

The Ridgerunner

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President's Column

As you will see on the next page, we have plenty of new residents here in Portillo Ridge. Due to the nature of our "Senior" community and an uptick in the Green Valley housing sales market, you will continue to see new faces on our streets and in our neighborhood. Please extend a warm welcome to our new neighbors when you see them. We all had plenty of questions when we first moved here and we benefitted from the experiences of those who had lived here for a while.

For our new residents, and as a reminder to our existing residents, please contact your HOA Board of Directors (BOD) if you have any questions about living here in Portillo Ridge. Your BOD can answer most questions or will know where to find your answers. We have received numerous calls this year about items within our Governing Documents and several outside our BOD responsibilities.

If you would like to attend a formal BOD Meeting, please see our Website for the current meeting dates and times. We are also available during our HOA BOD Workshops to answer your questions in an informal setting - no HOA business can be conducted there.

Your BOD will continue to operate as transparently as possible. Our intent is to help all our residents and ensure our new neighbors get settled into our cozy community as quickly as possible.

Jim Chisholm

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Jim Chisholm
Vice President: Mike Millikin
Secretary: Marsha Barnes
Treasurer: Ed Davis
Member-at-Large: Nina Keck

2016 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Architectural Review: Mike Millikin
Audit: Tom Six
Common Area/Median Maintenance:
Jim Chisholm
Food Bank: Sandy Churchill
Neighborhood Watch: Glen Barnes
Nominating and Elections: Nina Keck
Social: Lynn Chisholm

GVC REPRESENTATIVE

Primary - Nina Keck
Alternate - Mike Millikin

WEBMASTER

Primary - Jim Chisholm
Alternate - Dave Churchill

Business News



Neighborhood Watch

Approximately 20 of your neighbors have been involved in an effort to reinvigorate the Portillo Ridge Neighborhood Watch program for the last several months.

Nine of the Block Captains, plus HOA President Jim Chisholm, have attended one or more training sessions conducted by the Sherriff's Auxiliary Volunteers (SAV).

Recently, our Block Captains have been involved in visiting the residents within their Zone to deliver the 2016 Phone Book produced by the Green Valley Council as well as an information sheet that we hope most, if not all, of you will complete and return. The information sheet is a method recommended by the SAV to collect information which may be helpful to your Block Captains, the Portillo Ridge Neighborhood Watch in general, or even the SAV to deal with possible emergencies in the future.

Thus far, only 21 residents have completed and returned the information sheet and, although we know that the distribution is not complete for a number of reasons, we hope that at least 108 of our 144 households (75%) will provide the information that will help our program to succeed.

- *Glen Barnes*
Neighborhood Watch
Chairman

Recent Transfers

Lot 1 -
from P.G. Daniels
to **Ronald & Fayette Serich**

Lot 3 -
from Margo Wardlaw
to **Robert & Lynell Payton**

Lot 51 -
from Ken & Joan Jakubiak
to **Cameron & Li Sheets**

Lot 62-
from Bob & Margie McDonald
to **John Pennazoli**
& **Nancy Stroman**

Lot 86-
from Pete Mundy
to **Jim & Donna Richardson**

Lot 130-
from Paul Bliklen
to **William & Aleta Edwards**

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GVR POLICY

Just a reminder that GVR is implementing its "Membership Matters" program to ensure that GVR facilities are only being used by those authorized to do so.

To accomplish this, GVR will have its staff making random "spot checks" at its facilities and will politely request the proper identification from those present.

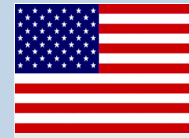
FOR ALL FUTURE PORTILLO RIDGE HOA MEETINGS AND EVENTS . . .

Please make sure you bring your GVR member or tenant card with you.

If you are bringing any guests, you will need to have a guest card or guest pass, and your guest(s) will need to have a photo ID showing that they reside 20 miles or more outside of the GVR boundaries.

Anyone who cannot show proper identification will be asked to leave the grounds by GVR personnel.

Thank you for your cooperation.



July 4th Potluck

Celebrating Independence Day at Madera Vista were 34 Portillo Ridge residents, who enjoyed pulled pork sandwiches and a wonderful assortment of side dishes and desserts. The giant Jenga game was once again a popular after-dinner activity, and we crowned new water-balloon toss champions. Ed Davis teamed up with Fred and Sandy Wray's daughter, Dorinda, to take the title! Congratulations, Ed and Dorinda!

Social News

Have you visited Desert Meadows Park? This little gem of a park is located at 999 S. La Huerta. Portillo Ridge residents **Gary and Leslie Campbell** are two of the volunteers who help make the magic happen, as Leslie explains . . .



