



# Villas Voice

Countryside Villas Newsletter

November 2005

## PARKING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

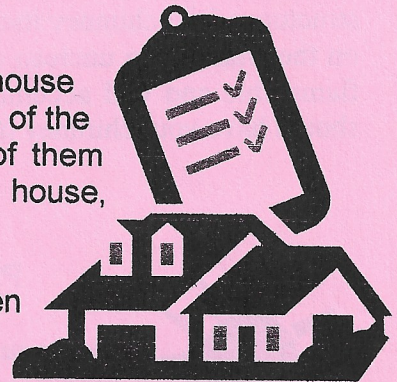
Many people have visitors for the holidays so it is very important for everyone to follow the parking rules. The parking lots are for visitors, but if your visitor is planning to stay for more than 3 days, you will need to get a temporary permit. You can obtain a permit from any board member. Their numbers are listed at the end of the newsletter.

## ANNUAL WALK AROUND

The annual walk around for the Villas is coming in January so now is the time to do the touch up on your home.

During the annual walk around the DCC&R committee walks from house to house to make sure that they are being kept up to the standards of the community. Last year 48 residents received letters and most of them were for painting the fascia on homes that face the neighbor's house, touch up painting on gates, and other minor repairs.

By doing the touch up now, you can do it in your own time. When you receive a letter from the HOA for repair work, there is a time limit of 30 days to make repairs.



Give your home a holiday treat, make those touch ups now!

## STREET REPAIRS NEEDED

The Board discussed repairs that are needed to the streets in Countryside Villas at its last Board meeting. The roads are over 20 years old and have endured years of crack repairs, sealing, and wear and tear.

Two paving companies have looked at the condition of the roads and have recommended an overlay rather than another seal coating to ensure that the streets don't degrade to the point where major work would need to be done.

The costs for these repairs range from \$35,000 to \$70,000, which is not in the current budget. Some options facing the board including raising the dues or charging a special assessment for a year. The Board is also looking to see if it could get a loan for the amount.

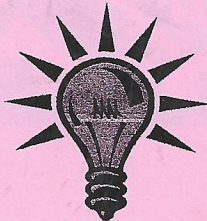
The Board will be discussing this, and the 2006 budget, at its November meeting.

## **FIRE DANGER: Plug In Air Fresheners**

There was a recent article in the news about a husband and wife that learned a hard lesson. Their house burned down...nothing but ashes. They had good insurance so their home and belongings will be replaced. That is the good news. However they were sick when they found out the cause of the fire. The insurance investigator sifted through the ashes and traced the cause of the fire to the master bedroom. It was something that was plugged into an electric outlet in the bathroom. It turned out that they had a plug-in deoderizer plugged in the bathroom and that was the cause of the fire. The investigator had seen more home fires caused by plug-in room fresheners than anything else. The plastic they are made from is thin and most times the only remaining evidence of the freshener unit is the two prong plug inside the outlet.

## **FIREPLACES: Chimney Cleaning**

Many of the homes in the Villas have fireplaces. Living in Arizona we may not use the fireplace all winter and may not think about having the chimney inspected and cleaned. Chimney fires occur within the structure of the chimney itself. They happen when hot flue gasses or cinders ignite creosote accumulated on the walls of an unclean chimney flue. Creosote is a natural byproduct of burning wood. It is highly flammable and will accumulate on the inner walls of the flue under certain burning conditions. You should have your chimney inspected and cleaned at least every two years.



### **PLEASE KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD: BRIGHT & SAFE**

Please turn on your Gate/Street light every night at dusk. This added light on the roadway will help drivers and walkers at night. It is a small expense to help ward off crime and prevent accidents. It really helps ! Thanks.

**The next Board meeting is Monday, November 21, 7 pm  
@ the Countryside Community Center.**

### **Countryside Villas HOA**

**President:** Betty Shapiro – 299-6612

**Vice President:** Tom Pratt – 744-7011

**Secretary:** Monica Alponde - 744-6620

**Treasurer:** Kelle Maslyn – 579-1980

**Member at Large:** David Jones - 744-7790

**Welcome/Social Committee:** Betty Shapiro – 299-6612, Sherri Pratt – 744-7011

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