

# The Ridgerunner

October 2014

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## **Notes From Your HOA President**

Several people have asked me for information on the outdoor lighting for our HOA. When giving my response, I always remind them we have guidance in our ARC Guidelines, our CC&Rs and that we are in a “Dark Sky” community governed by a county ordinance.

Within our governing documents, our compliance with the Pima County Dark Skies Ordinance is limited to our Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Guidelines, paragraph 2.1 and 2.2 as follows; ***Architectural Guidelines***

*2.1. All outdoor lights, except post lights shall turn off at 11:00 PM. Further, all post lights shall not exceed 40 effective (incandescent) watts total (Pima County Dark Skies Ordinance). Wattage of lights is defined as the total effective watts of all bulbs in the light fixture.*

*2.2. Clear glass type wall and post lights do not provide exclusive focus to a Lot, and as such, are no longer permitted for new construction or replacement of existing fixtures.*

So this guides us to ensure all of our outdoor lights, except post lights, are turned off by 11:00 PM. each night. It also should remind you that if you want to replace your post light, the replacement light you submit to the ARC should be “Dark Sky” compliant.

Further guidance for our outdoor lighting is found in our CC&Rs, Article 4.25 ~ **Outdoor Lighting**. This section informs us that we must have a working post light that operates on a photoelectric switch. It also limits the wattage of your other outdoor lights to 100 Watts, instructs that the other lights can NOT be on a photoelectric cell (since they

should be turned off by 11:00 PM) and allows them to be motion-sensor activated

We should all be aware that Portillo Ridge is located in a “Dark Sky” community. The Pima County ordinance that governs this is Ordinance #2012-14 ~ “Outdoor Lighting Code for The City of Tucson, Arizona and Pima County Arizona.”

Section 301.1.5 of the ordinance establishes us as an E1b Lighting Area – “E1b includes the circular area twenty-five miles in radius the center of which is the summit of Mount Hopkins.”

In chapter 4 ~ “Lighting Sources, Illumination Levels and Shielding Requirements”, it establishes our CC&R restrictions on lighting requirements.

You can review this document using the following link from the Pima County Development Services website - [http://webcms.pima.gov/UserFiles/Server/Server\\_6/File/Government/Development%20Services/Building/OLC.pdf](http://webcms.pima.gov/UserFiles/Server/Server_6/File/Government/Development%20Services/Building/OLC.pdf) – It has eight chapters containing 17 pages. Only the first 4 chapters pertain to us.

I don’t envision any county inspectors running down here to see if our Architectural Review Committee is ensuring compliance. However, I would like to say that our HOA is constantly working towards adherence to our “Dark Sky” community guidance. It is for a good cause.

So please help our HOA maintain our responsibilities to keep our “Dark Sky” community healthy through everyone’s adherence to all the county and HOA guidance of our outdoor lighting.

I know the people working up at Mt. Hopkins would appreciate that!

*Jim Chisholm*

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## **HOA Informational Meeting**

Our fall HOA Informational meeting is October 17, 2014, at 6:00 PM at the Las Campanas Recreation Center. Our SAV will be giving a presentation on the Neighborhood Watch program. The agenda for the meeting is available on our website ([www.portilloridgehoa.org](http://www.portilloridgehoa.org)) and was distributed earlier by e-mail and mail. We hope to see you there.

## **2015 BOD Elections**

Two HOA Board of Director (BOD) positions will be decided in the January, 2015 elections. (Pete Mundy and Ed Davis' terms expire this year.) If you are interested in running for the Board, please contact a Board member before the October 22nd BOD meeting.

## **BOD & ARC Meeting Date Change**

GVR has been directed to close early, 6 PM, 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 6:30 PM – 9 PM.

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.

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

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) meets once a month before the Board meeting. It would be helpful to receive all requests the week before the meeting. This gives the Committee time to review the requests and do site visits, if needed, ahead of time.

*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

The maximum 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.

## **Recent Transfers**

Lot 127 – From Doris Edelman to **Michael & Sandra Millikin**

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## **HOA 13th Annual “Fall” Food Drive .**

The HOA 13th Annual “Fall” Food Drive is coming on November 20th. Start saving your donation items now! Do you have can goods or boxed items in your pantry that you are not going to use? Perhaps they are near or past the Best by Date (BBD). For distribution, we can accept canned food up to 1 year past the BBD on the can and up to 6 months past the BBD date on soft packaged food.

How about those Costco cases of multiple cans! Would you miss one or two for your donation bag? Personal care items are always welcome! Toilet Tissue, Kleenex, Paper Towels, Bar Soap, Shampoo.

**Please no pre-opened items – All food must be in the original package.**

Grocery Store Gift Cards-allow our GV Food Bank staff to buy needed items such as Turkeys, Holiday items, Baking items, Baby Food etc. Call a committee member to pick up Gift Cards and checks. A receipt can be provided on request.

**Please no Gift Cards or checks in the food donation bags.**

Please mark your calendar for Nov. 20, 9:00 A.M., and start saving. Your Food Drive Committee will pick up and deliver your donation to the Food Bank on that morning, or call a committee member for earlier pick-up. Watch for an emailed flyer in November. If you deliver your own donation, please ask to give Portillo Ridge soft credit.

