architectural Review Committee does not meet in July and August, they are staying busy with requests that require their attention during this time period. Please contact Dave Churchill or any other ARC member if you have any questions.

Remember, the ARC is now sending the ARC request approvals as a PDF attachment to your phonebook email address to speedup notifications. Please check the HOA phonebook for correct information.

*Dave Churchill*

## **CC&R Guideline Reminders**

### **Exterior Paint**

If you want to change the color of your house, you MUST notify the ARC for approval prior to starting. You do NOT need ARC approval if you are repainting your house the same color.

### **Trees**

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.

### **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.

## **Save the Date!**

The date for our 2015 annual holiday gathering is Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. We have made arrangements at the Grill on the Green for a buffet dinner. Please hold the date!

Details will be sent out in October.

*Donna Severidt*

## **Social Committee**

We hope to see you at our Fall social event, an Evening Appetizer Picnic at Canoa Hills. After sampling some tasty snacks, you can test yours skills on the bocce court or just relax & socialize while enjoying the beautiful setting. Watch your email & the Ridgerunner newsletter for exact date/time & other details, coming soon!

Many thanks to Donna Severidt for volunteering to coordinate the annual holiday event so that this traditional neighborhood gathering can continue! Additional details to follow.

If you have any questions about the Social Committee or about helping at an event, please contact me, Lynn Chisholm, at [arichizona@cox.net](mailto:arichizona@cox.net) or 777-8334.

*Lynn Chisholm*

## **In Memoriam**

It is with sadness that we report the recent passing of our Ridge neighbor Barbara Payne and of former Ridge resident Al Stockdale. Our condolences go out to their families for their loss.

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## July 4<sup>th</sup> Potluck

A little monsoonal moisture did nothing to dampen the patriotic spirits of 27 Ridgerunners who attended our annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Potluck.

A delicious dinner was followed by the hotly contested Water Balloon Toss competition that culminated in the crowning of our new champions! Congratulations to Dave & Sandy Churchill, winners of a \$10 Safeway gift card.

Thanks to all who attended & helped with the clean-up. A special "thank you" to Judith LeClair, Dave & Sandy Churchill & Jim Chisholm for their assistance with this event.

*Lynn Chisholm*



## Recent Transfers

Lot 127 – Sale Pending

## Recipe

At the July 4th get together people had asked for the potato recipe. It is called Yummy Potato Casserole. Please don't give me credit for it, as I got it from someone I used to work with in Kansas.

*Marsha Barnes*

### Yummy Potato Casserole

2	lb.	frozen hash browns
8	oz.	sour cream
1/4	c.	margarine
1	can	cream of chicken soup
1/2	lb.	Velveeta cheese
		Onion salt, to taste
		Salt, to taste
		Pepper, to taste

Put potatoes in 9 X 13 greased pan. Heat remaining ingredients until cheese melts. Pour sauce over potatoes.

2	c.	corn flakes, crushed
1/4	c.	margarine, melted

Mix together & put over top of potatoes. Bake at 350° for 1 hr., uncovered.

## Lot 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.

## Did You Know?

- 8% of people have an extra rib.
- Rabbits like licorice.

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## **Concern and Caring Committee**

If you know of a neighbor who would appreciate receiving a comforting note due to serious illness, hospitalization, or bereavement, please contact Jan Sink at 625-9471 or Lynn Chisholm 777-8334 or E-mail – [arichizona@cox.net](mailto:arichizona@cox.net)

## **Storm Season**

As stated earlier, the monsoon season is well underway. To avoid potential problems, it pays to be prepared. Be sure all outdoor furniture is secure. High winds can carry off chair cushions and umbrellas.

*Christine Bohannon*

## **Humor**

### **The Farmer's Horse**

A guy drives into a ditch, but luckily a farmer is there to help him out. The farmer hitches his horse, Buddy, to the car and yells, 'Pull, Nellie, pull!' Buddy doesn't move. "Pull, Buster, pull!" the farmer shouts. Again Buddy doesn't budge. "Pull, Coco, pull!" Still nothing.

Then the farmer says, "Pull, Buddy, pull!" And the horse slowly drags the car out of the ditch. Curious, the motorist asks the farmer why he kept calling his horse by the wrong name. "Buddy's blind," says the farmer. "And if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try."

## **2014 HOA Board Members**

President - Jim Chisholm

Vice President - Pete Mundy

Secretary - Marsha Barnes

Treasurer - Ed Davis

Member-at-Large – Dave Churchill

## **2014 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](mailto:Kittiecity@aol.com)