

The Ridgerunner

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President's Column

Periodically, people ask for information on the outdoor lighting for our HOA. When responding, I always remind them we have a county ordinance for outdoor lighting and have further guidance in our CC&Rs and our Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Guidelines.

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 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/Servers/Server_6/File/Government/Development%20Services/Building/OLC.pdf – It has eight chapters containing 17 pages. Only the first 4 chapters pertain to us.

Guidance for our outdoor lighting is found first 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 and must NOT exceed 40 watts of light. 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.

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Business News

Further guidance for our outdoor lighting is found in 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 must be "Dark Sky" compliant.

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.

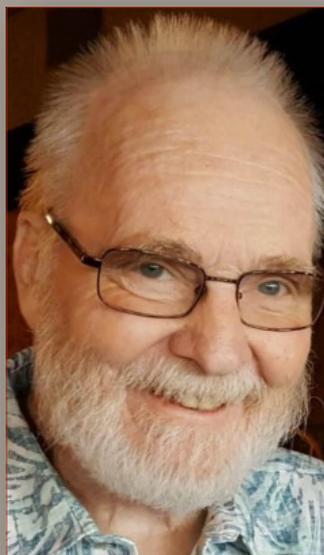
I know the people working up at Mt. Hopkins would appreciate that!

Jim Chisholm

Portillo Ridge HOA Informational Meeting

Our HOA Informational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016, at 6:00 PM, at Las Campanas. All Portillo Ridge residents are encouraged to attend. Coffee and cookies will be served.

***** Remember to bring your GVR card! *****



Gary Hultman

We extend our deepest sympathies to **Judith LeClair** at the loss of her beloved husband, **Gary Hultman**.

Gary contributed to our HOA in many ways, including serving on the Board of Directors, often helping at our social events, and being Portillo Ridge's tax preparation professional. In addition, he was a wonderful neighbor and friend, and he will be greatly missed.



PORTILLO RIDGE 15TH ANNUAL "FALL" FOOD DRIVE

**Benefitting the
Green Valley Food Bank**

**Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016,
9 AM**

Please mark your calendar for Nov. 3, 9:00 A.M. Your donations stay in Green Valley and allow local residents only to have a second visit each month. Please help in any of the following 3 ways.

Food Donations- Your Food Drive Committee will pick up your food donations at your driveway and deliver them to the Food Bank on that morning or call for a special pick up.

Grocery Store Gift Cards allow our GV Food Bank staff to buy needed items such as Turkeys, Holiday items, and peanut butter. Call for a pick up.

Checks made payable to the Green Valley Food Bank. Call for a pick up.

Watch for an emailed flyer in October with further details.

Your donations are AZ State Tax deductible \$ for \$ without itemizing. Check with your accountant for details.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sandy Churchill-Chairperson
805-377-7240



*Congratulations,
Jim!*



Social News

Destination: Dolomites



Many of the trails they hiked were used during World War I. In addition, many relics and interpretive museums are located along with trails, adding even more interest to this wonderful experience!



Our Portillo Ridge HOA President, CMSgt. (Retired) **James F. Chisholm**, is being inducted into the Wisconsin Air National Guard's Hall of Fame during a ceremony on Sunday, October 2, 2016, in Madison, Wisconsin.

This honor is in recognition of his many contributions at the local, state, and national levels during a career that spanned 40 years.

Portillo Ridge resident, **Ken Sink**, recently joined 11 members of the Colorado Mountain Club Hikers for a 9-day trek through Alta Via 1 in the Italian Dolomites. Mountain huts, called rifugios, are scattered throughout the area, and the group hiked from one rifugio to the next, averaging 7–8 miles per day, as they enjoyed the amazing scenery.



***** SAVE THE DATE! *****

Portillo Ridge Holiday Party
Friday, December 9, 2016
5:00 PM Mixer—6:00 PM Dinner
Grill on the Green Restaurant
Watch your email for
additional information!

THANK YOU to Ed & Bonita Davis for
volunteering to run this event!

*Do YOU have any
Social News?*

Do you have an announcement or some good news you would like to share with your neighbors? The Social News page is your place to do that! Please send us your submissions or contact us with questions!



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.

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

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

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