

What's new in your neighborhood?

Countryside Villas

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4879 W. Doria Drive



BOARD MEETING NOTICE
It's that time again...

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

MEETING AGENDA

- Read and approve minutes of last meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Landscaping Committee Report
 - Discussion on failing irrigation system
- DCC&R Committee Report
- Welcome Committee Report
- Old & New Business

(Please make requests to speak 72 hrs. prior to meeting.)

**MESSAGE FROM
YOUR DCC&R
COMMITTEE**



A big THANKS! to everyone for the painting and maintenance projects that have been completed and continue in our neighborhood.

Parking Notice

Last year we added very nice signs to the parking areas which designate these areas for **SHORT TERM AND VISITOR PARKING - ONLY.**

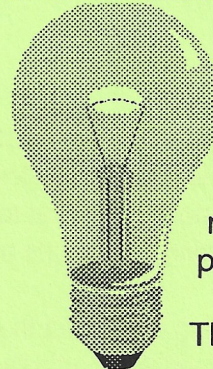
We have some new residents who might not be aware of the designated use of these areas. Please be aware our vehicles are to be parked in our garages so these parking areas can be used by our visitors and residents for short periods of time.

VERY IMPORTANT - NEW CVHOA ADDRESS

Please send your dues to Hardman Realty at their new address.

Countryside Villas HOA
P. O. Box 31928
Tucson, AZ 85751

We can continue to use our envelopes. Just change the address on the front to reflect the new P. O. box number and zip code.



Please remember to keep the gate lights on after dark.

It also makes our neighborhood look very pretty at night.

Thanks!

Do you have a tip or information you would like to share? Please call Bonnie at 579-7786 or drop it off in Gene's box at 4879 W. Doria Drive.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Because some mosquito species can fly far from breeding sites, efforts by individuals to control mosquitoes on their property rarely succeed. **A community-wide effort may be needed to reduce mosquitoes to tolerable levels.** This requires the formation of a local mosquito control program to organize community-wide "clean up" efforts and to determine the need to treat breeding sites or to apply insecticidal sprays to control adults.

Repellents

Some personal protection from mosquitoes can be achieved through the use of insect repellents. Many of these products contain **DEET** (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide). Select the desired formulation (e.g., lotion, aerosol spray or cream) containing the highest percent of active ingredient, as stated on the product label, and apply it to exposed skin. Repeated use of repellents over a short period of time is not recommended, especially for pregnant women and children. For additional information on repellent products, see the [Insect Note ENT/rsc-5 - Insect Repellent Products](#)

Non-chemical Control Measures

Installing and maintaining tight fitting window screens and doors will help keep mosquitoes out of the home. Candles containing oil of citronella are often used outdoors to repel mosquitoes from around decks and picnic tables. These products work best when there is relatively little air movement to disperse the chemical too quickly. **Avoid splashing water on lit citronella candles.** **Bats** and birds, such as **Purple Martins**, consume mosquitoes as part of the diet. Putting up nesting boxes around your property will attract these natural predators to the area. However, the feeding activity of insect-eating bats and birds may not be sufficiently selective to cause noticeable reductions in mosquito populations.

What Doesn't Work

Electrocutor traps ("bug zappers") placed out of doors are **not** effective in reducing or eliminating mosquito populations. In a recent study at the University of Delaware, less than 1/4 of 1% of the insects "zapped" in such devices were actually biting insects. The majority of the insects killed in electrocutor traps are actually beneficial in some form. Electronic mosquito repellents that emit high frequency sound to "repel" mosquitoes have not been shown to be effective. Claims that certain plants placed around a porch or deck will repel mosquitoes are not supported by scientifically-based test results.

Chemical Control

Chemical control of mosquitoes primarily targets the adult. Outdoor foggers will keep mosquitoes away for several hours, but once the chemical dissipates, the mosquitoes return. Spraying thickets or shrubs along the perimeter of your yard helps reduce the population of mosquitoes that rest in these areas. Consult your county [Cooperative Extension Center](#) for more information on selecting appropriate pesticides for use against mosquitoes.

Insecticides are available for controlling larvae, but their application in either large bodies of water or small artificial breeding sites can be difficult and expensive, particularly for an individual homeowner. Control programs targeting mosquito larvae are best left to trained individuals in county or local government agencies. Most of these chemicals are not selective and some may even harm beneficial insects and other non-target organisms. Furthermore, use of these chemicals will provide only temporary reduction in mosquito populations. **Modifying or eliminating breeding sites is**

the only long-term solution to severe mosquito problems.