

Untangle those lights and get ready for the Tour de Parkwood Festival of Light!

The Tour de Parkwood Festival of Light is back again this year, and promises to be bigger - and yes, brighter - than last year's event.

Enter your home into the contest by Dec. 12, in order to be put on the ballot for the Dec. 15th Tour. For those new to Parkwood Ranch, this event showcases holiday light displays found in our community. Maps, ballots and hot chocolate are picked up at Farmdale Park basketball courts, and then residents drive the neighborhood in search of light displays. Residents vote for their favorite display, and homeowners earn the distinction of best in show. For more information, or to enter your home into the competition, contact Roberta Cullen at 480-529-7834.



Home Alone Safety and Internet Safety Trainings

The Association for Supportive Child Care offers free training for schools and groups on internet and home alone safety. The classroom safety trainings help K-6th grade students practice how to keep themselves safe in potentially dangerous situations. Children learn safety tips, participate in a problem-solving game and practice staying safe through active role-plays of various safety scenarios. All participants receive Phone Friend materials with the Phone Friend "warm line" number. If you are interested in having a Home Alone Safety or Internet Safety presentation at your school or facility, please contact the ASCC at 480-829-0500, or 800-535-4599.

Sign up for free email updates!

The Parkwood Ranch HOA Board wants to keep you informed of community happenings on a timely basis by sending out monthly email newsletters.



This free service is available by sending your email address to newsletter@parkwoodhoa.com. Be sure to put monthly email newsletter in the topic heading.

Community Calendar

Watch for email updates on the following upcoming events:

- October 20 Fall Festival
- November Turkey Bowl
- Dec. 15 Tour De Parkwood Ranch

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West Nile Virus Hotline
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Stagnant Water	Mosquitoes
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- Mesa Police Non-Emergency #
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- Mesa Police Animal Control
..... 644-2211
- Mesa Fire Community Services #
..... 644-2200
- City of Mesa 644-2011

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President's Message

Building Community

By Greg Wolfe

There is a bumper sticker that reads "Think globally, act locally." I think that is very good advice. Although each of us lives in our own specific home, we are all part of the greater neighborhood of Parkwood Ranch. In turn, our neighborhood is part of the greater community of the City of Mesa. It goes on from there. My point is that what we do as individuals can have a dramatic impact well beyond our property boundaries.

One of the reasons people choose to live in an HOA is that they like the consistency from one property to the next, one street to the next. This adds

value for everyone when it comes to appraisals. Just one person who doesn't keep up their property can affect the value of his neighbor's home. Likewise, parking automobiles on the street instead of your driveway can be a safety issue as well as an eyesore. I challenge you to go outside and take a look at your home. Ask yourself if what you see improves the neighborhood, or takes something from it. That, for me, is the first step toward becoming part of our community.

The Parkwood Ranch HOA is looking beyond its borders, looking for ways to improve the areas where we live. We have become part of a coalition of neighborhoods managed by Renaissance Community Partners. We are now looking to bid contracts as a group, thus lowering expenses and improving quality.

For example, we just contracted with Sculptured Earth Resources to do our monthly landscaping. By combining our service with that of Signal Butte Ranch, across Broadway Road from us, we are going to save approximately \$40,000 of your money in the next year. In addition, we have more landscaping resources available as Sculptured Earth has set up a support facility just across the street. We will be expanding this concept to other areas, such as wall painting, street sealing, pest control, and tree trimming.

Community, of course, just isn't about property maintenance and living by the CCRs. It's about people. As the weather begins to cool off, I invite you to get out of your home, walk the neighborhood and meet everyone you can. If there is a problem with a neighbor, talk to him or her. They probably aren't even aware you thought there was a problem.



You are also invited to come out to two upcoming events sponsored by Parkwood Ranch. First is our annual Fall Festival, on October 20, at Farmdale Park. We will have games and inflatable rides for the kids, vendor booths from local businesses and organizations, raffle prizes, and visits from the Police and Fire Departments. But most importantly, you can meet and get to know your neighbors. You can help build community.

The second event is our annual Tour de Parkwood Ranch on Dec. 15, 2007. It also begins at Farmdale Park with a cup of hot chocolate. Then take the tour of our neighborhood and help pick the most festive holiday displays. It's another family event that everyone loves.

Of course, if you would like to help with either of these events, please contact our Social Committee Chair Roberta Cullen at 480-529-7834.

