

# PARKWOOD | ROUND UP

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## Parkwood Ranch Board makes final call on wall painting issue

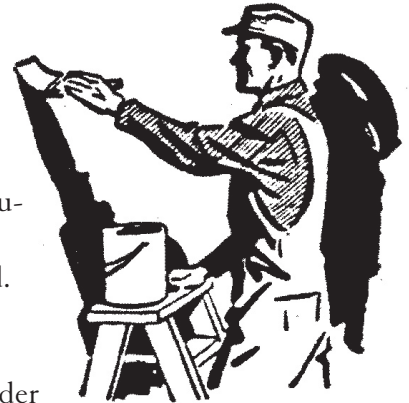
At the May 24, 2010 meeting, the Parkwood Ranch Board of Directors made a final clarification regarding the painting of homeowner walls within the community. The final decision is:

“Every wall viewable from the street or neighboring property must be painted. The inside walls of your backyard do not have to be painted.”

The block walls in the community are showing signs of age. In the current economy we are competing heavily with other communities for home sales. In order to provide the best possible home prices, we need to make the community look it's best. All the Association walls were painted last year, now we need homeowners to do their part.

Your exterior walls and block posts need to be painted either “Coca Mocha” or the color of the body of your house. Residents have until Dec. 31, 2010 to complete the painting of their walls. Several painters are listed on the parkwoodhoa.com website: the contact names and numbers are for information only and do not constitute any endorsement on behalf of the Board of Directors. Questions regarding the painting of walls can be directed to Renaissance Community Partners at 480-813-6788.

Planning on painting your home when you paint your block walls? The only color schemes homeowners can use are those on the pre-approved palette. Those colors can be viewed on the parkwoodhoa.com website. The ARC form, featured below, must still be submitted before homeowners can paint their homes.



## Making changes to your landscaping or painting your house? Don't forget to make your request in writing

When making changes to your property, whether it is painting your home, adding landscape features such as a fountain, or adding or removing trees, homeowners must submit an Architectural Approval Request Form. This form can be downloaded from the Parkwood Ranch website. It must be faxed or mailed to the management company at:

Renaissance Community Partners  
633 E. Ray Rd., Suite 122  
Gilbert, AZ 85296  
480-545-6196 - fax

Board members cannot accept ARC requests for residents. Only submittals sent to the management company will be accepted.



## Report vacant homes and help increase property values in Parkwood

Renaissance Community Partners needs your help in reporting vacant properties within Parkwood Ranch. If you live adjacent to an abandoned home, send the property address, and your contact information to: [vacant@rcplimited.com](mailto:vacant@rcplimited.com). You'll help preserve property values and direct the management company to those properties that are in need of yard maintenance.

# Recycling Trivia

## Did you know that...?

- The medals that will honor winning athletes at the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver will be the first in history to contain gold, silver and copper recovered from end-of-life electronics otherwise destined for the landfill.

- If you recycle just two gallons of used oil, it can generate enough electricity to run an average household for almost 24 hours.

- Americans throw away enough trash every minute to fill a house.

- At least 39.9% of the waste stream in the U.S. is paper.

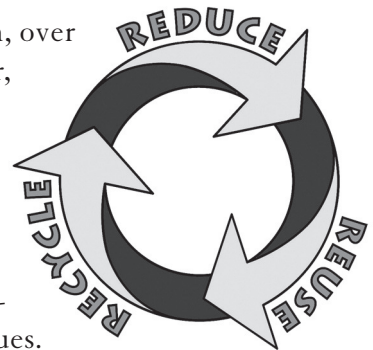
- Five recycled soda bottles make enough fiberfill for one ski jacket.

- Every year, we make enough plastic film to shrink wrap Texas.

- If you stacked the aluminum cans that people sent to the landfills, in just five weeks they would reach the Moon!

