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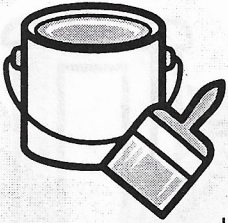
Countryside Villas Newsletter

July 2005

Be aware of nearby vandals

Recently there has been some vandalism in the neighborhood including tagging on a wall near the path that leads to the wash.

The neighbor who was affected by the tagging reported the case to the Sheriff's Dept. (Case #050627152). Both the Sheriff's Dept. and the neighbors are taking pictures of the graffiti. The Sheriff's Dept. is doing an investigation and keep watch over what is happening at the Villas. The neighbor whose wall was tagged repainted it as recommended by the sheriff to prevent further tagging. Thank you for doing this so quickly!



If you see people in the neighborhood who don't belong, or are suspicious looking, please call the Sheriff's Dept. at 741-4600 and give them the case number (#050627152) so they will provide us quicker service.

The only way to stop this vandalism is to report it quickly. If you see someone who doesn't belong and looks suspicious, please call the Sheriff and report them. Let's keep our neighborhood great!

Meet your neighbor - Tom Pratt

Hi, neighbors! I'm Tom Pratt and currently serve you as Vice President on our Countryside Villas HOA Board of Directors, and my wife Sherrie serves on the Welcome Committee. We moved to Tucson from San Diego 11 years ago, and have lived in the Villas for the last 9 years. Sherrie is a full-time home-maker, and I work at Raytheon in Supply Chain Management.

We enjoy the neighborly feel of the Villas, and take pride in maintaining the appearance of the community. I look forward to meeting and working with you to keep Countryside Villas a wonderful place to live.

Please, no anonymous complaints

From time to time, the Countryside Villas HOA board receives anonymous complaints. If you have a complaint, suggestion or idea for the Villas, please sign your name so we can get back to you on your idea. If we don't know who the suggestion is from, the board cannot respond.

If you have an idea, feel free to drop it off in the HOA mailbox at 8889 Carolanne. Sorry, but dues checks cannot be accepted in this box.

Ideas for new landscape

Some of the neighbors have commented that the landscaping in the common areas doesn't represent the great community we live in because it's not as nice as the rest of the landscaping in the yards. The biggest issue about landscaping for these areas is that there are no irrigation lines in these areas.

The Board is looking for ideas for landscaping in the common areas that face Camino de Oeste, at the corner of Matilda, and others. If you have some ideas for no or low water use plantings for these areas, please let the Board know, or call our Landscape Committee Chairperson, Joann Fanning at 579-1671.

Garbage in, garbage out

The Villas' contract with Saguaro Environmental requires that they pick up our garbage can trash once a week by truck. Sometimes, if there is a nice driver, he may pick up extra trash that you put out next to the can. We just wanted to remind everyone that **the driver is not required to pick up anything that is outside of the trash can.** If you have extra trash, you may want to ask a neighbor if you can put the trash in their trash can, or fill your trash can a little each week. If you want the trash gone right away and your neighbor's trash is full, you can call Saguaro Environmental for an extra pick up, but they will charge you for this.



Hot, dry weather means fire danger, snakes

With the hot, dry weather comes there is an increase chance of fires and snakes coming out of hibernation. The residents who live with yards facing the wash, have an increased chance of these dangers, especially with those who have piles of brush behind their yards.

The board has requested the County clean up the area behind the homes because of the worry about fire danger and snakes using the piles to crawl over the fences and into homes. Unfortunately, there is a 10 foot easement behind all of these homes, which means the residents of these homes have to maintain the property 10 feet behind their fence line.

To reduce the risk of fire, please make sure there is no brush piled up behind your home. Just one lit cigarette thrown by a careless person into the wash could burn up these homes, and endanger the entire neighborhood.

There will be no board meeting in July.

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