

# PARKWOOD | ROUND UP

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Parkwood Ranch Community  
Master Association Newsletter  
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## Parkwood Ranch residents invest in their community with every assessment they pay

Here is a question. What exactly is the Parkwood Ranch Master Association? Simply put, the association is an Arizona non-profit corporation that you own. By virtue of owning property in Parkwood Ranch, you are also a shareholder of the association. There are 1,402 property owners, thus the same number of shareholders own the corporation.

The Parkwood Ranch Master Association is run by nine elected members of the board of directors. Each member serves a three year term with three members elected each year at our annual meeting, held in April.

The board is responsible for guiding the association according to the governing documents, known as the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CCR). The CCRs, together with the bylaws, govern how the corporation operates, outlines its powers and sets rules for property owners. The CCRs are basically the constitution under which the association operates.

The purpose of the Parkwood Ranch Master Association, as stated in the CCRs, is to oversee the maintenance of the community's common areas and establish guidelines to preserve property values for all members. Assessments are established to help accomplish these goals.

With more than 40 acres of park areas, including five playgrounds and multiple basketball and volleyball courts, the maintenance of common areas is a big task. In addition to the parks, we maintain all of the land-

scaping along the streets as well as the drainage areas that run through the neighborhood.



Approximately two-thirds of our annual budget is dedicated to landscaping and repair of common areas. Expenses include landscaping, repairs of infrastructure, painting of common walls, water, and pest control. Combined it amounts to about \$60,000 each month.

Management of the association is another challenge. Nine volunteers cannot possibly complete the administrative duties it takes to manage 1402 homeowners. So we hire a management company to do such things as property inspections, assessment collections, contract management, and day to day communications. Renaissance Community Partners is our current management company and operates under the direct supervision of the Board of Directors.

Next time you are out, take a look around Parkwood Ranch. You own part of each tree, plant, playground, volleyball court, and grassy area. These are the assets of a corporation you own. Then resolve to do what you can to help maximize the return on investment we all make in our neighborhood.

## Around the Ranch



### Upcoming Events

**9/20 Community cleanup/yard sale and movie.** Dumpsters will be available in the community to dispose of all the stuff you don't sell that morning. In the evening we will present a family movie in Farmdale Park to celebrate our hard work.

**10/18 Annual Parkwood Ranch Fall Festival** in conjunction with GAIN. Join all your neighbors at Farmdale Park for games, inflatables, food and fun as well celebrate community and crime prevention.

**12/13 Annual Tour de Parkwood Holiday Lights** tour and competition. Start at Farmdale Park with hot chocolate and cookies before you tour the best outdoor light displays in Parkwood Ranch. Residents vote for the coveted title of Best of Parkwood.



## There are several ways to pay your quarterly assessment:

1. Mail a check
2. Stop by Renaissance Community Partners in Gilbert
3. Pay online at [www.parkwoodhoa.com](http://www.parkwoodhoa.com) with Paypal or major credit card
4. Prepay for the year in person or online and don't worry for 12 months
5. Set up an automatic withdrawal from your checking account at [www.parkwoodhoa.com](http://www.parkwoodhoa.com)



### 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.

**June**  
No Meeting

**July**  
No Meeting

**August 25, 2008**

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

**September 22, 2008**

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

*apache junction parks & recreation... the benefits are endless...*

# 2008

## 4th of July

# Fireworks celebration

### THE COVER-UPS

#### 7-9 p.m.

### FIREWORKS @ 9

APACHE JUNCTION HS FOOTBALL STADIUM

## FREE WATERMELON 6-9 p.m.

(or until it's all gone...)

For more information call  
Parks & Recreation @ 480-983-2181

**PUBLIC SWIMMING**  
10 AM-4 PM

**Obstacle Course Games Races & MORE!**

**CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT @ 10 AM**

**4th of July SKATE COMPETITION**  
Pre-Register @ Parks & Rec. or The Underground Board Factory  
Located on the SW corner of Ironwood & Broadway.

**A.JHS STADIUM ACTIVITIES**

**FUN KIDS ACTIVITIES 5-8 PM**

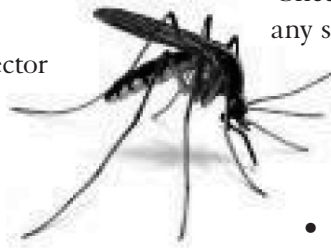
**BICYCLE, TRICYCLE & WAGON DECORATING CONTEST (JUDGING @) 7 PM**

**GAME BOOTHS 5-9 PM**

**SPONSOR A GAME BOOTH OPEN TO LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ONLY**

## Eliminate mosquito breeding grounds and prevent the spread of West Nile Virus

To help prevent the spread of West Nile Virus and keep your family safe from mosquito bites, here are some prevention tips from Maricopa Count Vector Control. To check on fogging in your area, visit [www.maricopa.gov/EnvSvc/VectorControl/Resources](http://www.maricopa.gov/EnvSvc/VectorControl/Resources).



### Backyard Checklist for Preventing the Breeding of Mosquitoes

Here are some things you can do around your house to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. Start by getting rid of places where mosquitoes can breed, such as:

#### In Standing Water

- Don't allow any outside water to stand for more than four days.
- Cover rainwater barrels with mesh or screen.
- Drill holes in the bottom of any unused containers so water can't collect.
- Remove or drain any standing water from birdbaths, discarded tires, flowerpots (check the dish underneath the flowerpot), wheelbarrows, barrels, tin cans that are left outdoors.
- Keep decorative fountains operational or drain the water. Check fountains after rain and at least twice a week.
- Change water in animal watering dishes at least twice a week.

