



Villas Voice

Countryside Villas Newsletter

June 2005

Countryside Villas welcomes new president, board member

At the annual meeting last month, the Countryside Villas board said goodbye to outgoing president Gene Fanning, who resigned after 7 years. The board also welcomed new board member David Jones, and its new president Betty Shapiro. Replacing Betty as the new Vice President is Tom Pratt. Katie Chimienti will continue to serve as Secretary and Kelle Maslyn will continue to serve as Treasurer.

With a new president, the HOA box for suggestions and other board mail (but NOT dues checks) has been moved. You can now find it at 8889 Carolanne.

Message from your new prez

I was very honored last month to become your new president. Gene Fanning, our past president, has done an outstanding job these past seven years. I hope I can continue maintaining the high standards he set for Countryside Villas. We live in a beautiful community and it's important that everyone here become involved in keeping this a wonderful place to live.

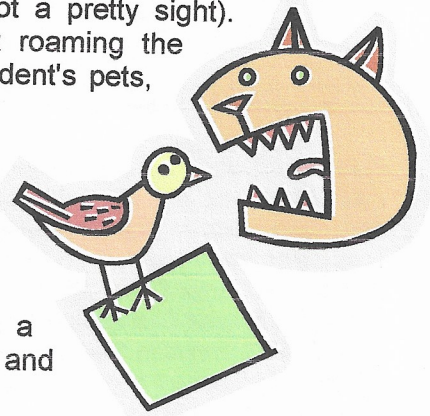
I moved to Tucson in 1997 from the Chicago area and have lived at Countryside Villas for 4 years. I was drawn to Tucson because of the wonderful memories I have of coming here as a child in the 1940's (boy does that date me). Our family used to vacation at the Double U Ranch (now called Canyon Ranch). In Chicago I worked many years as a Medical Technologist in a hospital Chemistry Lab. Later I went into Real Estate and sold residential properties. Currently I work as an Office Manger in a chemistry lab where we analyze samples for Researchers and Pharmaceutical Companies.

Let's kill all the birds!

No, we are not advocating killing anything, but some of your neighbors could be responsible for the death of birds in the neighborhood because they are letting their orange cat roam freely. One of your neighbors found evidence of a bird that was killed by a cat (it was not a pretty sight). Obviously, the board is still getting complaints about the Orange Cat roaming the property, using the yards as a kitty litter box, getting into fights with resident's pets, leaving paw marks on cars, and walking on roofs at night.

The Rules of Countryside Villas says, "All pets must be on a leash when outside the unit. Pets are not allowed to roam the common areas". If you know whose cat this is please give Ruth Brown or Betty Shapiro a call or drop a note in the Villas Mailbox at 8889 N. Carolanne Dr.

Pima County Animal Control (743-7550) told me that if a stray cat is a nuisance on your property, you are allowed to trap the cat on your property and drop it off at any Animal Care Center. There is one at 4000 N. Silverbell.



Welcome our new neighbor

We have a new neighbor to introduce this month: Kimberly Fulton now resides at 4931 Doria, so "Welcome" to the Villas!

Hot, dry weather means fire danger, snakes

With the hot, dry weather comes 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 unlit cigarette thrown by a careless person into the wash, could burn up these homes, and endanger the entire neighborhood.

A response to our anonymous complainer

The Board does not normally act or react to unsigned or anonymous complaints but since someone in our community felt the need to post an unsigned notice on our mailboxes we felt it needed to be addressed. Everyone who buys a home in Countryside knows before they purchase that there are rules to be followed because they receive a copy of the CC&Rs. When you purchase your home you bind yourself, and any renters you may have, by legal contract to follow those rules.

The Board and its appointed committees have a fiduciary responsibility to enforce those rules for the benefit of our community. The Board and the committee members are homeowner's just like you who volunteer their time, and have taken a genuine interest in helping our community remain a pleasant, safe and enjoyable place to live. If any owner feels a rule is unfair, needs change, or should be eliminated the way to accomplish that and to be heard is by coming to a Board meeting and discussing your concerns.



**The next board meeting is Monday, June 20 at 7 p.m.
at the Countryside Community Facility.**

Countryside Villas HOA

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Vice President Tom Pratt – 744-7011

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