Thank you for helping to create a healthy, hunger-free community.

*Sandy Churchill, Chairman*

Note: The current members of your Food Bank Committee are Margaret Bangs - Deanna Brooks – Russ & Mary Alice Carlson - Pat Cleveland - Anne Morrison – and Mack Summers

## **Social Committee**

Ahhh . . . cool, crisp mornings & sunny afternoons – autumn is in the air! Let’s celebrate at our Fall Social Event, an Appetizers & Bocce Picnic on Friday, October 24th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Canoa Hills Rec Center picnic area, located on the north side of the building. Please bring your GVR card, an appetizer to share, and your beverage of choice. Following the picnic, those who wish can test their skills on the bocce courts. If you’ve never played before, this is a great opportunity to check out the game – lessons/coaching provided! No money to send in, no RSVP needed for this event – just show up & join the fun! See you there!

Also, it’s not too soon to start thinking about the holidays! Please see the attached flyer regarding our Winter Social Event, the Portillo Ridge Holiday Party to be held on December 12th at Grill on the Green. Donna Severidt will be the chairperson for this event.

We encourage all of you to attend our social events whenever possible. We have so many great neighbors in Portillo Ridge! 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*

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## **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. Look for more information at the end of our newsletter. Please hold the date!

*Donna Severidt*

## **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.

## **HOA Wide Garage Sale**

Jill Mundy will be sponsoring an HOA wide, Portillo Ridge sub-division garage sale on October 17-18. If you are interested in partaking of this opportunity to rid yourself of unwanted items, please contact Jill Mundy: 520-648-2062 or [jandpmundy@hotmail.com](mailto:jandpmundy@hotmail.com)

If you care to join, please give me an idea of any special items you may have. The ad in the Green Valley News will be split evenly among those of us who sign up. Remember: the more, the merrier!!!

*Pete or Jill Mundy*

Pete's Cell: 520-250-7355 or  
Jill's Cell: 520-370-7473

Please note that this is not an HOA sponsored activity.

## **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)

## **GV 2015 Directory**

If anyone would like to make changes to your listing in the Community Directory, please contact Jim Chisholm and he will ensure the change is reflected in the 2015 edition. We have a listing of all our residents and must make changes by November 21<sup>st</sup>.

For new listings, you must complete and sign a listing application card located in the current directory under "Community Information" or you can stop by the GVC office.

## **Did You Know?**

- The Hawaiian alphabet has 12 letters
- 'Topolino' is the name for Mickey Mouse Italy
- A lobsters blood is colorless but when exposed to oxygen it turns blue
- Armadillos have 4 babies at a time and are all the same sex
- The longest recorded flight of a chicken was 13 seconds
- Birds need gravity to swallow
- The most commonly used letter in the alphabet is E
- The least used letter in the alphabet is Q

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## **Reminder - Annual Date for Dues**

Last year the HOA Board of Directors decided to delay mailing the notice of your annual dues. This mailing was typically sent out at the end of November. Because we are on a "cash basis" with the IRS, we have to declare dues collected in the year that they are received. To keep our books easier to understand, we will continue to delay the mailing until mid-December. The funds are due on January 1, 2015, but are not considered late as long as we receive them by the 16th of January. Any monies received in 2014 for 2015 dues will be deposited on January 2, 2015.

## **Humor**

### **Children today ...**

- Have never feared a nuclear war.
- Have never owned a record player.
- Have always had an answering machine.
- Have always had cable TV.
- Cannot fathom not having a remote control.
- Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.
- The Vietnam War is as ancient history to them as WWI, WWII and the Civil War.
- They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are.
- They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.
- They never heard: "Where's the beef?" or "I'd walk a mile for a Camel" or "De plane, de plane".

## **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 Member)**

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)

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## ***PORTILLO RIDGE HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY***

*Join your Portillo Ridge Neighbors to share  
and celebrate the Holiday Season*

*Friday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of December  
5-8 P.M. (Dinner will begin at 6 P.M.)  
Grill on the Green – 5800 S. Camino del Sol*

### ***DINNER BUFFET INCLUDES:\****

*Caesar Salad  
Assorted Breads  
Turkey Breast/Ham  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Cake  
Iced Tea, Decaf Coffee*

*\$20.00 per person  
(\$23.00 per guest)  
Cash Bar*

*Please RSVP by December 2nd*

*Please bring a food item (peanut butter suggested), gift card or money donation for the  
Green Valley Food Bank*

*\*The restaurant is able to accommodate most special dietary needs if  
arrangements are made in advance. Please make any special requests on  
the signup form.*

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## RESERVATIONS FOR HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY

Friday, December 12, 2014 5-8 P.M.

\$20.00 per person, \$23.00 per guest

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of HOA Members Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary requests: (If there are any extra charges, we will try to let you know in advance.)

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Please enclose prepayment check payable to Portillo Ridge - HOA Holiday Party. Mail to: Portillo Ridge HOA (Holiday Party)

% Donna Severidt

823 S. Paseo de la Lira

Green Valley, AZ. 85614

All reservations must be received by December 2, 2014.

Please e-mail Donna Severidt at [donnaseveridt@cox.net](mailto:donnaseveridt@cox.net) (preferred) or call 625-0948 with questions regarding reservations.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!