

What's new in your neighborhood?

Countryside Villas

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Gene Fanning, President 579-1671
Sue Gac, Vice President 579-9582
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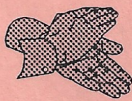


BOARD MEETING NOTICE

It's that time again...

When: Monday, June 21, 1999
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Where: Countryside Community Center

ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS AT COUNTRYSIDE VILLAS



Congratulations to the new Countryside Villas Board of Directors for 1999 - 2000!

Sue Gac will be our new Vice President and Julie Ogden is the new Secretary. The other board members will continue with their responsibilities.

Happy Fourth of July



RATTLESNAKE SPOTTED IN HARDY WASH

A good sized rattlesnake has been spotted in Hardy Wash behind houses on Doria Drive recently. Please be careful when walking around in your yards. Both residents who have seen the snake believe it was drawn to that particular location along their walls because of recent watering in the area. Here is some information on rattlesnakes that I thought you might find interesting...

Rattlesnakes are able to learn. Researchers have found that rattlesnakes have been able to figure out a maze and move through it as quickly as a rat. On the average, it took the rattlesnakes less time to memorize the maze, and less time to take into account their changes in the maze. Anyone who has kept rattlesnakes for research or educational purposes knows that they learn routines quickly.

Rattlesnakes can distinguish individuals. Rattlesnakes are able to easily distinguish prey from predator, but did you know they can distinguish individuals as well? Long term captive rattlesnakes have been known to remain calm around those who feed and keep them, but will display defensive behavior (rattling, backing up, getting into the classic S-curve stance) when other individuals approach their enclosures.

Rattlesnakes give birth to their young. Unlike almost all other reptiles, rattlesnakes do not lay eggs, they give birth to their young, called neonates. Their young are born fully developed and able to survive on their own.

Rattlesnakes can be active in temperatures of 40 degrees F. Rattlesnakes have been observed to be active at temperatures as low as 40 degrees F, and have also been known to survive partial freezing.

Immaculate Conception - Recently a female rattlesnake gave birth to some young. The problem was there had been no male in her enclosure, and she had been a long term captive. Genetic testing indicated that the only parent was the mother. This is not rumor, but I will not give out the source yet as they wish to publish their findings after a little more research.

THE BIRD IS THE WORD...



Just about a year ago, at this time of hot weather, I referred to an annual article from the Arizona Star, suggesting those of us who feed and water the birds follow a change in feeding habits.

The change was to abandon the feeders and sow the seed...sparsely on the ground to avoid spreading the fatal disease known as Trichomonosis. Said disease causes the birds to choke and they cannot eat or drink and die. I have found two this season, both being doves, but all the birds are affected who eat with the other species.

I am sure if you are feeding the birds, you do so because they give you pleasure and because you want to supplement their diets. *Game and Fish* suggests throwing or sowing the seed sparsely so the seeds do not touch and if a bird should peck at a seed but not get it, another bird could try for the same 'GOODIE' and could become infected.

The disease is passed one to the other through the bird baths or other water sources so a recommendation is made to add a disinfectant and I use FOUNTEC which is for fountains and water gardens. It will not harm your pets and one drop to a gallon of water is the recommended dose. Obviously, it lasts a long time and I bought my 8 oz bottle three years ago with two thirds of it remaining today. I would guess it would be available at any store with a garden center..Target, Home Depot, K-Mart, Payless, et cetera.

Because I have five water sources both in my yard and in the Hardy Wash, it is easier for me to fill LOTSA one half gallon, plastic juice bottles at one time and then cap them. The latter is important the capping...as animals can try to get the water if the vessels are left open and then get stuck and die. I am trying to spare YOU what happened to me

when a mouse drowned in an uncapped bottle. Yuk!

You also might use a large rock if you have a shallow water dish as the lizards and even a baby quail (it happened two weeks ago) cannot get out and the rock is an aid to their escape.

HAPPY FEEDING, WATERING AND WATCHING with no fatalities! *Ruth E. Bolen*

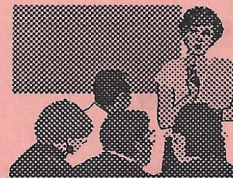
Our condolences to Dot Hutchison, Joanna Lane, whose father passed away June 13, 1999.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT

When a holiday falls on Monday, both recycle and trash pick-ups will be a day later. In our case:
Recycles - Wednesday
Trash - Friday.

COMMITTEES ARE FORMING

The following neighbors have offered their time to serve on committees:



DCC&R Committee

Ken Ogden Mike Mick Dawn Bauman
Bev Schessler (traveling for the summer)
Ralph Coons (traveling for the summer)

Landscaping


Joanne Fanning 579-1671

Welcome Committee

Ruth Bolen 744-3839

Newsletter

Bonnie Todd 579-7786

Thank you to everyone! There is still a need for more volunteers. GET INVOLVED! 

A Message from Your DCC&R Committee

Our neighborhood is a participant in the Neighborhood Watch program. It is in our best interests to get to know our neighbors so we can help protect each other.



Please remember to keep your front gate lights on after dark for safety and a well lighted neighborhood helps to deter unwanted activities.

Bonnie Todd

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