

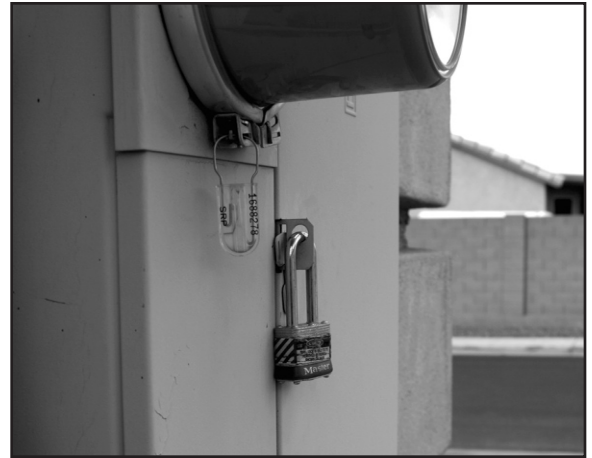
Teen pranksters and burglaries cause for concern for Parkwood residents

Has your electricity gone out in the past few weeks for no reason? If so, you're not alone. Parkwood Ranch has been experiencing a rash of power outages caused by a group of teens opening electrical boxes at numerous residences and shutting off power to the home. This is not only inconvenient, but dangerous as well, especially for those with a medical condition who rely on breathing and monitoring equipment. Some residents have taken to locking their electrical boxes due to this escalating problem.

Parents, be aware of where your children are, as you are ultimately

responsible for their well-being. The small group pulling these pranks were on foot and using a smaller child as a lookout. If you should see any suspicious activity, please call the Mesa Police Department at 480-644-2211.

Several vehicle burglaries also have been reported in Parkwood Ranch, resulting in thousands of dollars in damages to the vehicles involved. An open-garage residential burglary also occurred. These crimes are taking place during the week around the same time - approximately 3-5am.



The suspects in these break-ins are described as an 18-year-old white male and an 18-year-old black male. They were driving a two-toned mid 90's box-style Suburban. Please remember to lock your vehicle, close your garage door, and report any suspicious activity to the Mesa Police Department.

Tips to keep children and pets safe from coyotes

Coyotes have been reported roaming Parkwood Ranch and several have approached small dogs and cats in search of a meal. The Arizona Game & Fish Department offers the following tips to help keep your children and pets safe.

If a Coyote Approaches You . . .

Remember, the human is dominant and must act that way. Here are some things to remember:

- Never approach a coyote.
- Show you are dominant by keeping eye contact with the animal.
- Yell or make loud noises with whistles, blaring music, or pots and pans.
- Encourage coyotes to leave by spraying with a hose, throwing sticks or rocks near them, or shaking a can filled with pennies or pebbles.
- Don't stimulate a coyote's chase instinct by running.
- Pick up small pets.
- Protect small children so they won't panic and run.

Also, to scare a coyote away, you should act as large and threatening as possible. Make aggressive gestures



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President's Message

Volunteer your time to make Parkwood a better community

Now is a great time to get involved with your neighborhood. One of the greatest advantages of owning property in a homeowner's association is the opportunity to have a direct affect on what happens in your neighborhood and how it is managed.

There are several ways to be involved in Parkwood Ranch. The biggest of course is to run for a seat on the Board of Directors. The Board is made up of volunteers who donate their time to serve their community. The seven property owners who make up the Board are the go-to group of people on all matters in Parkwood Ranch. The Board sets

policies, approves contracts, writes rules, and manages the budget.

This April, there will be two positions available on the Board. If you are interested in running for election, please look for the nomination form coming to your mailbox very soon. Or you can get a head start by contacting Renaissance Community Partners and tell them you wish to run for the Parkwood Ranch Master Association Board of Directors.

We have a few committees that are always looking for people to help. I would like to thank Ron and Muzette Waters and Wade Klein for stepping forward and joining the Architectural Review Committee. We now have five members who meet monthly to review ARC submittals and help keep our neighborhood looking great. Of course we can use help with other things, like the landscaping committee or the social activities committee. They don't take very much time, but certainly have an impact on the quality of life in Parkwood Ranch.

