

The Ridgerunner

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Portillo Ridge Homeowners Association

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Message from the ARC Chair . . .

Hello, Neighbors!

Your Architectural Review Committee has been busy this summer! The chairmanship of the committee has passed from Mike Millikin to Dave Colicchio, effective September 11, 2019. Mike has been the Chair for the past five years. Please join me in thanking Mike for his service to our HOA. Mike has helped us maintain the high architectural standards of our community. Mike, I thank you! You are a good Neighbor. I know I will be calling on Mike for his advice as I assume my new role.

The **Architectural Guidelines** have also been updated and approved at the September 11th Board of Directors meeting. This includes changing the name from **Architectural Guidelines** to **Architectural Rules**. Another major change has been an additional clarification to the Tree Rules section. Two sentences have been added to paragraph 4.1 regarding tree height rules. The additions are: "All other trees that do not interfere with any other homeowner's view of the Santa Rita Mountains do not have a height limit. The height violations must be complaint-driven by the affected lot owner."

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Business News



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Additionally, regarding the colors acceptable for painting house base and trim colors, a sentence was added: "Approved color chip sets are available from the ARC Chairperson."

In the area of Landscaping, Paragraph 5.3.2 regarding wildflowers, the words "or trimmed" was added to the sentence indicating that planted or seeded wildflowers placed outside the above confines of walls shall be removed "or trimmed" after they have ceased blooming.

The **ARC – Landscape & Architectural Request** form has been simplified and clarified. Also, a new form is available for those requesting abnormal or aesthetically unusual features to be installed on their home or property. The new form is **Request for Neighboring Property Review**. This form is intended for use when a homeowner is requesting structural or landscape changes that can affect neighboring homes. The ARC will make the determination if and when a Neighbor Review is appropriate. We believe that this form will be seldom used. In looking back over the past year, with a couple of dozens of requests, only one would have triggered a Neighbor Review.

As the ARC Chair, I intend to help us maintain our property values through proper review of homeowners requests to our Architectural Rules. The ARC is not here to tell you how to construct or implement your intended changes, but will continue to focus only on the architectural aesthetics.

If you have a request and you are unsure if it meets our Architectural Rules, please "Let's talk!" The ARC is here to help you and maintain our community's high property values.

All of these forms are posted on the Portillo Ridge HOA website.

Dave Colicchio
ARC Chair

Just a reminder that there will be vacancies on the Board of Directors that will need to be filled in January. With our new management company in place, the time commitment required of our BOD members has been significantly reduced. Please give serious thought to serving on the BOD. Contact any Board member for more information. Thank you!

FALL FOOD DRIVE
THURSDAY
OCTOBER 24TH
9:00 AM

It's better to Give AND Receive!
Your gift helps fight hunger right here in Green Valley and you can receive an AZ tax credit \$ for \$ for your generosity--up to \$400 (single) or \$800 (married), without itemizing. Please discuss any and all charitable intentions with your tax advisor. Local store Gift cards are best, because the food bank volunteers can go shopping for needed items. Please call me to pick up Gift Cards or Personal Checks (sealed in an envelope with your name). Do NOT place these donations by your light post. Also, is this a good time to clean out your pantry? (Please no pre-opened items.) You will receive an email flyer one week before the drive and there will be signs out on Camino del Portillo. It's easy—our committee will pick up your bagged donations of food, paper, and/or personal items placed by your light post on Thursday, October 24th, at 9:00 AM. If you would like to see our special Community Food Bank in Green Valley, I can take you for a tour. Our clients actually shop our shelves.

I am available all year to deliver your donations and bring you a donation receipt. Just call me at 805-377-7240.

Thank you for helping those in need.

Sandy Churchill
Food Drive Chair



Social News

July 4th Potluck



A small but enthusiastic crowd gathered at Madera Vista to celebrate Independence Day. Many thanks to **Marsha Barnes** for organizing our July 4th Potluck, and to **Sandy & Dave Churchill** for setting up the festive and patriotic decorations!

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

“Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints on your heart.”

- Eleanor Roosevelt

Save the Date!

Watch your email for information on our upcoming Portillo Ridge Holiday Party!

Friday, December 13th

5:00 Social Mixer / 6:00 Buffet Dinner

The Grill on the Green

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 on an as-needed basis, as determined by the HOA Board of Directors. Please contact Lynn at arichizona@cox.net if you have any items to submit for an upcoming issue, or if you have any questions about the publication schedule.