

What's new in your neighborhood?

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The Villas Mailbox
4879 W. Doria Drive



BOARD MEETING NOTICE

It's that time again...

When: Monday, October 19
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

PARKING LOTS

Please park your cars in your garages. The parking lots are primarily for guests and permit parking only. It seems some residents are using these lots to park their vehicles on a continuing daily basis. If you have a situation that needs to be addressed, please contact your Board (drop a note in The Villas Mailbox) so it can be resolved. As of January 1, 1999, these vehicles without permits will be towed.

NOTES FROM YOUR DCC&R COMMITTEE

We made a cursory walk-thru last month and noticed a few things that need attention; i.e. nearly all common walls (outside) need paint and some repair as well as the small utility doors. If you have something hanging on those outside walls, they need to be removed. A reminder: our garage doors must be the same color as our trim.

It will behoove us all to check our home and repair, paint or replace anything not up to standards. Perhaps we need to review our DCC&Rs and Rules and Regulations to refresh our memories of Standards.

We want to THANK everyone for their efforts to keep GARAGE DOORS closed and parking off our streets along with legally following regulations on who can park in hammerheads.

If you are having a problem fitting a "dusk to dawn" light sensor in your gate light, please call your DCC&R Committee (579-7239). These are quite inexpensive and easy to install. It makes quite a difference in the softness, attractiveness and security of our community.

We will be making our official walk-around after the first of the year and sincerely hope it will be unnecessary to write to or fine any of our neighbors.

Thank you. DCC&R Committee

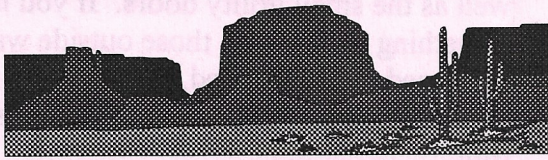
CORRESPONDENCE



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

Ruth C. Brown
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P. O. Box 5803
Tucson, Arizona 85703
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LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE UPDATE



If you feel your area needs immediate attention or you have a concern, please give me a call at 579-0500. ***Please do not discuss the situation with the landscapers.*** I will take care of it for you. Thank you for your cooperation.

IMPORTANT: We have been advised that we **MUST** keep the area around our water meters clear of foliage for easy reading access. Please check your water meters as soon as possible and make sure they are clear. ***Jack Brown***



Packrat Problems?

....hmmmm, now where were we? Ah, yes, *pack rats* and what to do if you have one or some. Well,

first, get rid of it or them and have more than one plan of attack in case it does not work. Secondly, show no mercy because they will freeze and look at you beseechingly and if you hesitate, you are a

goner as they rely on the American sense of fair play. These are your choices:

1. Buy a rat trap (I did. Got **one cutie** two years ago and the living ones went on to establish a **dynasty**.)
2. Remove all Pricklypear within your jurisdiction, under which they like to burrow and establish their nests.
3. Sanitize the nest area to remove the scent, which could lure them back later.
4. Pray.
5. Call a professional exterminator who will leave bait boxes where there is the most activity. After the bait is no longer eaten, they will remove the cacti (hauling it away to a dump on the east side of Tucson) after which they will return on a monthly basis to reset the traps. By law, these must be tamperproof so that children and pets cannot get into them.

If the rats get into the engine of the car (as they did during the night in my garage-carport), they are mesmerized by both the plastic wrap on the wiring and the shiny wires themselves. You can buy a product sold in many stores (*like Grannick's Bitter Apple or Pet Botanics Bitter End*) used to repel pets from chewing and spray that onto the wiring.

The Arizona Daily Star featured an article about controlling packrat activity in human surplus (there were actually two), one of which is hair which the packrat does not like. When I used the hair clippings, all it did, I THINK, was deter a rattlesnake, but that was a plus! I used some of that under the hood also. Any questions? ***Villa Hot Line 744-3839. Ruth Bolen***

HOW IS YOUR \$33 SPENT?

Every homeowner pays Monthly Association Dues to Countryside Villas. I