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Rain deluges Parkwood Ranch

Several winter storms brought wind damage and filled retention basins with water. To report storm damage to association landscaping, please call Renaissance Community Partners at 480-813-6788.

Parkwood Ranch Annual Meeting set for April 26, 2010

The Parkwood Ranch Community Master Association Annual Meeting will be held April 26, 2010, at Patterson Elementary School, 615 S. Cheshire. The meeting begins at 7:30pm.

There are three positions up for election to three-year terms. Nomination ballots for these positions will be mailed to residents in the next few weeks. If you would like to become involved in the way

your community is managed, consider running for a board position. Those residents wishing to run must be current on their quarterly assessments and be members of the master association.

An issue for the community to decide is whether to turn several turf areas into xeriscape. This move would save the association thousands of dollars while maintaining a valuable asset. A list of the areas the Board is considering will be included in the annual meeting announcement. To voice your support or concerns about the proposed areas, be sure to attend the meeting on April 26.

Clarification on painting of side walls

The last newsletter it was said *"Wall painting should be completed by March 31 to avoid incurring CCR fines"*. This was meant for homes with corner lots or lots with a sidewall running parallel with the street. If it applies to your lot, you will be alerted and given ample time to paint the wall.

Here are the prices quoted by the painter:

- \$95 - Corner lot or houses that have at least one exterior wall of their backyard that hasn't been painted by the HOA.
- \$50 - All other houses.

Painting quotes are for street facing side of walls only and include the

paint. Those wishing to have the interior walls of their yard painted can also send an email and the painter will go over and give them a quote for that. We already have two people that have elected to do that.

If anyone needs help repairing their gates or staining them, the painter can give them a quote for that as well.

All the painter needs is the name, address and phone number of those interested. He will contact them and get the painting scheduled. Payment is due prior to or at the time of service.

Emails can be sent to: parkwoodpainting@yahoo.com

Parkwood Ranch
Annual Meeting
April 26, 2010
7:30pm
Patterson
Elementary

Answering machine safety tips from Mesa Police

Your answering machine or voicemail can tell a lot more about you than you may have thought. The key to your answering machine out-going message is simple . . . keep it simple! A message indicating that you are on a trip and out of town provides just the information a would-be thief is looking for.

Likewise, if you don't want unknown callers to know that you have a child in the house don't use them in your outgoing message. Keeping a simple message that leaves the caller thinking you may be home and not picking up is your best bet!

(This article originally appeared in the Jan 2010 Crime Prevention Connection newsletter.)

Crime Stats for Parkwood Ranch

From Feb. 1 to Feb. 28, 2010, the Mesa Police Department reports the following criminal activity within the Parkwood Ranch area:

- 3 Burglaries
- 7 Thefts
- 6 Vehicle Burglaries
- 2 Motor Vehicle Thefts
- 3 Robberies

Residents are asked to keep an eye out for property criminal activity such as vehicle and home break-ins. Keep your car locked at night and remove any valuables to deter thieves.



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- Police & Fire 911
- Mesa Police Non-Emergency #
..... 644-2211
- Mesa Animal Control
..... 644-2268
- Mesa Fire Community Services #
..... 644-2200
- City of Mesa 644-2011

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Board Meetings

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 26, 2010 Patterson Elementary School Annual Meeting

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

May 24, 2010 Patterson Elementary School

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

Web community garage sale a great place to find bargains

The Renaissance On-line Community Garage Sale website is up and running! We are off to a pretty good start with more than 50 items now up for sale. As it continues to build, this classified ad site will

become the "go to" place to buy, sell, or trade gently used items. And the best part is it's free.

The community garage sale site is easy to find. Simply navigate to www.parkwoodhoa.com. Click on the online garage sale link and you are off to a 24-hour, 7-days a week community garage sale. The first time you enter, you will be asked to create a user name and password. After that, you are good to go.

There are thousands of homeowners in RCP Coalition neighborhoods. I know most of you have a few items you really want to get rid of. Who better to sell those items to than one of your neighbors? It's also a great way to meet new people in your community. The best part is you don't have to waste a Saturday morning getting up early, putting all the stuff in the driveway and cleaning up afterward. A few clicks of the mouse and you are good to go! The stuff sells itself with out a neighborhood traffic jam. Imagine how pleased your neighbors will be.

