



The Parkwood Ranch Round Up

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Annual Meeting set for April 20 at Patterson Elementary

Got a gripe? Want to voice your opinion or suggest changes to make your neighborhood a better place to live? Let your thoughts be known by attending the Parkwood Ranch Community Master Association Annual Meeting April 20 at Patterson Elementary School, 615 S. Cheshire.

The meeting will be held in the school gymnasium. Registration starts at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. Nominations for the Board of Directors will be solicited during the meeting, as well as the election of new board members. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact Renaissance Community Partners at 480-813-6788, or offer your nomination at the meeting when nominations are called.

If you are unable to attend this meeting in person, please complete the ballot included with this newsletter and mail it to the Association address.

In accordance to Parkwood Ranch Master Association By-Laws, in order to vote at the annual meeting, you must be current in payment of your assessments.



Parkwood Ranch Easter Egg Hunt and Magic Show Sat. April 15 at 10:30am

Bring your basket and your kids and enjoy some Arizona sunshine at the Parkwood Ranch Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15. The fun starts at 10:30 a.m. After the hunt, stick around for a free magic show.

The event will be held at Farmdale Park, in the greenbelt area. If you would like to participate, please fill 48 plastic eggs with candy or small toys by Friday, April 14. Call Parkwood Ranch Events Chair Roberta Cullen at 480-529-7834 to arrange a pick-up/drop-off time, or email her at RobertaC@kw.com. Volunteers are needed to set up the egg hunt- please call Roberta if you can help. If you own a business and would like to donate eggs, contact Roberta to arrange for a pick up.

Dead or alive: Weeds still need to be removed

The late winter storms that dumped snow on the nearby Superstition Mountains also dumped rain in your yard. Combine that with warm Spring weather, and you may have noticed some weeds popping up – all over.

Yes, you are a good citizen who

doesn't want to find a lovely yellow sticky note on your door, so you've sprayed those pesky plants and they are now dead. However, if they are still in your yard, dead or not, they need to be removed in order to avoid the yellow sticky-syndrome and subsequent fine notice.

Happy weed pulling!

President's Report

Keeping community a safe place to live is everyone's responsibility

By Beverly Blackburn

Over the past few months, several issues have come to my attention that raise a level of concern. The first of which would be the level of speeding witnessed throughout the community. Although there seems to be several 'hot' spots for speeding, such as the three main thoroughfares: Farmdale, Coralbell and parts of Cheshire, other smaller streets such as El Moro, Dolphin, Canfield, and Wildrose also see high volumes of excessive speed where children play. Many of the 'offenders' are young, inexperienced drivers (yes, I'm talking about our teenagers), who use these neighborhood streets as drag strips, disregarding the danger to

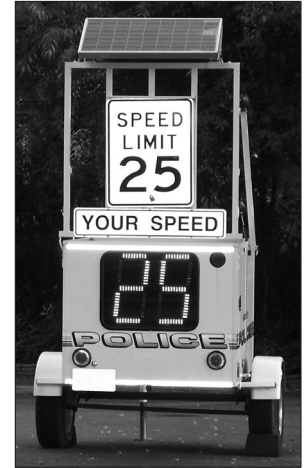
others and themselves. It is our responsibility as parents and adults to set the example, by not speeding, and talk to them about the consequences of their actions.

Speaking of speeding issues on the three main thoroughfares in our community, members of the board have called numerous city and police officials and have discussed, at length, the accidents and speeding problems we have experienced on the Cheshire curve. Because all three of these roads are designated fire routes, and are under the control of the fire department, there will be no further changes, improvements, or signage added. Speed humps and other deterrents will not be allowed. However, due to conversations with the Mesa PD, you may have noticed a few more motorcycle officers in our neighborhood handing out tickets.

Other options to help decrease the amount of speeding in our com-

munity include private citizens borrowing radar equipment from the police department and spending time monitoring speeds in different

hot spots. Plate numbers of speeders are recorded, given to the police department upon return of the equipment, and notices are sent from the PD to the car owner about the recorded speed. Another option is the speed trailer, which is set up in a particular location in the community, and everyone's speed is monitored and displayed. Any homeowner or



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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.

April 20, 2006 Annual Meeting

Patterson Elementary Gymnasium

Check-in begins - 6:30 p.m.

Meeting begins - 7 p.m.

May 22, 2006

Arch. Review Committee Mtg. - 6 p.m.

Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

June 26, 2006

Arch. Review Committee Mtg. - 6 p.m.

Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

By Charlie Stock

Treasurer

Chair, Finance Committee

We continue to be in great financial shape. Our financial outlook for the balance of the year is excellent.

