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Cheshire Curve will have speed bumps installed

Neighbors, Board work together to make dangerous road safer

Traffic speed within Parkwood Ranch has been a concern for quite a while. In fact, we have had a number of crashes along Cheshire and Farmdale in recent months.

A couple of neighbors who live near the sharp curve on Cheshire started a grass roots petition and media blitz in the hopes that the City of Mesa would finally take notice and add speed control in our neighborhood. It worked! In fact, Mesa Transportation department representatives were on hand to discuss the matter at our November Board of Directors Meeting.

The result is a number of changes that will be taking place in Parkwood Ranch over the next few weeks. Cheshire and Farmdale will be striped to visually reduce the width of the road. This adds a bit of visual cushion on either side of the street, making it more likely that drivers will slow down. At the curve, additional striping will be added and speed cushions will be placed on both sides of the curve, making sure speed is reduced to the recommended 10 m.p.h.

We will also be evaluating Coralbell for possible striping and adding a "no parking area" in front of the Sunrise neighborhood.

Of course, the real responsibility for slowing down and driving safely rests squarely on us residents. 25 miles per hour is the maximum speed allowed anywhere in our neighborhood. Of course the school zone and curve on Cheshire are two areas where a much slower speed is required.

Please, slow down and be careful when driving in our neighborhood. Let's make 2008 an accident free year.



Around the Ranch . . .

Register by Dec. 12th for the Tour de Parkwood Ranch Festival of Light!

There's still time to register your home for the Tour de Parkwood Ranch Festival of Light, held this year on Dec. 15th.

Call Roberta Cullen at 480-529-7834 by Dec. 12th to get your home placed on the tour. The event showcases holiday light displays within Parkwood Ranch and allows neighbors to vote for "Best in Show." Pick up ballots and hot chocolate at the basketball courts on Farmdale and cruise the neighborhood to vote for your favorite holiday display. Festivities begin at 5:30pm. We hope to see you there!

Sign up for free email updates!

The Parkwood Ranch HOA Board wants to keep you informed of community happenings on a timely basis by sending out monthly email newsletters.



This free service is available by sending your email address to newsletter@parkwoodhoa.com. Be sure to put monthly email newsletter in the topic heading.

President's Message

Thumbs Up or Thumbs Down?

By Greg Wolfe

As we end another year I would like to offer my review on a number of issues in Parkwood Ranch.

THUMBS UP to residents Erik Christensen and Ryan Phelps who through their work with residents, media, and the Board of Directors have made progress in their efforts to slow traffic along Cheshire. The City of Mesa will be taking steps in the next month to slow traffic, especially around the Cheshire curve. Now it's up to the rest of us to make sure we don't speed anywhere in Parkwood Ranch.



Association Board News

The Parkwood Ranch Association Board is looking for new members for the Architectural Review Committee. ARC members must live within Parkwood Ranch and be current with their assessments. If you are interested, please contact Renaissance Community Partners at 480-813-6788.

All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held in the Media Center at Patterson Elementary School, 615 S. Cheshire, Mesa.

December, 2007 – No Meeting

January 28, 2008

Arch. Review Committee Mtg. - 6:30-7 p.m.

Board Meeting/General Session - 7:30 p.m.

February 25, 2008

Arch. Review Committee Mtg. - 6:30-7 p.m.

Board Meeting/General Session - 7:30 p.m.

March 24, 2008

Arch. Review Committee Mtg. - 6:30-7 p.m.

Board Meeting/General Session - 7:30 p.m.

THUMBS UP to the residents who come out and support our Parkwood Ranch activities. We had hundreds of people come to our annual Fall Festival in October. It's a great time to get to know your neighbors, play some games, and have a good time. You have another chance on Saturday, December 15 when we present our annual Tour de Parkwood and holiday lighting contest. Come by Farmdale Park between 5:30 and 7:30 pm, get a map of homes in Parkwood all decked out of the season, and take the tour. Then bring your ballot back to the start and have some hot chocolate and roast a marshmallow. I hope to see a great turnout this year. Board member Roberta Cullen is the one who organizes these great events. Please thank her when you see her.

THUMBS DOWN to the people who have been repeatedly "tagging" Parkwood Ranch along the common walls and utility boxes. This not only looks bad, but costs the Association a great deal of money in the clean up. We work very closely with the Mesa Police Department to identify taggers and will hold them, or their parents, financially responsible for the vandalism. If you notice "tagging" on any common property, please call Renaissance Community Partners so that they can get it removed as soon as possible.

THUMBS DOWN to homeowners who don't pay their assessments on time. A number of accounts are behind and it creates a very large budget problem for the association. We budget very carefully so that we can keep the parks, playgrounds, landscaping, and walls maintained to the highest level. If we don't

get payments from all of our 1402 homeowners then the entire neighborhood suffers. If, for some reason, you are unable to pay the full amount of assessments, please call Renaissance Community Partners to make arrangements. We are more than happy to work with homeowners who are experiencing temporary problems.