The site allows for photographs to be uploaded as well. It's Ebay without the bidding and shipping charges. It's Craig's List for just RCP Coalition members, so you know who you are buying from. And if you have a home business, this is a great place to get some free advertising.

As it develops and builds members, this on-line garage sale will add some additional enhancements. We will be adding an RCP Coalition approved vendor section for services such as pest control, weed control, and tree trimming. We may also offer banner advertising for those interested in reaching this market. The site will also take on a more customized look. Ads change daily, so make sure you visit as often as possible to get the best deals!

If you have any questions or suggestions for the Renaissance On-line Community Garage Sale, please contact me at gwolfe3@cox.net.



Mesa Animal Control Unit

Please contact 480-644-2268 to report an animal problem or to request information.

Officers are available 7:00am to 6:00pm, Monday through Thursday.

It is the policy of the Animal Control Unit to provide the citizens of Mesa with courteous, professional and effective animal control, and to ensure the rights of animal owners and non-owners are protected and served.

* Lost dog or cat - Check the Maricopa County Shelter at 2630 W. 8th St., Mesa. (602) 506-7387

* Dead animal pick up - (480) 644-2268

There are no leash or license laws on cats and no agency picks up cats. Trapped cats can be taken to the Maricopa County Animal Care and Control shelter at 2630 W. 8th St. in Mesa or the Arizona Humane Society in Phoenix and do involve fees determined by the shelter.

If interested in learning about feral cats and managing a feral cat colony, please contact The Foundation for Homeless Cats at www.thefoundationforhomelesscats.org.

For information about TNR (trap/neuter/return), contact Altered Tails - AZCATS program at 480-968-4867 or www.alteredtails.org.



Treasurer's Report

Financially, the association is in good shape, despite the amount of foreclosures and bankruptcies the community is experiencing. Although there is talk of the economy turning around, it has not been reflected in our area. More than 25 percent of the properties in Parkwood Ranch are behind one assessment or more, and the association is currently pursuing \$90,376 in debt owed to the community.

If you are experiencing difficulty in paying your assessments, please call our management company at 480-813-6788. The Board understands these are financially harsh times for many families and is willing to work with those who need help.

Vandalism costing Parkwood Ranch residents \$\$\$\$

Vandals have caused thousands of dollars worth of damage in the past few weeks to Parkwood Ranch amenities, most notably at Farmdale Park. Graffiti and structural damage to the picnic ramadas, as well as damage to one of the play structures means residents could be paying more for their assessments.

If you see someone vandalizing association property, contact the Mesa Police Department at 480-644-2211. To report and/or send graffiti photos to the Mesa Police, visit <http://apps.mesaaz.gov/pdgraffitireportform/Default.aspx>. Below is some helpful information from the Mesa Police Department to help deter gang and graffiti activity in our neighborhood.

Is there graffiti in your neighborhood? Help us track gang activity in Mesa by sending us photos of the graffiti in your neighborhood.

Did you know that graffiti/tagging is a crime? Parents...did you know that YOU can be fined up to \$10,000.00 if your child is caught committing a graffiti-related crime? Punishment for the person committing the crime may also include a fine of up to \$1,000.00, loss of driving privileges and criminal restitution. Please talk to your children about the seriousness of this crime. Kids often do not think about the consequences that can follow when they do things like painting graffiti or tagging, or how it affects the person whose property they are damaging. They may not even be aware that it is a crime (criminal damage)! Please keep all paint locked up. Keep the lines of communication with your children open. If you witness anyone painting graffiti/tagging, please call the Mesa Police Department at (480) 644-2211 immediately.

You can also take photos of any graffiti you see and send them to us! Our Gang Unit needs to know where all graffiti is in Mesa. Although it's very important to paint over graffiti as quickly as possible, it is equally important that we know when and where it is occurring. The Mesa Police Department Gang Unit uses this information to track gang activity across the city. By submitting your photos, along with the date, time and location, BEFORE you paint it out, you are helping our Gang Unit put an end to this crime. Please keep us informed of the damage in your area. You can also call the Graffiti Hotline at 480-644-3083 to have it painted over if it is on public property.



Vandalism at Farmdale Park has increased over the past several months. Damage includes graffiti, structural damage to the slide at the playground and holes punched into one of the columns at the picnic area.