

Association website to feature new service directory of local businesses, services

Are you a local business owner or perform a service such as plumbing repair, electrician, etc.? Get the word out about your business with Neighbor to Neighbor, a service directory on the Parkwood Ranch Community Master Association website, www.parkwoodhoa.com.



Neighbor to Neighbor

For only \$15 per quarter, you can advertise your business or service on the Association website. To place an advertisement, simply call the association's management company, Renaissance Community Partners, at 480-813-6788.

Keep your property safe – lock your car

Residents in Parkwood Ranch have reported a rash of automobile break-ins during the past few months, particularly on Sunday evenings. To keep your car and valuables safe, here are some tips from the City of Mesa Police Department:

- An unlocked car is an open invitation to a car thief. Lock up whenever you leave your car, and take the keys with you.
- Lock the trunk and/or tailgate.
- Close all windows -- professional thieves have tools that help unlock cars through a minimum of open space.

- When you park the car, remove the tape deck, CB, or other valuable possessions from the car. Do not leave gift-wrapped packages or cameras lying on the seat of your car.
- Be sure vent or wind-wing windows are shut tight. These are a favorite means of entry for car thieves.

Consider the purchase and installation of security devices such as:

- Interior hood lock and release.
- A second ignition switch, or "kill switch", which prevents electrical current from reaching coil distributor.
- A locking gas cap.

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Important Phone Numbers

Police & Fire 911

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

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

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Calendar of Events

Please note that these dates may be subject to change. Check each newsletter for exact times, dates, and locations.

Friday, Dec. 17th	"Tour de Parkwood Ranch Festival of Lights" 6:30pm at Farmdale Park
Fri., Feb. 19th & Sat., Feb. 20th	2nd Annual Softball Tournament
Sat., March 26th	Community Easter Egg Hunt
Sat., April 16th	Community Yard Sale
Sat., May 21st	Movie & Popcorn Night at Farmdale Park
Sat., July 2nd	Independence Day Popsicle Parade
Sat., Aug. 6th	Bowling Tournament
Sat., Oct. 8th	2nd Annual Community Fall Festival
Sat., Nov 12th	Community Yard Sale
Sat., Dec. 17th	2nd Annual "Tour de Parkwood Ranch Festival of Lights"



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More than 300 Parkwood Ranch residents enjoyed Fall Festival

Parkwood Ranch's first-ever Fall Festival was a rousing success, with more than 300 neighbors enjoying a beautiful fall day at Skyline Park.

Local businesses and residents donated money, time and prizes for the game booths for the festival, which included a visit by the City of Mesa Police Department and McGruff the crime dog. Service Learning Students from Skyline High School and Smith Junior High donated their time to help run the carnival booths, while a local Boy Scout troop handed out fliers for the event. Unfortunately, more than \$200 in raffle proceeds were stolen at the end of the event. This money was going to be donated to a local East Valley charity.

The Parkwood Ranch Board of Directors has planned more activities for the community: turn to page 4 for a listing of upcoming events.



Thank you to the following sponsors for their help with the Fall Festival:

Subway
Chen's Chinese Rest.
Rush Street Pizza
Fry's Food & Drug
Great Clips for Hair
Fletcher's Tire & Auto
El Pollo Loco
KFC
East Mesa Bowl
Hollywood Video
Creative Memories
Gold Canyon Candles
CVS Pharmacy
Dominoes
Pizza Hut
Zland Designs
Tommy Acosta
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President's Report

Local thugs need holiday decorations!

By Beverly Blackburn

Tis the season to donate to our favorite charities and organizations to help those in need. In the spirit of the season, let us all truly consider whether we would also like to donate to our local criminals, thieves, vandals and thugs – for they are desperately seeking opportunities to receive freebies and handouts.

It disturbs me greatly to drive through our community and see garage doors left open, front doors open, bikes and scooters lying in yards, cars with windows rolled

down, and gates to our backyards open. I know that our community consists of many friendly people, however, open doors and gates are invitations to unwelcome guests. After seeing these friendly invitations, I receive calls from homeowners and notices from RCP about auto break-ins, vandalism, robberies and the like throughout our neighborhood. I have to wonder, what are we as homeowners doing (or not doing) to protect ourselves and our property?

The following suggestions are from the City of Mesa's Police Department website at www.ci.mesa.az.us/police/literature/default.asp. The crime prevention unit provides downloadable literature that covers a multitude of topics.

STREET LIGHTS - If your street light is not working report it to the proper agency.

LIGHTING - Light the outside of your house. Exterior lights are important, especially near doors, windows, and in carports. Criminals do not like light and will avoid it.

LANDSCAPING - Keep the shrubbery trimmed. Thick, tall shrubbery provides cover for a burglar and lets him work undetected. Where possible, place thorny plants under windows and along fences.

GARAGE DOOR - Keep it closed and locked. This helps protect valuable property stored in your garage and prevents access to interior doors to the house. An open garage is an invitation for a burglar. Garage windows should be locked and reinforced with mesh screening. They should be covered with shades or blinds so a burglar cannot look inside for possible loot or for an indication of someone being home.

