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Urgent! Sunridge needs volunteers for the Neighborhood Watch program.

Neighborhood Watch Needs Volunteers ASAP

Recently Officer Steven Snyder with the Oro Valley Police Department reached out to let us know the Sunridge Estates Neighborhood Watch (NW) designation was in danger of being revoked due to non-participation. **We need someone to step into the leadership position and also need at least four volunteers to help support the neighborhood program.**

NW is a neighbor-driven program that allows neighbors to get to know each other and be proactive in the fight against crime. Organizationally, there is one area leader/coordinator who is in charge for Sunridge Estates. The coordinator will need to have at least four block captains. In all, the **OVPD needs to see that we have at least five homes in the neighborhood actively participating in the program.**

The NW would use an email list of residents to share information about an emergency or suspicious activity. Also, the NW leader could use the HOA newsletter, website,

and NextDoor Group to share any news or information.

The NW group is required to have at least one meeting per year (it could be in conjunction with our annual HOA meeting) to keep the NW active. More information is available on this [site](#).

Officer Snyder has also re-started the OVPD Crime Fighter Newsletter, which includes crime prevention tips, crime trends, and upcoming events. Click [here](#) to see the July issue and to sign up to receive the newsletter via email.

If you would like to lead or support the NW for our community, please let [Suzanne Kinkel](#) know ASAP. Please consider stepping up to serve your neighbors and help keep Sunridge Estates safe. We need to have at least the leader designated by the end of August or OVPD will withdraw Sunridge from the program and will remove the NW signs from the neighborhood.



Mark Gilkes Joins the Sunridge Estates HOA Board

Thank you to Mark Gilkes for volunteering to fill the vacancy on the HOA Board. Mark moved to Sunridge Estates almost a year ago and lives on Piping Rock Road. Volunteers are what helps keep our HOA fees low. Thank you to everyone who has served on the HOA in years past. If you haven't served, please consider stepping up to the plate and helping your neighbors and community by volunteering either on the HOA or in some other leadership capacity (see opportunity below).



Riley Cates relaxing in his home that he generously shares with Helen and George Cates.

The Life of Riley

If Riley were to tell this story, it would be in a baritone voice with a few ruffled purrs thrown in. He would tell you how he rules the roost in the family and how his humans, George and Helen, cater to his every whim. Riley is a very large (15 pound) orange tabby cat.

Helen and George have had many cats in their 60-year marriage; however, Riley does stand out. He was seven months old when they adopted him, and he just celebrated his fourth birthday. George and Helen like cats as they all have 'a personality.' And Riley has plenty of personality.

While they don't have to take him for walks, Riley does like the outdoors and lets one of the humans know when he is ready for some outdoor time. He is smart enough to

know whether Helen says Front or Back door and will wait by it. He loves to prowl on the back patio, always under the watchful eyes of his parents. But he is also happy to hang out in the front courtyard.

Riley likes to play but as with everything else, on his terms. If he is ready to play, he will bring out one of his toys and make sure George or Helen notices. He loves to have the toy waved in front of him as he tries to grab it. Unlike a dog that will do anything for treats, Riley will turn up his nose to those, preferring to bring out the envelope of catnip on his own.

But he does love George and Helen; he likes to cuddle (especially with Helen). Just don't pick him up and try to put him on your lap. He will let you know when he is ready for a little love. Love him the Cates do, noting that he is good cat. Says George, "Most times, he loves to play Bad Cat doing things he is not supposed to do, but only if Helen or I are watching. It's just a little warning for us to treat him right." Ahhh... the life of Riley. -- Written by: Michael Theis



Sunridge Welcomes New Residents

A warm welcome to Jeffrey Parker who recently moved into 12456 N. Piping Rock Road.



Michael and Nikki Theis take time out from their whirlwind RV trip to pose with a friend in Park City, UT.

Roving Sunridge Reporter Michael Theis Spotted in Utah!

This newsletter would not be possible without Michael Theis' excellent writing. Michael writes most of the stories for the newsletter and does a fantastic job. We are so grateful for his volunteer reporting for our community!

Recently, Michael and his dog Nikki went on a month-long RV trip to Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Montana and Utah. They stopped by to see Ruth and Steve Pollyea at their summer home in Park City, UT. The Pollyeas, who live across from Michael on Sedona Ridge, were kind enough to send us a fun pic of Michael and Nikki on the Main Street in Park City.

Thank you, Michael, for all you do for Sunridge Estates! We really appreciate your researching and writing for the newsletter! And thank you Ruth and Steve for sending us such a great photo!



The new plantings in front of the monuments and in the cul-de-sacs are a nice update to our neighborhood. Thank you to Board Member Shari Colson for spearheading the effort!

New Plantings Look Great!

Southwest Grounds refreshed the cul-de-sacs and the two monument entrances in our neighborhood with lighting and some new landscaping last month. The company will maintain the areas; residents who volunteered to do so will water the Texas Ranger plant(s) in Silver Eagle's cul-de-sac until the plants get established. Updated, well-maintained landscaping helps increase property values throughout the Sunridge Estates.

To see the landscaping plan as it was proposed and agreed to, please visit the [HOA website](#). If you have questions or concerns about the plantings, please reach out to [Suzanne Kinkel](#).

Sunridge Estates HOA Board

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