Today the changes are quite apparent to the neighbors nearby and to many area residents who visit to walk dogs, photo flowers & birds, see what veggies are being prepared for the food banks, and to just find a swing or seat in the shade and enjoy nature.

Gary and I have focused our volunteer efforts on designing and planting native grassland and woodland habitats in the SE portion of the park. We transformed an existing mesquite basque into a wonderful, shaded gathering area where small groups meet to picnic, visit, paint, bird watch, have a wedding, etc. Called the Barrio Garden, the plants, containers, seating and artwork were primarily created by repurposing donated materials.

Wednesday mornings you can find volunteers busy throughout the park. We invite our neighbors to stop by for a short tour or just to say "hi."



Over the past two years, members of the Green Valley Gardeners have been volunteering to transform a 4-acre rectangular plot of land into Green Valley's first park.



Do YOU have any Social News?

Do you have any good news you would like to share with our neighbors? Any announcement, award, or activity that you would like to tell us about? This is YOUR newsletter and the Social Page welcomes submissions from all Portillo Ridge residents! We encourage you to send articles and photos for publication in future issues of the Ridgerunner!

Social News

What did you do this summer? When Portillo Ridge resident **Jane Kirk** is asked that question, she can answer with the story of an epic bicycle journey to our 49th state! Ride along with Jane as she shares her adventure . . .

ALASKA ON A BIKE

Last summer, I learned two things: my friend, Dean, was putting together a group of 10 people to bicycle from Cut Bank, Montana, to Anchorage, Alaska, and my niece was getting married in Alaska. It was clearly opportunity knocking. I could bicycle to my niece's wedding.

Our departure date, May 20th, found the group heading north into a headwind. Little did we know, the headwind would be our frequent companion for the next 44 days.



That day, we covered the 40 miles to the US-Canadian border in less than record time. As we grouped to go through Canadian customs, Dean said, "Get your passports out." I went almost catatonic. I couldn't remember packing it. I searched everywhere and no passport. The always calm Dean said he'd try to talk the customs officers into letting me in.

It worked. All I needed was my driver's license. That, I had! The trick was going to be getting back into the US 37 days later. I would worry about that later.

The immediate worry was that much of the remaining 32 miles was peddling into the wind and rain. But about 4 hours later (did I say the wind was strong?), I pulled into camp and was greeted by a warm stew and hot shower. This routine of battling the elements was to be repeated for the next 3 days. Luckily, we had a support vehicle, a truck towing a fifth wheel, that carried our tents, food and other supplies. So on the 4th day, after fighting the wind for 25 miles, I opted for a ride to our destination for the day. Having that support vehicle made all the difference. I knew I didn't have to ride in horrible conditions. Whew!



Our group of riders consisted of 6 who had ridden across the US from Washington to Maine in 2014, and 4 newbies, 2 from Kamloops, British Columbia, 1 from Toronto, and me. Of the 6 from 2014, 2 were from Florida, 1 from Missouri, 2 from Green Valley (Russ and Denise Nichols) and 1 from Scotland.

Dean was the leader of our pack and 75 years old. Our average age was 66 years old. This probably caused the most consternation for people we met along the way!

We peddled an average of 60 miles a day with rest days about every 8th day.



The animals we encountered included moose, bear, swans, fox, a bobcat (probably), mountain sheep, bison, frogs (heard along the roads in Alberta) and birds. Sharing our discoveries at the end of the day was great fun. Of course, the bears got bigger and closer the more the tales were told. And the people we met were the highlights of the trip.

On July 2nd. we peddled into Anchorage, 44 days, 2143 miles and about 20 flat tires after we left Cut Bank.



If you'd like a blow-by-blow description, my blog of the trip is at alaskaonabike.blogspot.com.

PS: I was able to have my passport mailed to me in Canada, so avoided any crisis on re-entering the US.



Etc.

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 exact same color.

Trees

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

Post Lights

Post lights are to have a maximum wattage of 40 watts incandescent equivalent and must be on a photo-cell. All other exterior lights must NOT be on a photo-cell and must be turned off by 11:00 p.m., per Pima County Dark Sky ordinance.

Caring & Sharing

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 at
777-8337 or email
arichizona@cox.net

FALL FOOD DRIVE

Check your email and the October/November issue of the Ridgerunner for details regarding our Portillo Ridge Fall Food Drive to be held on November 3, 2016.

The Ridgerunner

Please note that the Ridgerunner is your avenue for sharing news and events that may affect or be of interest to our neighborhood.

Your newsletter is produced by Lynn Chisholm, and published during the first week of February, April, June, August, October and December. Please submit any news items to her at portilloridgehoa@yahoo.com or arichizona@cox.net by the 20th of January, March, May, July, September, or November.