- Since 1991, 12,475,058 phone books have been recycled in the Phoenix area. That would equal enough old phone books to stretch 2,166 miles when laid end to end...about the same distance be-

tween Phoenix and Tampa, FL! In addition, over 1.5 million trees, 180 million gallons of water, and more than 105 million kilowatt hours of energy have been saved by the recycling of old phone books. (provided by Qwest/Dex, recycling department)



Visit Earth911.com to learn more about recycling and other important environmental issues.

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### Important Phone Numbers

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Mesa Police Non-Emergency #  
..... 644-2211

Mesa Animal Control  
..... 644-2268

Mesa Fire Community Services #  
..... 644-2200

City of Mesa ..... 644-2011

The Parkwood Ranch *RoundUp* is a community publication from the Parkwood Ranch Master Community Association. We welcome all comments, contributions and letters. Please contact us at Renaissance Community Partners, 480-813-6788.

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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.

### June 28, 2010

**Renaissance Community Partners**  
633 E Ray Rd. Ste. 122, Gilbert

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

### July 2010 - No Meeting

### August 23, 2010

**Patterson Elementary School**

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

## Open garage door = easy theft opportunity

Officer Paul Swanson has been patrolling Parkwood Ranch for more than 5 years. He and his partner drive every street in the community, looking for open garage doors, car doors, and any suspicious activity. And while looking for open garage doors may seem like a strange thing, to Officer Swanson, it represents an opportunity - for the bad guys.

“Any time you leave the garage door open, you leave yourself open to theft opportunities,” explained Swanson. “We drive every single street, looking for open garage doors. We do knock on people’s door to alert them to the fact the garage is open. But the word is out in the surrounding neighborhoods that Parkwood is not a good place for the bad guys to be because of the night patrols we do.”

The police presence helps deter crime in Parkwood, although

Swanson pointed out that many drunk drivers like to take Cheshire as a way to get to Main, and thieves take Farmdale and Coralbell to cut through from one neighborhood to another. The police patrols also help cut down on vehicle thefts in the neighborhood. The stolen cars of choice in Parkwood? Swanson said Chevy trucks and late 90’s model Hondas, as well as Dodge vehicles from early 2000 to 2005 are easy targets. And with the high number of foreclosure properties in Parkwood Ranch, vacant houses also have become a problem.

“We have issues with people squatting in vacant houses or trashing them,” Swanson said. “Residents should be aware and call in suspicious activity in vacant houses. Just watch and report, don’t confront a suspicious person at a vacant house,”

he advised.

Terri Teten, a Crime Prevention Coordinator for the City of Mesa, said the main issues of open garage doors and unlocked vehicles are open invitations for thieves.

“Criminals will now enter your community because there are so many opportunities to steal items from garages and unlocked cars,” Teten told residents at the Parkwood Ranch Annual Meeting. “Keep your personal items such as purses, computers, cds and phones out of your vehicles. Help your neighbor keep their garage door closed. Partner with us to eliminate the opportunities for criminals to enter your neighborhood.”

For Block Watch information and other crime prevention tips, visit the City of Mesa Police Department website at [.mesaaz.gov/police/crime\\_prevention/default.aspx](http://mesaaz.gov/police/crime_prevention/default.aspx).

## Apache Junction to host annual July 4th Celebration at AJ High School

The City of Apache Junction will hold its annual July 4th celebration at the Apache Junction High School Track and Field, with festivities starting at 6pm.

There will be game booths, sponsored by local non-profit organizations and activities for kids, including inflatable/water games, bean bag toss, prize ponds, a dunk tank, a Bicycle, Wagon & Tricycle Float Contest (judging at 6:30 pm), and live entertainment by the Cover-Ups.

Free watermelon will be available starting at 6pm until it is gone. The Cover-Ups will perform from 7-9pm and will kick off the Fireworks Extravaganza at 9pm. This is a free event, open to the public (a small fee for food and game booths will apply). Donations will be accepted at the gates for future 4th of July Events.

