

The Ridgerunner

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Portillo Ridge Homeowners Association

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President's Column . . .

My first words in this publication as the new President of Portillo Ridge HOA.

After my first 6 months, I have found out that the existing Board has everything working like a fine-tuned watch. Their help and advice has been on target every time.

There are many things to talk about for the year, but I really only want to speak to a couple of items.

The first is the hiring of Stratford Management. They make our HOA jobs much easier and less time is required to accomplish the required tasks. They attend each Board and Workshop meeting, suggesting advice, taking minutes, and helping each board member when needed. Prior to joining the Board, I was against this, but now am an adamant supporter of Stratford Management for us.

The second item is the work done in the past few months to acquire a new contract with Waste Management. After receiving contract proposals from 3 waste companies, the Board decided to remain with Waste Management. We then sent out a poll as to whether to keep it at 2 pickups a week or go to 1 pickup a week with recycling being once a week in either case. The vote came back with 36 households voting for twice a week pickup and 56 households voting for once a week pickup. The Board voted on November 13th to sign the contract for once a week pickup that should become effective the first of the year. When you see **Jim Chisholm** or **Dave Colicchio**, please thank them for the hard work they invested to getting this contract.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Fred Wray
Vice President: Dave Colicchio
Secretary: Mike Millikin
Treasurer: Marsha Barnes
Member-at-Large: Mike Lewis

2019 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Architectural Review: Dave Colicchio
Audit: Bernie Hill
Common Area/Median Maintenance: Jim Chisholm
Food Bank: Sandy Churchill
Neighborhood Watch: Glen Barnes
Nominating and Elections: Ed Davis
Social: Vacant

GVC REPRESENTATIVE

Primary: Glen Barnes
Alternate: Dave Colicchio

WEBMASTER

Primary: Jim Chisholm
Alternate: Dave Churchill

Business News

President's Column (cont'd.)

We are looking for new people to run for the Portillo Ridge HOA Board. With the addition of Stratford Management, each of the Board members duties take much less time. Please think about joining the team.

Remember the Holiday Party on December 13th and the Annual Meeting with Potluck on January 22nd.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Fred Wray
President



A note from your outgoing HOA Secretary . . .

I appreciate the support and encouragement from the many neighbors and fellow Board members during my five years being on the HOA Board of Directors. I feel we have brought the HOA a long way and it is a smoothly run, financially stable and transparent organization for you.

Initially the position of Board Secretary involved many tasks and was a time-consuming position. With the recent hiring of Stratford Management to become our HOA management firm, the duties and responsibilities are significantly diminished to almost nothing. Stratford has taken over the database management, all communications with the homeowners, communications with real estate companies during house sale transfers, meeting minutes, end-of-year document preparation and sending and many others.

In short, the duties and responsibilities are no longer time-consuming. The primary activity the HOA Secretary is now responsible for is to check the HOA e-mail site regularly. And our HOA even provides a laptop computer and printer. The other responsibility is to attend the monthly Board meetings.

We need homeowners to sign up for the Board. With two HOA Board members leaving, I encourage you to consider being on the Board of Directors. The time commitment is now minimal and it is very satisfying to know that you are volunteering to make Portillo Ridge a great community to live in.

Thank you and please consider volunteering for a Board position.

Mike Millikin
Secretary

2019 FOOD DRIVE DONATION REPORT



Dear Neighbors and Friends:

I like to share with you our 2019 year-to-date Portillo Ridge HOA Food Drive totals. Your neighbors donated 506 lbs. of food, \$2,275.00 in cash, and \$700.00 in gift cards. We will also be accepting Community Food Bank (CFB-Green Valley) donations at our HOA Christmas party at The Grill on the Green Restaurant on Dec. 13th. A receipt will be provided for those who may want to deduct their donations from their AZ State Tax.

Our food bank is a great asset to our community. I am proud to include our HOA on the list of many Community Food Bank donors. Thank you to your Food Drive committee members: **Russ & Mary Alice Carlson, Mack Summers, Deanna Brooks, Anne Morrison, Pat Cleveland and Dave & Sandy Churchill.**

Have a loving Christmas and a peaceful New Year's.

Sandy Churchill
Food Drive Chair



Social News

Portillo Ridge Holiday Party

Just a reminder that our Holiday Party will be held on Friday, December 13th, at the Grill on the Green.

Social Mixer at 5:00 PM / Buffet Dinner at 6:00 PM

\$26.50 per resident / \$31.50 per guest

Details and Reservations form may be found on our website.

Reservations form and prepayment must be **received** by Thursday, December 5th, so please get your checks in the mail ASAP!

We hope to see you there!

NOTE:

This will be **Bonita Davis'** final year as our Holiday Party organizer. We would like to thank Bonita for the great job she has done the past several years!

In order to keep offering this fun event in the future, we will need a volunteer to run it. Please contact any Board member to offer your services.

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

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”

- Winston S. Churchill

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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.

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.