How about a neighborhood watch? Every street can use someone to step forward and help organize a system where neighbors look out for each other. We can help you coordinate with Mesa Police to get things set up. A strong neighborhood watch program is one of the most effective ways to reduce crime in our area.

Now you're saying to yourself that you don't have the time for any of that. Do you have an hour a month? If so, then we want to see you at the monthly meetings of the Board of Directors. We meet the fourth Monday of each month in the Media Center at Patterson School. The meetings begin at 7:30pm and we will

make sure to get you home by 9pm. Come and give us your input so that we can make sure that Parkwood Ranch is YOUR neighborhood.

Finally, remember that I am always interested in your comments and questions. If meetings aren't your thing, then simply send me an e-mail. I'll do my best to answer your question, or bring your concerns to the Board of Directors. My address is gwolfe3@cox.net. I look forward to hearing from you. Make sure you check out the rest of the newsletter for information about some great special events we have coming up – hey, another excellent opportunity to get involved!



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 27, 2009

Arch. Review Committee Mtg. - 6:30-7 p.m.
Board Meeting/General Session - 7:30 p.m.

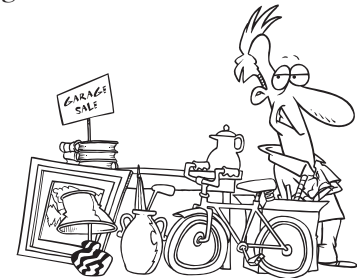
May 18, 2009

Arch. Review Committee Mtg. - 6:30-7 p.m.
Board Meeting/General Session - 7:30 p.m.

June 22, 2009

Renaissance Community Partners

Arch. Review Committee Mtg. - 6:30-7 p.m.
Board Meeting/General Session - 7:30 p.m.



Community Garage Sale, Easter Egg Hunt upcoming events

Parkwood Ranch HOA is hosting a community garage sale on March 28, 2009. This year, residents are invited to bring their sale items to Patterson Elementary School. There are 45 spaces available, so call Roberta Cullen at 480-529-7834 to reserve your spot today!

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Farmdale Park at 10:30 am on April 11. To participate, please drop off to Roberta Cullen 3 dozen plastic eggs filled with non-chocolate candy or toys. You can reach Roberta at the number above, or by email at rcullen22@cox.net.

(Still) Got Weeds?

Sign up for pre-emergent spray by April 20

The Renaissance Community Coalition, a group of Renaissance clients, is ramping up its spring application of pre-emergent weed killer. Homeowners wishing to participate in the program need to sign up and pay by April 20. The cost for front yard application is \$30 for coalition homeowners. If you have no pets and your back yard is accessible, for \$45 the technicians can spray the rocks areas in both your front and back yards. To participate in the program, fill out an online application, found at www.rcoalition.com before the deadline, send in your payment in advance, and when your community is sprayed, the chemicals will be applied to your yard.

Pre-emergent is a mixture of chemicals sprayed on your rock areas to help prevent weeds from growing in your those areas. Applying pre-emergent twice yearly can make weed control almost effortless.

If you are have weeds in driveways, ornamental landscape plantings, orchards and gardens, or other areas, now is the time to plan for weed control. Post-emergent herbicides are an effective tool to control large weed populations or deep-rooted perennial weeds. However, if you have had many weed seedlings in past summers, then you may want to consider an application of pre-emergent herbicide.

Pre-emergent herbicides are only effective when applied before weeds germinate on soil that has been recently cultivated, irrigated, and allowed to settle. Pre-emergent herbicides kill germinating seedlings of both annual and perennial weeds. Once applied, they are incorporated by rainfall or irrigation and are effective for about six months. Pre-emergent herbicides work well in ornamental landscapes and other areas where weeds tend to flourish.

If you have any questions, please contact Renaissance Community Partners at 480-813-6788.

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with your arms and legs, or by waving an object at the animal. Move toward an area with other people or a building.

