



The Parkwood Ranch Round Up

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Drunk teen smashes through neighborhood wall

You probably have seen the plywood covering the hole in this exterior wall along Cheshire and wondered what happened. Sometime during the week of Aug. 7th, a drunk teen missed the curve and ran



straight through this homeowner's back fence.

Fortunately, no one was hurt, although the homeowner and his son were in the family room when the accident happened. Police estimate the driver was speeding in excess of 80mph when he hit the wall, flew across the swimming pool, and came to rest in the family room.

The Parkwood Ranch HOA board will place at least five, 3,500lb. boulders along this portion of fence, while the City of Mesa is considering safety measures as well.

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Fall Festival '05

Join in the fun Oct. 8th at the Parkwood Ranch Fall Festival

It's Fall Festival time again, so grab your pumpkin, get your pie-eating chops ready, and head to Skyline Park for family fun!

Join us Sat. Oct. 8th at Skyline Park, from 4-7:30p.m. Sponsored by the Parkwood Ranch HOA and local business owners, the event is free. The Fall Festival is the association's GAIN (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) event, and will feature Block Watch and safety information.

This year, costume-character Snoopy will be on hand to meet kids and have his photo taken with them. Carnival booths, inflatables, a pumpkin carving/decorating contest and egg-relay race are also planned.

If you are a local business owner and would like to donate time, money or prizes for the carnival

Driver inattention + school zone = Child injury or death

Maybe this morning you were late for that big meeting and you sped through the school zone along Cheshire, in front of Patterson Elementary School. This time, no one was hurt when you reached over for your cell phone, or yelled at your screaming toddler. Next time, you might not be so lucky. And neither will the child you hit.



fatalities for kids ages 3 to 18. Now that school is in session, and the weather is cooler, please obey the posted 25mph speed limit through Parkwood Ranch. It is crucial drivers also pay attention to the 15mph school zone speed limit. Whether you have children or not, **it is everyone's responsibility** to keep them safe. Here are

Car and pedestrian accidents account for most of the Arizona

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President's Report

"Pride of Ownership" lacking in Parkwood Ranch

By Beverly Blackburn

I believe that it is a wonderful thing to own a home. I know many people who believe this also. I enjoy working in and outside of my home, beautifying and improving it. When visitors come over, I want my home to appear neat and clean, inside and out. I feel the same way about our community. When someone drives down our streets and through our neighborhood, I want them to see a community that is manicured and take care of – not just by a landscaper, but by the residents as well. I want them to be impressed with the overall 'look' of Parkwood Ranch. I want them to wish that they lived here or be proud that they do.



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 in the Media Center at Patterson Elementary School, 615 S. Cheshire, Mesa.

Sept. 26, 2005

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

Oct. 24, 2005

Annual Meeting of Parkwood Ranch homeowners - 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 28, 2005

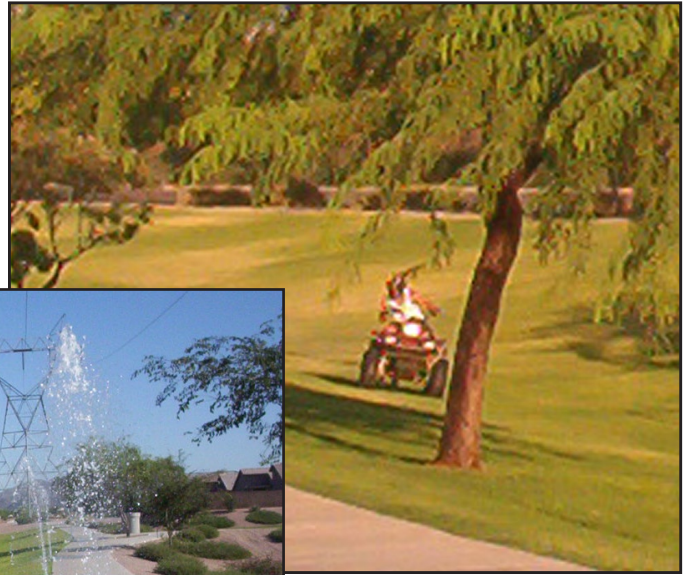
Arch. Review Committee Mtg. - 6 p.m.
Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

No December Meeting

I believe that the majority of homeowners purchased a home in an HOA for a reason. The main reason our family moved here was because the HOA provides a set of rules and guidelines that ultimately protect the value of our investment. Everyone who has purchased a home in Parkwood, signed and agreed to abide by these rules. These rules, properly executed, enforced, and obeyed, ensure conformity of appearance and longevity of value.

The HOA Board of Directors has employed a management company that oversees the execution and equal enforcement of these rules. It is up to the homeowner to obey them. And there are consequences for not abiding to these rules. (Remember, you agreed to do this when you signed the loan documents.) When we follow the rules and maintain our home to the standards set forth in the CCR's, our entire community benefits. We all reap the rewards of having a visually appealing community where our financial investment is protected. We can all take pride in our community as well. It's called "Pride of Ownership".

However, lately as I drive, walk, and bike through Parkwood, I find



myself often disappointed with the seemingly lack of pride of ownership among some of our residents. I speak of more than just weeds in yards, oil stains, and unrepaired vehicles with spiderwebs. I also speak of the jogger who throws his empty water bottle across the street for someone else to pick up and throw away; the dog owner who leaves his pet's feces on the sidewalk where children walk to school; the homeowner who throws his cigarette butts in his neighbor's yard.

