

What's new in your neighborhood?

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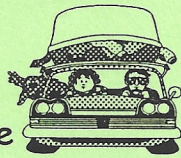
BOARD MEETING NOTICE

It's that time again...

When: Monday, May 17, 1999
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Where: Countryside Community Center

ELECTION NIGHT AT COUNTRYSIDE VILLAS

**Monday,
May 17th**



Just about everyone is planning to attend. Are you? Get there any way you can! This is a very important night for all of us at Countryside Villas. Please plan to attend the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Countryside Community Center to cast your vote for the new 1999-2000 Board and get your nominations in for your neighbors. I'm sure there are a lot of great potential board members out there. If you

cannot attend the meeting, please make sure your vote is counted by contacting a current Board Member, Ruth Bolen at 744-3839 or any neighbor who plans to attend the meeting to submit your proxy.

We also need a lot of help on the committees, so come out and get involved. The best way to see changes made is to help make them.

"IT" HAS STRUCK AGAIN... "it" being your friend and mine, the wily **pack rat**. One of our neighbors was awakened in the night by a chewing sound and could not sleep so she left the bedroom and slept on the couch! When she called me the next day, I went to her house and looked around and there it was... the home away from home: a prickly pear cactus right outside her fence, probably full of cute lil babies!

Solution

I gave her the bait boxes I had and sent her to Do It Yourself Pest Control on Oracle where she got what she needed and started the little pest. She had her War with the nest removed, used Clorox to deodorize the nest area, got on her knees (where she still remains, I think) and prayed for "it's" deliverance to rat heaven. She hated to have all the growth removed outside her fence as it provided a great privacy screen but there was really no choice.



Rock Squirrel

Today, for the first time in almost a year and a half, I had a rock squirrel at the tray feeder I have at the fence and "it" was feeding on an orange half I had placed on the sharp point of an agave. I think most of them were drowned last year when we had that one quick drenching. I have always thought their nests were flooded as they aren't like the squirrels I am used to which live in trees. They are about the same size as the red squirrel but they are more gray - ever seen one?

Dirty Birds

I have just finished washing off the stucco bottom of the wrought iron fence in the back yard because it was covered with bird dodo. And then I decided I would offer a class for bird potty-training and all of you who have feeders can attend - no charge. You bring down your birds, any way you can get them to my back yard and don't forget your bird gun, in case they are not attentive or obedient. We will have services for the deceased and seed for the survivors.

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Happy Memorial Day

The Real Meaning

Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh, Indiana is the final resting place of many war veterans.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day to remember those who have died in our nation's service. After the Civil war many people in the North and South decorated graves of fallen soldiers with flowers. Decoration Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan in his General Order

No. 11, and was first observed on May 30, 1868. The South refused to acknowledge Decoration Day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I. In 1882, the name was changed to Memorial Day, and soldiers who had died in other wars were also honored. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday to be held on the last Monday in May.



Today, Memorial Day marks the unofficial beginning of the summer season in the United States. It is still a time to remember those who

have passed on, whether in war or otherwise. It also is a time for families to get together for picnics, ball games, and other early summer activities.

Have fun this Memorial Day and be careful, but remember the "real meaning" of Memorial Day, too!