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# Villas Voice

**Countryside Villas Newsletter** 

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## Complaints are increasing

The number of complaints to the board has been increasing the past few months. Whether it is a parking violation, a barking dog, cats running freely, or any other issue, the board MUST have a signed complaint to act on it. We do not want everyone to know who made the complaint, but the board must have records of the complaint should it end up going to court. You can place these complaints in the HOA box at 8889 N. Carolanne Dr. Please include a phone number so the board can follow up with you.

#### News from the board

Thank you to everyone who came out to the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Meet Your Neighbors event at the home of Tom and Sherrie Pratt. It's always great to catch up on what everyone is doing. A special thanks to the Pratts for hosting the event!

At the last board meeting the board discussed future projects that could be needed in the neighborhood in the next few years. These include repaving the streets (rather than just seal coating), cleaning the desert area behind the homes along Doria, and landscaping the common areas. None of these are inexpensive and some are necessary in a community that is 20 years old. The board will be discussing these project, and options to pay for them, at the next board meeting on Monday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Countryside Community Center.



# Caring for your pets means more than feeding them

Barking dogs and cats running loose are the two most common complaints the board receives. The board is asking those who have barking dog complaints to record the times of the barking so they can report the owners to animal control and use the records if the case has to go to court.

There have been other complaints about cats running loose in the neighborhood - walking on cars, eating birds, and agitating cats inside homes and spraying doors at 3 a.m. Your neighbors can capture your cat using a cat trap and turn them over to Pima County Animal Care. If the reports of cats don't stop, the Board may also choose to try and capture the cats.

Care for your animals, keep cats inside so they are not eaten by a coyote, and don't let your dogs bark themselves hoarse!

## Polybutylene pipes in your home

Many of the homes in the Villas were built with polybutylene plumbing pipes. At the time the plumbing was installed, it was considered the "best" but some people have experienced leaks and costly repairs, and some are noticing these now. These leaks are primarily at the joints. The plumbing may be only in your house, from your water meter to the house or both.



Many owners in the Villas have experienced leaks with this plumbing and have had to replace all their pipes. There was a Class Action lawsuit and a recovery fund set up that allowed those with polybutylene pipe to apply to the fund and, if qualified, recover the costs of re-plumbing. At that time in order to qualify you had to have the piping in your home, and have experienced leaks.

This Class Action suit and the eligibility period ended several years ago; however, many have recently been contacted by a plumbing company out of the Phoenix area and they have indicated that the class action may have been extended.

If you would like more information about the pipes or the status of the Class Action suit you can call the Consumer Plumbing Recovery Center at 800-392-7591 or online at www.pbpipe.com.

#### Welcome to our new residents

We have another new neighbor to welcome to our community! Sean Crandell now resides at 4831 Matilda, so tell him "Hi" when you can.

#### New board member

The Board welcomes new board member Monica Alponte who replaced Katie Chimienti. Monica is also the new secretary of the board. Welcome Monica!



The next board meeting is Monday, October 17, 7 pm at the Countryside Community Center.

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