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The Villas Mailbox
4879 W. Doria Drive



BOARD MEETING NOTICE

It's that time again...

When: Monday, November 16
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Where: Countryside Community Center

AGENDA ITEMS

Please drop off your **agenda items** in the board mailbox no later than **72 hrs. prior** to the Board meeting time.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

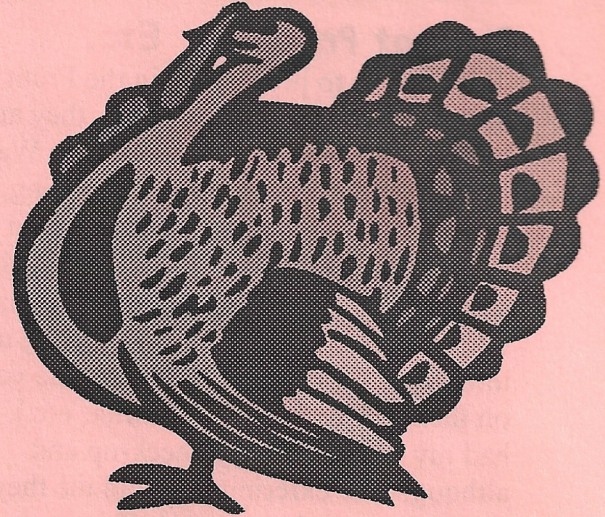
TRASH PICK-UP

Notices have been posted on the mailboxes with our new trash and recycle pick-up schedule, but here it is again:

RECYCLE PICK-UP TUESDAY
TRASH PICK-UP THURSDAY

Sorry for any inconvenience this has caused, but we were not notified of the change by Waste Management.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



LIFE SAVING MAINTENANCE

During a routine maintenance check of my heating system, the service person discovered that the heat exchange was cracked. According to the service people, carbon monoxide can leak into the house when this condition is present. A call to and visit by, Southwest Gas staff confirmed that my home did not contain carbon monoxide at that moment. I, of course, was very happy to hear that. The reason that I am sharing this with you is because I want to remind you all of the dangers of the heating season and suggest routine checks of your heating system and/or the purchase of a carbon monoxide detector.

Your neighbor,
Sharon Simpson

CORRESPONDENCE



Please direct all **correspondence** for our property management group to:

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P. O. Box 5803
Tucson, Arizona 85703
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Packrat Problems, Etc.

As this goes to press, I am in the Front Line of the War on Rats. As of now, they are holding strategy meetings in Hardy Wash after a timely retreat. I omitted telling you there is another action you might take (MUST be more appropriate) and that is to install strong mesh or down the vents into, over or down the vents on the roof (baths, washer, drier, etc.). I had my yearly furnace check-up and although one exterminator told me they COULD enter through THAT unit, my buddy-former-neighbor-friend doubted that is how they entered my home, but under certain circumstances, they could. Until something earthshaking occurs, that closes my new flash on THAT subject.



When I discovered my oaken tub-planter was termite ridden and hastily removed it from the premises, one of our neighbors called and said she had been informed vines on the wall could attract termites and so I investigated. It is true and of course, I contacted two exterminators who concurred. As you know I am sure, termites lives on dead wood, but if there is a vine climbing your wall, they can climb the vine and enter a fascia board for instance. Both of those companies said a trellis is even more of an aid as they can live in and on the trellis and then sally forth to another source which could be down to the foundation or up to a crack in the stucco with wooden framing underneath.



Another resident called and said she had three rattlesnakes and should think I they for removal. She was upset, of course, as she has little kids and a dog about whom she was concerned. I told her I have covered my drain areas installed into my wall with woven grill wire.



I also have it at the bottom of my front gate to keep out both snakes and the Colorado River Toad, which appears after heavy rains and are highly toxic to pets if not treated in time. The treatment is simple: immediately force water into the mouth of the stricken pet as the excretion from the toad swells the throat and "that's all folks"! Any questions? *Villa Hot Line 744-3839*

Ruth Bolen



Xeriscape Planting Recommendations

Flowers and Ground Covers

Achillea tomentosa -- Wolly Yarrow
Asclepias tuberosa -- Butterfly Weed
Anthemis tinctoria -- Golden Marguerite
Centaurea montana -- Mountain Bluet (perennial bachelor's button)
Cerastium tomentosum -- Snow in Summer
Coreopsis spp. -- many good cultivars to select from
Dianthus plumarius -- Border Pink, Scotch Pink, Grass Pink
Echinacea purpurea -- Purple Coneflower
Gypsophila paniculata -- Baby's Breath
Hemerocallis spp. -- Daylily
Linum perenne -- Blue Flax
Oenothera spp. -- Sundrops
Perovskia atriplicifolia -- Russian Sage
Stachys spp. -- Lamb's Ears (many cultivars to select from)

Drought tolerance is not simply a function of genetic capability. If the homeowner cannot make a commitment to keep water supplied to the plants throughout the growing season, then early season water reductions should be practiced to condition them. Have a happy fall planting season! Now is a great time to plant your bulbs.