#### Swimming or wading pools

- Immediately remove any water that collects on pool covers.
  - Make sure the pool's pump is circulating water properly.
  - Turn over wading pools when not in use.
  - Don't leave out children's toys.
- In your eaves and drains
- Clear leaves and twigs from eaves, troughs, storm and roof gutters.

- Make sure that drainage ditches are not clogged.
- Check flat roofs frequently for any standing water.

#### Around your yard and lawn

- Fill in any low depression areas in lawns.
- Check knots in trees.
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets and remove air conditioner drain hoses frequently.
- Remove areas such as dense shrubbery where mosquitoes breed and rest.
- Let your neighbors know about potential mosquito breeding grounds on their property.

#### Keep mosquitoes out of the house

- Make certain that door and window screens fit tightly and do not have holes.
- If there are no screens, keep doors and windows closed from evening to dawn.

#### Personal protection from mosquitoes

- Stay indoors from dusk to dawn when mosquitoes are most active. If you need to be outdoors during this period, cover up and use insect repellent for extra protection.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants and socks when outdoors during these active times. Apply insect repellent to any exposed skin, sparingly :
- Do not apply repellent to children's hands, or near any areas of mucous membrane such as the eyes or mouth.
- Do not apply repellent on children under two years of age.
- It's a good idea is to spray any clothing with repellents containing DEET, as mosquitoes easily bite through thin clothing such as cotton t-shirts.
- Carefully read and follow manufacturer's directions for use.

### Mosquito Facts

*These facts are courtesy of the American Mosquito Control Association, [www.mosquito.org](http://www.mosquito.org).*

- Mosquitoes are known from as far back as the Triassic Period – 400 million years ago. They are known from North America from the Cretaceous – 100 million years ago.
- There are about 2,700 species of mosquito. There are 176 species in the United States.
- The average mosquito takes in about 5-millionths of a liter of blood during feeding.
- Mosquitoes find hosts by sight (they observe movement); by detecting infrared radiation emitted by warm bodies; and by chemical signals (mosquitoes are attracted to carbon dioxide and lactic acid, among other chemicals) at distances of 25 to 35 meters.
- Mosquitoes fly an estimated 1 to 1.5 miles per hour.
- Women are usually more attractive to mosquitoes than men because of the difference in hormones produced by the sexes.
- Smelly feet are attractive to mosquitoes – as is Limburger Cheese.
- Dark clothing attracts mosquitoes.
- Movement increased mosquito biting up to 50% in some research tests.
- A full moon increased mosquito activity 500% in one study

**Maricopa County  
Vector Control**

**602-506-6616**

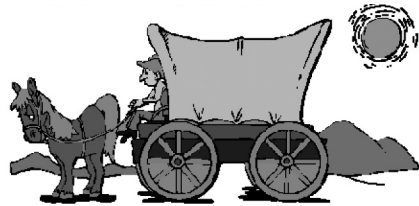
**Stagnant Water    Mosquitoes  
Green Pool        Dead Bird**

## Mesa Historical Museum offers unique pioneer camp for kids in grades 3-6

The Mesa Historical Museum is offering the chance to learn about pioneer life during a week-long camp Tuesday, July 29th through Friday, August 1st, 2008 from 9am to noon.

Campers will learn historic games and crafts, participate in a scavenger hunt about pioneer life through hands-on activities. The camp is suited to children in grades 3-6. Snacks will be provided by the museum.

Registration is \$80 per child. Museum members receive a \$5 discount per child. Registration is open now, and can be done in person at the Mesa Historical Museum, or by mail. Check out the Mesa Historical Museum at [www.mesahistoricalmuseum.org](http://www.mesahistoricalmuseum.org) for more information or to download a registration form.



## City of Mesa seeking bottled water donations

With temperatures now hitting triple digits, the City of Mesa is working with nonprofit agencies to provide supplies of water to the homeless and unsheltered. The second annual Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign began Monday June 2. Residents are being asked to donate water at various drop-off locations throughout the City:

- **Mesa Fire Department Volunteer Center**

24-hour drop-off in parking lot 2830 E. Adobe (located behind Fire Station 206 at Lindsay and Adobe)

- **United Food Bank**

7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday  
Collection bins will be available on weekends  
358 E. Javelina (near U-S 60 and Mesa Drive)

- **Paz de Cristo**


9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday – Friday  
1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday – Sunday  
424 W. Broadway Road

- **City of Grace Church**

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday – Thursday  
5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Saturday  
9 a.m. – Noon Sunday  
655 E. University

Volunteers are also needed to distribute water and assist the homeless at Paz de Cristo, which will offer the homeless a cool place to stay during the day. For more information, contact Mesa Neighborhood Services Volunteer Coordinator Katie Brown at 480-644-3705 or [katie.brown@cityofmesa.org](mailto:katie.brown@cityofmesa.org).

Last year, more than 50,000 bottles of water were donated during the campaign. The water is distributed through United Food Bank to numerous agencies in the Valley.



## 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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#### Important Phone Numbers

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

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