I speak of the parents who don't know where their children are (vandalizing the tot lots, shooting out lights, etc); ATV and dirt bike owners that ride through our greenbelts destroying landscaping and sprinkler systems.

It is one thing to not respect and care for your own belongings, but the utter lack of regard for the property of others is disturbing. This type of behavior causes contention among neighbors who should be barbecu-

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Tour de Parkwood Ranch Festival of Lights contest info

Get into the holiday spirit by entering your decorated home into the second annual Tour de Parkwood Ranch Festival of Lights. The festival is scheduled for Dec. 17th.

The Social Committee is plan-

ning the event and is looking for homeowners who could help out with hay rides. If you would like to get involved, please contact Roberta Cullen at 480-600-0276 or email her at RobertaC@kw.com. Residents

who would like to enter the contest should send Roberta their name, address, and telephone number. Last year the winner earned \$50 gift card to the Cheesecake Factory courtesy of Julia Norton.

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booths, please contact Parkwood Ranch HOA Social Committee Chair Roberta Cullen at 480-600-0276.

Events are as follows:

- Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Contest - bring a pumpkin no larger than 24 inches tall and 24 inches wide, carved and decorated as you please. All decorations must be attached to the pumpkin. Judging is from 5-6:20p.m. Winner announced at 6:45p.m.

- Egg Relay Race - 5:30p.m.
- Pie Eating Contest - 6:15p.m.
- Guess How Many Contest - closes at 6:30p.m., winner announced at 6:45p.m.

If you would like to volunteer to run a carnival booth, be a judge, or help in the set-up or take down, please contact Roberta at the number above, or email her at RobertaC@kw.com.

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some tips from Debbie Driscoll, of the Mesa Neighborhood Outreach Office.

- **Be alert when children are present - or might be present.** Kids tend to horse around and forget to look before stepping off a curb, darting from behind a parked car, or crossing the street mid-block.

- **Know the location of nearby crosswalks and know where stop signs are located.** Arizona state law

gives children the right-of-way when they are in a crosswalk. They are taught they have the right-of-way, and children believe **ALL** cars will stop for them when they are in the crosswalk. When kids are crossing in a crosswalk, you **MUST STOP FOR THEM.**

- **Keep your eyes open for any strange adults** checking out children as they walk through the Parkwood Ranch neighborhood.

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ing together; it increases landscaping costs; it increases the overall expenditures of maintaining a community as large as ours; and it requires, in some cases, a financial punishment to repeat offenders. We all pay assessments. We all 'own' Parkwood Ranch. We are all responsible for the care of our community. You may not be the one mowing the grass in the

greenbelts, but you are paying for it.

I am proud of our community. I am proud to 'own' a piece of Parkwood. I hope that everyone will take the extra steps needed to increase the overall feeling of pride of ownership in our community by better taking care of our homes, helping our neighbors, and looking after our community property.



City offers free roll-off dumpsters to residents

The City of Mesa's Solid Waste Division has a neighborhood cleanup program whereby roll off containers (boxes 22' long and 8' wide) are set out in neighborhoods for residents to dispose of items that are too large for the typical trash can-at no cost. This includes old furniture, mattresses, wood and other miscellaneous debris. Simply gather 10 or more homeowners living next to each other and submit a Clean Sweep request form. For details, contact the Clean Sweep Coordinator at 480-644-4791.

Note: We are currently booking Clean Sweep through June 2006. For further information please go to: http://www.cityofmesa.org/waste/residential/clean_sweep.asp.



TAKE A BITE OUT OF
CRIME

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

City of Mesa offers free tool lending program

Do you have a neighborhood cleanup project that you would like to organize but need some additional tools? Then try out the City of Mesa Code Compliance Division's Tool Lending Program.

Code Compliance has a supply of basic tools such as wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, and ladders that can be checked out for a weekend project. This program is available to any registered neighborhood group. For more information or to check out tools, please contact the Tool Lending Coordinator at 480-644-2061.



Keep your pool in top shape this winter

By Nick Masse
The Pool Dude

As the temperatures drop, pool maintenance becomes less labor-intensive, yet care is still required to keep your pool looking good during the winter months.



Chemical-wise, you'll use less chlorine due to the lower temperatures, but you'll find your pool will need more acid. As you do in the summer, make sure you keep your chlorine levels near 2.0 and your acid levels at 7.6. You won't need to add any special chemicals to the water during the winter months, especially if you are not swimming.

Filters will need to be back-washed once a month; if you have a

paper filter, clean them every 1 to 3 months, depending on the size of your filter.

Winter is the best time to do any major repairs, including draining and refilling your pool, which lowers the hardness of your water. Be sure to drain your pool water into the sewer system by running your backwash line into the sewer cleanout located on your property. The City of Mesa and Parkwood Ranch CC&R's prohibit the drainage of pool water into streets, and you may be fined if this occurs.

Winter draining of your pool also will keep the plaster healthy - this should be done every three years, to prevent stains on the plaster.

Calendar of Events

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

Sat., Nov 12th

Community Yard Sale

Sat., Dec. 17th

2nd Annual "Tour de Parkwood Ranch Festival of Lights"

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Important Phone Numbers

Police & Fire 911

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

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