Our cash balance as of Jan. 31 is almost \$60,000 and our reserve account was at \$305,500. All of our bills are being paid on time.

We had taxable interest earnings of more than \$8,000 last year, plus nearly \$3,000 in accrued interest that will be paid to us as the various securities the Association has invested in mature. Again, just a reminder, the Association only invests in AAA-rated securities - the safest investments we can make.

We are exploring various upgrades to our community, including replacing some of the less-attractive builder-supplied shrubs, painting fences as necessary, and adding gravel to some areas where there is a need.

We also have made improvements in the off-duty patrolmen that work in our community. As a result of their presence, graffiti is almost nil. We did not spend any funds last year to paint over any graffiti.

The board of directors for your homeowners association continues to provide a well-maintained community for all of us to live in.

Again, if you have any questions, I can be reached at user894291@aol.com.

Good neighbors create strong neighborhoods

By *Debbie Driscol*
Neighborhood Coordinator
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I learned very young in life that anything worthwhile takes time. This meant all the advertisements that promised instant results were not telling the truth. There is no pill that can make you lose weight instantly. It takes changing your behavior, watching what you eat, and exercising. If you want to keep the weight off, you must continue doing these things on a regular basis.

It's no different with relationships. To keep a relationship going, you must invest energy and spend time with the people you want to have a relationship with. If you want to get to know your neighbors, you need to spend time with them. The really neat thing is that on many occasions, you can spend time with your family and your neighbors at the same time.

Why be in a relationship with your neighbors? After all, they are different than you – and you're not

sure you want to get to know them well. But neighbors are the people that keep an eye on your home and property when you're not there. They are the people that have an impact on every day of your life and the lives of your family members living in your home. You can improve the quality of your life every day, just by getting to know your neighbors. It doesn't have to be anything formal. You can stand in your front yard and talk. You can walk your dogs together. You can give your neighbor a hand or a cold drink as they work in their yard.

Good things don't have to be complicated. In fact, most good things in life are the simple things! Make a point to meet a few of your neighbors over the next week or two. Just go over, knock on the door, and start a conversation. If they




Neighbors in the Providence subdivision hold a block party barbecue to meet each other.

aren't home or if they're busy, go back in a day or two. It will make a big difference in your neighborhood that you call home.

Without having a relationship with your neighbors, you live in a house in a city. Getting involved with your neighbors makes your house a home in the community. The kind of neighborhood you want is up to you to develop. Choices are easy, but action takes time and commitment.

<p>Cute.</p> 	<p>Not cute.</p> 
<p>Please scoop if your dog poops!</p>	



TAKE A BITE OUT OF
CRIME

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

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resident of Parkwood can contact the Mesa PD to participate in these programs.

With the onset of lovely weather, another concern is brought to attention. Many residents spend time walking and playing with their dogs along the sidewalks and in the common areas. While some dog owners clean up after their pets, many more do not. Everyone knows the frustration of smelling, or worse, stepping in animal feces. If you take your dog out, it is your responsibility to bring plastic bags, or some other means by which you can remove and dispose of your dog's feces. Be considerate of others who also use these areas. They are there for all of us to enjoy, without the odor and the mess.

Another problem that the warm

weather brings to our community is an increase in crime. Although the HOA hires off duty police officers for security, they cannot be here every moment of every day. It is our duty as homeowners and neighbors to watch for suspicious activity around our community. If you are the victim of a crime: vandalism, auto break-in, burglary, etc., **BE SURE TO REPORT IT!** It does no one any good if the crime is not reported, no matter how small you may think it is. If you witness suspicious activity during the day when your neighbor is at work or on vacation, REPORT IT. You may save your neighbor's valuables and peace of mind.

The HOA board welcomes all to our Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 20th. We invite you to meet the

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Parkwood Ranch Community Calendar of Events

- ▶ April 15 – Easter Egg Hunt and Magic Show 10:30 am
- ▶ April 22 – Community Garage Sale
- ▶ May 6 – Mother's Day Picnic in the Park 6:30 pm
- ▶ June 10 – Father's Day Basketball game
Father/son - teams sign up to play 3 on 3 in the park
- ▶ June 17 – Movie in the Park Night 8:00 pm
- ▶ July 8 – In honor of Independence Day family picnic followed by a movie in the park 7:00pm
- ▶ July – TBD Bowling Tournament
- ▶ August 12 – Water Day with relay races, balloon toss and lots of fun before school starts
- ▶ Sept. 16 – Garage Sale
- ▶ October – GAIN night
- ▶ December 16 – Tour de Parkwood Ranch Festival of Lights