



Villas Voice



Countryside Villas Newsletter

March 2007

SPRING LANDSCAPE PLANS: Rejuvenate!

Last year the Board got opinions and suggested actions for our landscaping from the **University of Arizona Master Gardeners** and also our landscapers. The goal is to keep but **REJUVENATE** as many of our plants and bushes as possible to keep costs contained. Some plants, mostly our rosemary, will have to be removed and replaced. We identified areas that are bare and need new plants. Some new plants were planted last year and more will be planted this year.



Rejuvenation of bushes is a process where the bush is cut down to 18 inches high. Yes, this leaves tiny sticks coming out of the ground, but this also allows all new plant growth. If you look around our community many of our bushes are tall sticks with just a small amount of green on top. This occurs when bushes are trimmed for many years using a "sculpted" method. As hard as this is to believe, within just one growing season a Texas Ranger cut down for rejuvenation can grow back to 3-4 feet tall and full of green leaves and flowers. The bushes that can be successfully rejuvenated are **Texas Rangers, Oleanders, Cassia, and Hopseed**. We instituted this plan last year and will continue this year by rejuvenating 20-30 more bushes. We will also remove 6 of our older, ailing **Rosemary** bushes. These will be replaced with new plants when the time is right.

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February/March:

- All **Lantana** will be cut back and some areas will be thinned out.
- Six Rosemary bushes will be removed.

After March 15th:

- All frost damaged plants will be cut off allowing for new, healthy growth.
- Some Texas Rangers, Oleanders, and bushes will be stumped to 18" (rejuvenated).

April:

- All the previously removed Rosemary will be replaced with new plants and additional new plantings will be done from our list.

(Spring officially begins March 21st)

Time To Paint OUTDOOR LIGHT FIXTURES

During this year's annual walk-around the Board noticed most homeowners' outdoor light fixtures have faded from black to GRAY due to continual heat and sunlight exposure. So rather than citing each individual home, the Board is giving everyone notice via this newsletter to please take a look at your gate light. **If it's gray, please paint it and save us from sending you a letter.**



Annual Garage Sale - *Change in Plans:* **Private Garage Sales permitted during April 2007 only...**



Since we were unable to meet the required minimum of Organizers & Participants, the HOA's Annual Garage Sale had to be cancelled. Hopefully next year we'll have more participants. However, the Board has approved the owners/residents to hold their own private garage sales **during the month of APRIL (for THIS YEAR ONLY)**. Those who wish to hold their own private garage sales will be responsible for all organizing, sign and flyer posting, and advertising costs for their own garage sale. **If you plan to have a private sale you must contact Ruth Brown or Betty Shapiro and let us know when your sale will be.** If you wish the names of the residents who did sign up, so maybe a smaller group can have a private sale together, contact Betty Shapiro.



REMINDER: In late January we mailed everyone a **Residential Information Form** to be completed and returned to the Villas. We asked that the form be completed and returned by March 1st. Only half of the homeowners have returned their form. If you overlooked it, please complete the form and return it to the Villas. If you have misplaced the form, **please contact Ruth Brown to obtain another one.**

Welcome to the Neighborhood!

We are happy to welcome our newest neighbor to our community! **Salman Mahmood** moved in December 2006 and resides at 8882 Joanna. Welcome Salman!



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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

Countryside Villas Board Meetings are held at the **Countryside Community Center located at 9151 North Bald Eagle Avenue at 7pm on the 3rd Monday of each month:**

- **Monday, March 19th @ 7pm**
- **Monday, April 16th @ 7pm**
- **Monday, May 21st @ 7pm**

These meetings are open to all Homeowners in the Villas.

We encourage you to come and share your concerns and ideas for improving the Villas. If we all work together, we can keep the Villas a great place to live.

Happy St. Patrick's Day 