

The Ridgerunner

Fall 2024

Portillo Ridge Homeowners' Association

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Message From the President . . .

Hi all, my name is Kevin Blackburn and my wife's name is Jeanne. We moved here last April from the Pacific Northwest where we lived for 35+ years.

Last August, I replied to the call for needed board members and was elected president of the HOA at the September board meeting.

My hope is to be of good service to the board and HOA.

My background in my working world was as a master electrician and electrical contractor for over 25 years. I also served as an electrical inspector and compliance officer for the state of Washington for a number of years, and then served at the pleasure of the Labor and Industries Regional administrator as the internal health and safety officer. This region served south Seattle to the Canadian border.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Kevin Blackburn

Vice President: Krisan Osterby

Secretary: Doug MacGregor

Treasurer: Steve Cripps

Member-at-Large: Nancy Cook

2024 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Architectural Review: Krisan Osterby

Audit: Gary Cook

Common Area Maintenance:
Jim Chisholm

Firewise: Joe Fields

Food Bank: Sandy Churchill

Neighborhood Watch: Wil Smith

Nominating and Elections: Wil Smith

Social: Nancy Cook

GVC REPRESENTATIVE

Primary: Glen Barnes

Alternate: TBD

WEBMASTER

Jim Chisholm

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President's Message (. . . continued)

My volunteer experience consists of a number of positions for a local community service that included secretary, treasurer and group representative.

My wife served as park ranger and interpretive ranger for a number of park systems for almost 40 years.

Portillo Ridge is a great community and we feel grateful that we were able to find a home here.

If you happen to see us walking our German Shepard dog, *Diego*, stop and say hello. He has a loud bark but is a pussycat at heart.

Kevin Blackburn
Portillo Ridge HOA President



Pima County "Dark Sky" Area

All Portillo Ridge homes **must** conform to the 2012 Tucson/Pima County Outdoor Lighting Code, which can be found at the link below :

[2012 City of Tucson / Pima County Outdoor Lighting Code.PDF](#)

This code says that all outdoor light fixtures, except post lights, must be turned off by 11:00 PM. Seasonal decorations using low-wattage lamps are allowed from Thanksgiving to the 15th of January each year.

This means that **all** outdoor porch and garage lights **must** be turned off nightly by 11:00 PM. Only your post light is to be kept on after 11:00 PM. We have noticed many houses whose porch and garage lights are left on all night. This is not allowed, per our CC&Rs, and in accordance with the Pima County ordinance.

This "dark sky" designation is given to this area because of the Whipple Observatory. This observatory is part of the Center for Astrophysics, a part of Harvard & Smithsonian institutions, and is based on Mount Hopkins to the southeast of us.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Welcome, New Board of Directors Members!

A big **THANK YOU** to our neighbors who have stepped forward to serve on the Board of Directors:

Kevin Blackburn - President
Krisan Osterby - Vice President
Doug MacGregor - Secretary

Firewise Committee

The Firewise Committee was in a paused mode for the last several weeks awaiting the word on the Healthy Forest Grant to accomplish many of our goals in the Action Plan. Recently we were informed that the grant request was denied so we are pursuing other grant routes at this time.

As many have noted, the official Firewise signs have been posted on each entrance to inform the public of our commitment. Please let your insurance company know that your property is within an officially recognized Firewise Community to obtain any possible discount.

Many have performed brush work and trimming to both improve aesthetics and limit wildfire potential. As the wildfire season tends to be year-round, we need to be conscious of heavy brush loads near and around our homes. This is particularly important on our borders with the mine and near washes. Specific information is available in our bulletins and online. If anyone has questions as to Firewise actions on your property, feel free to ask any committee member or contact the committee by email at prhoafirewise@gmail.com for assistance.

The committee has been working with and assisting Quail Creek, Portillo Hills II and Freeport McMoRan on Firewise programs and hope to have Freeport become involved with our border “buffer” in the near future.

Portillo Ridge Firewise Committee members, in addition to myself, are: **Mike Millikin, Jim Chisholm, Jim Richardson, Tim Gronseth,** and **Glen Barnes.**

Lastly, the wildfire that occurred last month 30 miles north of Green Valley was 4000 acres in vegetation much like that which adjoins Portillo Ridge. Although rare, wildfire does occur in the desert ... never say never!

Joe Fields

Firewise Committee Chairperson

Weed Reminder

It is the responsibility of every homeowner to control weeds on their property throughout the year.

Your property extends to every road that borders it, including any rear slopes that you may have. As a courtesy, the HOA provides pre-emergent weed spray on the strips of land between the sidewalk and the road along Camino del Portillo; however, homeowners are still responsible for removing any weeds that may sprout in that area, and all homeowners must remove weeds that sprout in any sidewalk cracks.

Additionally, for any properties that abut a wash area, the homeowners are responsible for removing all weeds to the edge of the wash basin.

And lastly, maintaining a weed-free property is the **year-round** responsibility of **every** homeowner! The fact that you may be absent for an extended period of time during the year does not excuse you from this responsibility. If you are a seasonal resident, you **must** make arrangements to have someone look after your property and promptly remove any weeds that grow during your absence.



Welcoming Committee

A reminder to all Portillo Ridge residents about the great work provided by our very own Green Valley Fire Corps! Whoops! It's now the Santa Rita Fire Corps!

Some programs and services they provide include Smoke Alarm and Battery Replacement Program, Lockbox Program and Desert Pest Removal.