Child Safety Tips

Small children can be at risk from coyotes. However, in Arizona, it is rare for a coyote to bite any human. In Maricopa County, eight coyote bites were reported between 1994 and 2004, and all of them were attributed to human feeding. Supervise children under 5 years old wherever wildlife may be a concern, especially near a source of water like a pool, around streets that coyotes can use as travel corridors, and with domestic dogs that could attract or fight with coyotes.

Keeping Your Pet Safe

Pets most likely to be endangered by coyotes are typically off-leash or smaller than 25 pounds. Coyotes have taken cats and small dogs in the vicinity of their owners and occasionally right off the leash.



Coyotes have also been reported to attack larger dogs when the coyotes are in groups, or after one or two have lured a dog away from its owner. Here are suggestions for keeping your dog or cat safe:

- Supervise small pets at all times when outside.
- Allow pets off-leash only in enclosed areas. If your dog is off-leash, be sure it has immediate recall response to prevent conflicts with coyotes and other wildlife.
- Take steps to keep coyotes out of

your yard (see tips at right).

- If you see a coyote when walking your dog, then let the coyote know you are there. Either gather your dog in your arms or keep it as close to you as possible, while also using some of the deterrents described above. Move toward an area of human activity.
- Keep cats indoors or in a secure outdoor enclosure to protect them from coyotes, other wildlife (owls, hawks, etc.) and also from cars, domestic dogs and disease.

For more information on living with urban wildlife, see the Arizona Game and Fish Department's *Living with Wildlife* web pages at azgfd.gov/urbanwildlife or call the Department at:

Phoenix (602) 942-3000
 Flagstaff (928) 774-5045
 Pinetop (928) 367-4281
 Kingman (928) 692-7700
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 Mesa (480) 981-9400
 Yuma (928) 342-0091

New retail stores open at Signal Butte & Southern

Several new businesses have opened up near Parkwood Ranch, including Hobby Lobby, Dollar Tree, TCF Bank, and a children’s resale store, Butterflies & Bullfrogs.

Jack and Linda Grant are owners of Butterflies and Bullfrogs, and they are happy to be a part of the Parkwood Ranch neighborhood. The store specializes in high-quality gently-used (and some new!) children’s clothing from makers such as Baby Gap, Ralph Lauren, Gymboree, Sketchers and much more.

Sizes range from newborn to 16, including some preemie items. Strollers, high chairs, shopping cart covers, shoes, books and videos can also be found at Butterflies & Bullfrogs, as well as maternity clothes. Linda Grant says opening the store is one way she and husband Jack are helping families looking for value and quality children’s items.

“If we can help someone by offering them quality clothes for a fraction of the price, then we’re a success,” Linda says. “Our clothes are not garage-sale clothes. I’m not willing to put things out with stains and broken zippers. I think people will be amazed by the quality of clothing we have here.”

The store is now looking for new or gently used items, taken in trade for store credit. In addition to clothes, Linda also is interested in shoes, bedding and accessories. The store



is child-friendly, with enough space among the racks for a stroller to fit through. The family-friendly attitude carries over from Jack and Linda’s five girls, all of whom have had a hand in the opening of the store.

“Our girls all have helped out in some way to get the store open,” Linda says. “We would love to some day open more locations, and have them run those. Our kids, and kids in general, are part of everything we do. They are just the most amazing people. We’ve learned far more from them than we could ever teach them.”

Butterflies & Bullfrogs is open 9-6pm Mon-Fri and 10-6pm Sat. It is located next to the Dollar Tree.

Parkwood Ranch Annual Meeting April 27

The Parkwood Ranch HOA Annual Meeting is scheduled for 7pm April 27 at Patterson Elementary School. Look for nominating ballots for Board positions in your mailbox soon. This year, residents will be able to vote online, as well as in-person during the meeting. Make a difference in your community and run for a Board position!

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- Mesa Police Non-Emergency #
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- Mesa Animal Control
..... 644-2268
- Mesa Fire Community Services #
..... 644-2200
- City of Mesa 644-2011

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