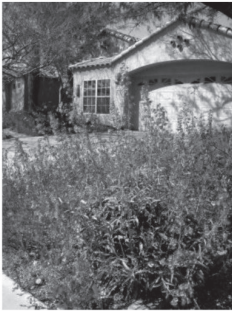
Parking is limited so please come early. The Fourth of July festivities are all located on school property and state law prohibits smoking and alcohol (bags and coolers brought in to the facility will be checked). Food and drinks will be available to purchase on site.



## Parkwood Ranch Fall Festival GAIN event planning underway

Planning for the annual Parkwood Ranch Fall Festival/GAIN event is underway, with GAIN event chair DeeDee Waters looking for volunteers and donations by community businesses.

The event will be held on Oct 16, 2010 from 3-8pm, at Farmdale Park. Local dignitaries, including Sheriff Joe Arpaio, will be featured, as will games, inflatables, good booths and crime prevention information. To volunteer for the event, please contact DeeDee at capevincent93@yahoo.com.



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*Avoided Emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>: Up to 275 lbs./YR*

## \$USTAINABILITY \$AVINGS TIP

*Water-Wise Landscaping for the Arizona Desert*  
*Xeriscape tips to gain water, time, and money savings*

Although we don't always recognize it, most parts of Arizona receive less than 10-inches of rain annually. Conserving water in our dry climate is very important, especially when up to 70% of water use is outdoors! Landscaping, especially when it includes grass, can require large amounts of water and maintenance. However, there are water-wise options when it comes to landscaping in the desert. One popular form of landscaping, called Xeriscape, embraces the desert, looks great, and is easy to maintain too!

By utilizing low water-use plants and using water efficient irrigation techniques, Xeriscapes are respectful of the desert in which we live and can help lower landscape watering costs. These are some of the basic principles designed to embrace the desert environment and create a vibrant and water efficient landscape:

### Xeriscape Tips

1. Landscape Planning and Design – Create a design of how you want your landscape to look and how you will implement it. With the proper design you can save water, time, and money.

2. Low Water-Use Plants – Desert plants come in all shapes and sizes and contribute to lower water usage.

They contribute to a low-maintenance landscape and fit in with the natural environment.

3. Efficient Irrigation – Find out how much water your plants require and ensure they receive it. Try to put different size plants on different valves so you can time irrigations differently.

4. Soil – Desert plants do well in our soils and generally don't require fertilizer. Loosen the surrounding soil at planting time to encourage spreading roots. Cover roots with mulch or compost.

5. Appropriate Maintenance – To keep your Xeriscape water efficient, perform proper maintenance of irrigation systems and don't over prune or over fertilize.

### Checklist for Savings

- Look into a \$500 City of Mesa Grass-to-Xeriscape rebate at [www.mesaaz.gov/conservation](http://www.mesaaz.gov/conservation).
- To learn more about Xeriscape, attend our May Living Green Workshop Series, Water-Wise

*The term Xeriscape comes from the Greek word xeros, which means dry.*



Landscaping for the Arizona Desert, and receive a free landscaping CD. For a list of all programs, visit [www.mesaaz.gov/sustainability](http://www.mesaaz.gov/sustainability) or call (480) 644-4400.

- More information about desert plants can be found in Landscape Plants for the Arizona Desert, online at [www.amwua.org/landscape\\_plants\\_online.html](http://www.amwua.org/landscape_plants_online.html).

- Steps and tips for Xeriscaping can be found in our free booklet, Xeriscape: Landscaping with Style in the AZ Desert at [www.landscapewithstyle.com](http://www.landscapewithstyle.com).

- Books on desert landscaping and watering can be found at The City of Mesa Libraries, visit [www.mesalibrary.org/research/living-green.aspx](http://www.mesalibrary.org/research/living-green.aspx).

### \$START \$AVING

Start saving by Xeriscaping and doing your part for building a sustainable community.

Visit our Web site for more sustainability savings tips at [www.mesaaz.gov/sustainability](http://www.mesaaz.gov/sustainability).