My purpose today, though, is to remind everyone of the importance of the **Envelope of Life**. Each Envelope of Life can hold information for up to three people. Vital information for the firefighters and paramedics who are trained to look for this document during medical emergencies so they are aware of any illnesses, medications and your treating physician. It's recommended you place it on your refrigerator along with your DNR (Do Not Resuscitate Form).

These forms are available at the fire stations, or you can call 520-625-9400 to confirm the closest pick-up spot.

Finally, for all our neighbors that have this document on their refrigerators, take a look and see what updates might be necessary. I looked at ours and was shocked to see it was last updated nine years ago!!

CJ Rhinehart

Welcoming Committee Chairperson

Portillo Ridge HOA Fall Food Drive

Portillo Ridge HOA 22nd Fall Food Drive
Benefiting the Green Valley Food Bank
250 E. Continental Rd.

Friday, Nov 15th - Pick-up starts at 9:00 AM

Our HOA has supported our local Community Food Bank on Continental Rd. in Green Valley for 22 years with a Spring and a Fall Food Drive.

Portillo Ridge HOA will be having our 2024 Fall Food Drive on Friday Nov 15th. Our Food Drive Committee volunteers will drive around and pick up your donations as left in a bag or box by your post light, starting at 9:00 AM.

Our Spring Food Drive in March 2024 donated 639 lbs. of food and \$1,025.00.

If you are cleaning out your pantry, please start saving for our food drive. Our GV Food Bank accepts canned/jarred food for up to 1 year past the best buy date, and bagged and/or frozen foods for up to 6 months past the best buy date.

Always needed items are small peanut butter jars, boxed macaroni and cheese, and also canned meat products.

Holiday products needed are gravy, mashed potatoes and stuffing mixes.

Donate food, gift cards, cash or checks with the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit and (without itemizing), receive a \$ for \$ AZ State tax credit. Check with your tax advisor.

We have a very special HOA. Thank you for supporting our local Green Valley residents who need our help.

Questions? Please call me for a check or cash donation pick-up. 805-377-7240.

Sandy Churchill

Food Bank Committee Chairperson

Social Committee

Fall is here and temperatures are finally cooling off, bringing with it some indoor activities to look forward to.

Several Portillo Ridge HOA Social events have been planned and are coming up soon, plus several are in the works waiting for room reservation confirmations.

NOVEMBER:

November 22nd

Mark your calendar for Friday, November 22nd at 1:00 PM for cards at Madera Vista Community Center. I'll be providing 2 card games that are fun and easy to learn if you haven't played them before -

PLAY NINE is the card game of golf with the goal of getting the lowest score. It's an easy match number game with up to 6 players at a time.

FIVE CROWNS is a 5 suited Rummy style game with up to 7 players at a time.

I'm hoping attendance at this event is good, so we can keep playing cards periodically. A reminder will be sent out in early November.

DECEMBER:

December 5th

If you like desserts, mark your calendar for Thursday, December 5th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Madera Vista Community Center for the dessert tasting and recipe exchange event, just in time for the holidays. Dessert traditions are important, but finding new exciting desserts is also fun. More details of this event will be sent in the near future. Hope to see you there.

December 18th

Positive feedback received by neighbors brings us once again to Portillo Ridge Holiday dinner at the Grill on the Green (Canoa Ranch Golf Course). Invitation/registration forms will be mailed to each household in early December. Please pay close attention to the deadline of December 13th. This means that your completed registration form, including payment, must be sent in time to be received by me *no later than the December 13th deadline*. Please note, this year there will be **no extensions to the deadline**.

I'm currently waiting for room reservation request approvals before I can go forward with plans for:

January-Friday Night at the Movies

February-Cards

March-Potluck

Individual emails with more details will be sent out prior to each event.

I'm doing my best to provide different activities, but also welcome your suggestions.

Nancy Cook

Social Committee Chairperson



Save the Date!



Portillo Ridge Holiday Party
Wednesday, December 18, 2024
The Grill on the Green
(Canoa Ranch Golf Course)

Watch your email for additional information coming soon!

WELCOME

New Neighbors

Lot 106 - James and Sarah Belcher

Lot 36 - Larry Swenson and Ann Grediagin

Lot 62 - Michael and Madeline Twist

Lot 3 - Jade Dillon

We're Happy to Have You Here!



Caring & Sharing

If you know of a neighbor who would appreciate receiving a comforting note due to serious illness, hospitalization, or bereavement, please contact:

Judith LeClair

at

gvjudith@cox.net

or

520-490-2854

“Autumn teaches us the beauty of letting go. Growth requires release - it’s what the trees do.”

- *ka'ala*

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 on an as-needed basis, as determined by the Board of Directors. Please submit any news items to Lynn at JLChisholm881@gmail.com

CURBSIDE SERVICE GUIDELINES

To ensure WM can safely and efficiently service your neighborhood every week, please follow these guidelines.

IMPORTANT: WM can only service WM wheeled carts. WM drivers cannot service personal containers or materials left outside the cart.

REMINDERS

- Place carts at the curb by 6 a.m. on service days.
- Leave at least 3 feet of space between a cart and other objects such as cars, mailboxes, trees, bushes and other carts.
- Cart lids must be fully closed.
- Cart wheels should face the curb.
- Extra bags or materials left outside the cart or materials in personal containers will not be collected.
- Trash should always be secured in bags.
- Recycling should be placed loosely into the cart - never bagged.

Thank you for allowing WM to service your home and keep the community safe, clean and green.