STORAGE SHEDS - Storage sheds or outside buildings should be securely locked. Any tools or equipment which could help a burglar break into your house should be locked in the shed or in a locked garage.

ARCADIA DOORS - Secure your patio doors, too. A broomstick, bar, or finger-operated lock can help. A pin-type lock or a key lock is better. Two or three screws in the overhead track will reduce the chance of lifting the door out of the track.

FENCES - Fences make it harder for a burglar to carry away large items, but are only effective if the gates are locked. Gates should always be kept locked.

WARNING SIGNS - A sign indicating an alarm system has been installed, that a dangerous dog is present, or other warning signs can be a good deterrent. To be effective, signs must be of sufficient size to attract attention and be in a conspicuous place.

PERIMETER LIGHTING - All sides of your home should be protected by security lighting. Attractive, low-wattage lighting may be an effective way to keep intruders from getting interested. Be sure to submit to your architectural committee for approved lighting and placement.

SIDE and REAR WINDOWS - Windows which cannot be seen from the street because of location or fences are a favorite place of entry for burglars. These windows must be locked with secure locks. They may require the use of iron bars, grills, or special burglar resistant glass or plastic panes.

Take the following question-

See Neighborhood Safety, on page 3



Association Board News

The Parkwood Ranch Association Board is looking for new members for both the board and the Architectural Review Committee. Board and 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 are held at Merrill Gardens Retirement Home, 2080 S. Ironwood Rd., just north of Southern.

January 24, 2005

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

Board Meeting - 6:45 p.m.

February 28, 2005

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

Board Meeting - 6:45 p.m.

March 28, 2005

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

Board Meeting - 6:45 p.m.

April 25, 2005

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

Board Meeting - 6:45 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

By *Charlie Stock*

The painting of the view fences has been completed. Please remember that nothing should be attached to the fences as they are a part of the community property.

The end has finally come to our high water usage costs. The board has decided not to oversee winter rye in the common areas that contain grass. This will help reduce our water usage as suggested by the City of Mesa.

The association has contracted with our landscaping company, DLC, to selectively prune some of the trees in the community. By now this should have been completed. DLC also has informed us that the trees throughout our community are valued at more than \$1.5 million (we have more than 1,500 trees).

Our efforts to bring our accounts receivable more current are continuing to show positive results. Ideally, we would not have any delinquent accounts, but sadly, this isn't reality. If you are behind in your payments, please contact Renaissance Community Partners, our property management company, to make arrangements to make payments to become current.

Parcels 16 & 17 will have speed bumps installed and painted. This should be completed before Christmas. This installation is being done at the request of homeowners in Parcels 16 & 17. For those members of our community who are not aware, the streets and lighting in Parcels 16 & 17 are owned by the community association and their upkeep is a responsibility of your homeowners association.

Our reserve funds have been reinvested in AAA securities. The reserve funds are our fallback sources of money to help keep our community looking great. We now have about \$300,000 in reserve funds. The reserve funds study we ordered was with Association Reserves and they indicated that in 2025 we will need about \$1 million in reserve funds to fully cover all of our capital expenses. This is not the funds we use to operate on a monthly basis. This is money set aside monthly, plus any interest our investments earn that is reinvested and compounded over the next 20 years.

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



TAKE A BITE OUT OF
CRIME

Crime Watch

Update on pocket motorcycles on City of Mesa streets

In the last newsletter, it was reported that the City of Mesa Police Department treated pocket motorcycles like any other motorized vehicle, i.e. cannot ride on sidewalks, must obey posted speed limits, etc. Pocket motorcycles are not street-legal machines and cannot be licensed, therefore they are illegal on City of Mesa streets, sidewalks, parks and common areas. If you have any questions about pocket motorcycles, please call the City of Mesa Police Department, Traffic Division, at 480-644-2211.

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

Neighborhood safety

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naire...Yes or No...

- Is your address visible from the street during the day and at night?
- Are shrubs and/or bushes cut to the lower edge of the window, so you can see the window clearly?
- Are trees cut 6 to 7 feet off the ground, so no one can use them to hide behind?
- Do you leave a front porch or carport light on all night, or use motion sensor lighting?
- How does the property look in

general? A clean and well-maintained property tells the potential burglar or criminal that you "own" this area and that you care about what happens here.

- Are gates to the backyard secured?
- Is the circuit box secured?
- If you have any access to your attic from outside, is it secured?
- Do you have any "Hidden" keys? Remove if you do. Burglars know all the hiding places!

Every home and every vehicle is considered fair game to criminals. They make their choices on where to strike based on the appearance of difficulty in completing their crime and the chance of getting caught. Personally, this is one group that I don't want to donate to this holiday season, or any other time of the year. It is a group that I would like to see go 'out of business' in our community. How about you? Is this a 'charity' you want to support?