

What's new in your neighborhood?

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BOARD MEETING NOTICE

It's that time again...

When: Monday, January 18, 1999
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Where: Countryside Community Center

A Message from Your DCC&R Committee

SECURITY ANYONE? One of our best security features for this community is the lighting of our streets at night. Unless the moon is full, we do have some very dark spots! Thanks to those who light the way. Won't you join your neighbors' efforts?

GOOD NEWS! We all have more time to catch up on our property maintenance or repair projects. The **January "Walk-Around"** is postponed until March. Please review the "guidelines", especially if you are needing to paint. Garage doors and house trim are to be the same color. A small item, but it does give a "designer" look to our Community. And a class act

appearance does do a lot for resales! Think about what attracted you to this area. (Also, it saves us money from our dues when we don't have to mail out a bunch of letters.)

O.K. - WHOSE DOG IS DOIN' IT?!

We can't do much about the little droppings along the perimeter, but our private streets?? Try carrying a baggie, bag or sack (size depends on the dog), wear a glove if you like, place a bag over your hand and pick up the "pile", then invert the bag and twist it shut. It's ready to dispose of ...and we don't have to step in it or run over it. Thank you, thank you, thank you. By the way, a few of our good neighbors even carry a bag to gather up litter on their walks - a very thoughtful way to keep our area neat.



DO YOU REALLY WANT TO PARK YOUR CAR CONSTANTLY IN THE

"GUEST PARKING" AREA? It's much safer in your garage, no matter what neighborhood you live in. Beside, there aren't enough spaces for each of us to have one, so let's be fair and play by the rules. If you have a need for extended parking (beyond an occasional 48 hours), please make the necessary request to the Board for permits. These are signed, dated and then placed in the vehicle window. A gentle reminder: Those few who continue to "bend the rules" out of shape on parking will receive notices, etc., etc. (Please refer to your Rules & Regulations.)

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, we really do want to represent your interests (and ours)

in maintaining a neat, inviting and yet "user friendly" appearance in our neighborhood.

Which reminds me, we do need a couple more residents to work with us on this DCC&R Committee. PLEASE, give it some consideration. What's that slogan -- "You can't win if you don't play!" This is a perfect opportunity to get involved. Please drop off a signed note in the CVHOA box at 4879 W. Doria Drive, or call Bev at 579-9898.

CVHOA DCC&R Committee

Hey, Seniors (Citizens, that is)

Some of us around Countryside attended the Senior Pot Luck Luncheon on Friday, January 15th and had a great time! The food was terrific - and so was the company. We talked about future fun things to do and it looks like we will get together for something once a month. Friday, February 12 might be a soup and sandwich lunch (furnished) and maybe some more planning. Another possibility for March 12 is the semi-annual 4th Avenue Street Fair. Anyway, we'd like to have you join us if you're willing. So feel free to call Bev at 579-9898 - or watch for detail in the Countryside Newsletter. (MEN and women are attending, by the way.)



HARDY WASH My yard and the area directly behind my home in Hardy Wash have been designated a "Backyard Wildlife Habitat" by the National Wildlife Federation since 1993. The requirements needed for certification are water, cover, food and a place to raise the young. Last year, according to records in Washington, D.C., Tucson had 60 other sites and there are over 20,000 now in the United States. Each designation has a registration number, mine being 14590. All of us who have developed areas for Wildlife have the same

mission, I think, which is to help the animal world adapt to urban sprawl. Hardy Wash is a perfect site for such a plan but it also benefits residents of Countryside Villas by increasing our property values. I have planted many Palo Verde seedlings (haven't been successful with Mesquite though) and transplanted Saguaro, different species of cactus which fed the javelina but unfortunately also pleased the pack rats! Sadly, there is a downside to this tale. For years, I have piled trimmings from my large Brazilian Mesquite to form cover for the quail, rabbit and doves so they have safety from the hawks, owls and other raptors which perch in the large, dead Ironwood killed by mistletoe, incidentally. Atop those twigs and limbs, I also stacked about ten Christmas trees I salvaged last year from the lot at Cortaro and Camino de Oeste. I contacted the Fire Department, both in person and over the phone, when I realized I had seen remnants of 'bonfires' in the wash which is illegal plus very dangerous. I was fearful somebody would toss a match into the brush and the fire *people* (one was a gal!) told me to strip the twigs or limbs which I had started to do. However, young teenagers have started to pull the trees from the piles and are dragging them across the wash and trying to burn them. One of our neighbors saw them and confronted them for which I was very thankful. We ALL should be as the Wash is probably the greatest asset the Villas have - ask any realtor. The fire department has been informed and alerted. Please help preserve this wonderful wash for both our enjoyment and all our wildlife friends. Thank you. *Ruth Bolen*

COUNTRYSIDE VILLAS GARAGE SALE is coming in late March. So start organizing your clean up now. Look for more news in next month's newsletter.