

April 2007
Newsletter



Countryside Villas Voice

ANNUAL OWNERS' MEETING coming up soon...

The Villas Annual Owners' Meeting is coming up soon: **May 21st**. We want to remind everyone that a new law passed last year changed some of the long-time procedures that we are used to.

Get involved in your Community!



Next
Meeting:
Monday
April 16th
7 pm



Volunteering to Run for the Board

On March 15th we mailed everyone a letter inviting you to run for a seat on the Board. There will be two seats up for grabs this year. Because of the new law that eliminated proxy voting, there can be no nominations at the meeting. **All persons interested in running must submit their name to be placed on the ballot on or before April 10th.** So if you wish to place your name on the ballot, please submit either the form we provided or a letter to the Board before April 10th. You will also need to send us a short bio about yourself and why you wish to be on the Board. The bio will be part of the Annual Meeting Notice so that everyone can learn a bit about those who are running for the Board.

Absentee Ballots: Proxies are no longer permitted. They have been replaced by Absentee Ballots. These ballots will count toward obtaining a quorum for the owner's meetings on May 21st. The ballot will give an owner the opportunity to vote on any action to be taken at the meeting, is only valid for that specific meeting, and must have a specific date by which the ballot must be delivered to the Board to be counted. This year your Absentee Ballot (if you cannot attend the meeting) must be in the Management Office on or before May 15th to count toward the quorum requirement and have your vote counted.

Please seriously consider serving your community. With many of our older, long-time owners retiring, and have already served many terms on the Board, we need volunteers from among all of you. We are asking you to consider serving for one term, PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT!

At this year's meeting the Board will again be talking out the condition of our streets and what we can do to improve the problem.

Message From The President:

In hopes of improving communications, we will be trying a different format for the monthly meetings.

Homeowners will now have 2 opportunities to voice their concerns. They can speak during the Open Forum at the beginning of the meeting, and now also before a motion is voted on. We hope this added opportunity will let Homeowners voice their concerns to the Board before the Board approves or implements any changes. If you have something you'd like the Board to discuss, call Ruth Brown to see if and when that could be placed on the Agenda for the meeting. If you have a complaint please send it in writing to Ruth Brown. **The Board cannot act on any complaints that are not in writing.**

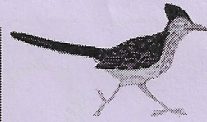
-Betty Shapiro

April is the start of Rattlesnake season. Remember to please be careful when walking in the desert and in your yards. Never leave pets unattended, especially in yards along the wash. If you spot a rattlesnake in your yard call 911 - do not try to remove it yourself.



Roadrunner killing Rattlesnake in Desert
SOURCE: www.naturefootage.com

Using common sense, we can share our open spaces with rattlesnakes. These beautiful animals are important to the environment because they control rodent populations.



Meet one of our "other" Countryside neighbors:

The Roadrunner

The Roadrunner is a bird of prey, which means they are meat-eaters. They eat venomous snakes, scorpions, lizards, insects, spiders, rodents and small birds. They do not fly much but run lightening fast up to 17 mph. About 90% of its food is animal matter, while fruit and seeds only make up 10%. **Roadrunners are handy neighbors to have around because they are quick enough to catch and eat rattlesnakes.** The roadrunner has brown feathers streaked with white, a bushy crest, a long bill and a very long tail. Its wings are short and rounded. Using its wings like a matador's cape, it snaps up a coiled rattlesnake by the tail, cracks it like a whip and repeatedly slams its head against the ground till dead. The roadrunner makes its nest out of sticks, grasses and leaves, hidden in a cactus, shrubby bush or low tree.

SOURCE: www.desertusa.com

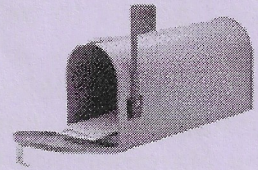
REMINDER - LANDSCAPING

Need a bush trimmed, have a concern about the plants in front of your home? Please call Ruth Brown (682-0056) so we can have the landscapers look at your concern/problem.

COUNTRYSIDE VILLAS HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

Countryside Villas Board Meetings are held at the **Countryside Community Center located at 9151 North Bald Eagle Avenue at 7pm on the 3rd Monday of each month:**

- **Monday, April 16th @ 7pm**
- **Monday, May 21st @ 7pm (Annual Meeting)**
- **Monday, June 18th @ 7pm**

These meetings are open to all Homeowners in the Villas.
Share your concerns and ideas for improving the Villas.