THUMBS DOWN to people who don't pick up after their animals. We love to have everyone and their pets out enjoying Parkwood Ranch common areas, but please make sure you bring a plastic bag to discard animal waste. It's an ongoing problem in our neighborhood that isn't that difficult to avoid. Have fun with your pets, but please pick up after them.

THUMBS UP to everyone who has helped make Parkwood Ranch a better place to live. Bev, Melody, Phyllis, Jim, Vince, Heather, Charlie, and Roberta are hard working board members who only have one thing in mind, how to improve our neighborhood. There have also been a number of people the past year who have helped with committees, attended meetings, or just offered input. All of these people have helped our community. Let's hope even more of you are willing to participate next year.

As always, I am open to your review of Parkwood Ranch. Please send me your ideas, thoughts, suggestions, comments, complaints, commendations, or anything else to gwolfe3@cox.net.

Thanks for making Parkwood Ranch the premiere community in Mesa. Have a joyous holiday season and all the best to you and your family in 2008.

City of Mesa Calendar of Events

Sat., Jan. 19, 2008

9am - Noon

Mesa Fit City Challenge 5K Fun Run/Walk

Red Mountain Park

Participants are invited to run, walk, push a stroller, etc., as much of the 5K they feel comfortable doing.

9:00 am Fitness Fair

9:45 am Remarks and program kick-off

10:00 am Fun Run/Walk begins

Families are invited to bring a picnic lunch and stay to enjoy a beautiful day at the park.

Sat., Feb. 2, 2008

8am- Noon

Household hazardous waste disposal

East Mesa Service Center

6935 E. Decatur St.

Saturday, Feb. 23

9am - 5pm

Main Library

64 E. First St.

Your Library – Celebrating More Than a Century of Service!

Join us for this free event for the whole family as we go back in time to celebrate your library.

The library will be open during this event. Visit the library web-

site at www.mesalibrary.org for more information.

- Professional Storyteller Don Doyle
- Great Arizona Puppet Theatre
- Maricopa Native American dancers
- Arts demonstrations and Turn-of-the-century Crafts
- Music: 2 Under Par Barbershop Quartet, Mariachi Viva, Holy Trinity AME Gospel Choir, Ragtime, and more
- Rope Tricks from Chuck Baker
- Magician Michael Fisher
- James Reid – Juggler Extraordinaire
- Preschool entertainment
- Stagework's "Off The Cuff" - Mesa's own Comedy Improv Troupe
- A Vintage Fire Engine from the Mesa Fire Department
- Displays
- Free lemonade and popcorn, food available for purchase
- 1/2 price books at the Corner Book Store (inside library)



Recycle your Christmas Tree

The City of Mesa offers its residents a variety of environmentally friendly ways to dispose of their Christmas trees after the holiday season. Collected trees are taken to the Salt River Landfill and chipped into nutrient rich mulch. Benefits from recycling these trees include extending the life of our landfills and reusing our natural and limited resources.



2007/2008 Drop-Off Collection Sites

The following 24-hour drop-off sites will be available free of charge Dec. 26-Jan. 13:

- * East Mesa Service Center, 6935 E. Decatur
- * Solid Waste Management Department, 730 N. Mesa Drive
- * Superstition Springs Police/Fire Station, 2430 S. Ellsworth
- * Mountain View Park, 845 N. Lindsay (replaces Central Christian Church location)
- * Dobson Ranch Park, 2363 S. Dobson (replaces St. Timothy's Church location)



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Crime Watch

Important Phone Numbers

Silent Witness 1-800-343-TIPS
Narcotics Hotline 644-5081
Graffiti Hotline 644-3083
Gang Hotline 644-4264
Fraud Alert Hotline 644-2345



“Jim Henson’s Fantastic World” on display at the Arizona Museum for Youth

“Jim Henson’s Fantastic World” will open at the Arizona Museum for Youth (AMY) in downtown Mesa, Ariz. Dec. 15, 2007. It will remain on view through March 9, 2008, and will then continue on a 12-venue national tour through 2011. AMY is the only museum in the Southwest—and only the second in the nation—to host this unique exhibit that documents Henson’s remarkable process of visual thinking.

“We are truly honored to have been chosen as one of only a few venues in the nation to host this exhibit, as it ties directly with our mission of presenting accessible, innovative and interactive art museum experiences to children and families,” said Sunnee Spencer, executive director of the Arizona Museum for Youth. “We hope that Henson’s work will inspire children to become future artists.”

The exhibition features 100

original artworks, including drawings, cartoons and storyboards that illustrate Henson’s talent as a storyteller and visionary. Among the variety of exhibition objects are puppets and television and movie props, photographs of Henson and his collaborators at work and original video productions, including excerpts from Henson’s early career and experimental films. Tickets for the exhibition are \$7, which includes admission to the museum.

The Arizona Museum for Youth is located at 35 n. Robson in downtown Mesa. For more information, call 480.644.2467 or visit www.arizonamuseumforyouth.com.

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- Mesa Fire Community Services #
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