Each day we have an opportunity to "think globally, act locally." By taking advantage of these opportunities each of us can help make a difference and improve the quality of life for everyone in our community.



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.

September 24, 2007

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

October 22, 2007

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

November 26, 2007

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

December - No Meeting

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Mountain Vista Medical Center Opens



(Left) IASIS Healthcare celebrated the grand opening of their newest facility, Mountain View Medical Center, by holding a community open house. (Below) The new hospital features the latest in state-of-the-art medical care, including digital surgery rooms.

On Monday, July 23, the newest hospital in the IASIS Healthcare family opened its doors to the public, giving Parkwood Ranch residents expert medical care less than a mile away.

The 178-bed facility includes amenities such as on-demand room service, wireless internet service, bedside registration, and a fast-track area in the emergency room for minor illnesses and injuries.

"We have been preparing for our opening day for over two years, and we are thrilled that we can now provide care for our community and expert medical services for our patients," said Kelly H. Adams, chief executive officer of Mountain Vista Medical Center, in a press release. "Our hospital is designed to be a place of healing. Our skilled and experienced staff is committed to providing excellent care and service."

Additional services include:

- Helipad



- Dedicated 40-slice CT Scanner and imaging equipment
- Endoscopy
- Geropsych Unit
- Heart Center
- Imaging Services
- Intensive Care Unit
- Surgical Services
- Women's Services
- Wound Care



Around the Ranch . . .

Community Town Hall September 26, 6:30pm

Want to air your views about your neighborhood, city government, and the changes that can be made to make Parkwood Ranch a better place to live? You'll want to attend the Community Town Hall at Patterson Elementary School on Sept. 26.

The event starts at 6:30pm and is sponsored by the Renaissance Community Coalition, which includes Parkwood Ranch HOA, Signal Butte Ranch HOA, Signal Butte Manor HOA and the Villages of Eastridge HOA.

In addition to neighborhood board members, it will include Councilman Scott Somers, and City of Mesa officials from the Code Enforcement, Traffic Engineering, Neighborhood Services, Public Safety & Economic Development departments. The Town Hall will meet in Patterson's multi-purpose room, and all residents are encouraged to attend and make their voice heard on issues that are important to them and the neighborhood.

Break out the sweaters! It's Fall Festival time!

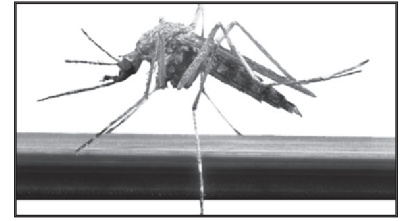
It's Fall Festival time! This year's event will be held Oct. 20, 2007 at the Farmdale Park basketball courts. Held in conjunction with Arizona's GAIN (Getting Area Neighborhoods Involved) night, the Fall Festival will run from 5-7pm.

In addition to fun, food, games and rides, local businesses have donated raffle prizes. City of Mesa officials from Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Services will be on hand to help Parkwood Ranch residents with any questions regarding block watch activities, crime prevention, and



other safety issues.

If you would like to donate a raffle prize, or set up a booth at the festival, please contact Social Committee Chair Roberta Cullen at 480-529-7834. Volunteers also are needed to man the various booths and activities, so please give Roberta a call if you can help.



West Nile Virus reported in Parkwood Ranch

A case of West Nile Virus has been reported in Parkwood Ranch, and the Maricopa County Vector Control division has been setting mosquito traps in an effort to track this sometimes deadly infection.

Residents are encouraged to wear DEET protective spray when outdoors. This includes spraying children before they leave for school, or when they play outside.

To prevent mosquito infestations, empty standing water sources such as play pools, flower pots, tires, sand toys and other places where water collects.

Symptoms of West Nile Virus include fever, headache, body aches, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back. These symptoms usually develop between 3 and 14 days after you are bitten by a mosquito carrying the virus.

Phone Friend lends a friendly voice to kids home alone after school

Phone Friend is a free, bilingual "warm line" that children ages 5-18 may call to get homework help, play a game or hear a story, or just talk to someone during after school hours. Phone Friend helps children build self-confidence and problem-solving skills and encourages activities that promote self-sufficiency within parents' boundaries.

Phone Friend is funded by Valley of the Sun United Way, Arizona Republic Charities, Albertson's Community Partners, Glendale From the Heart, Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families, City of Chandler, Cox Charities, and the City of Tempe SACA Fund.

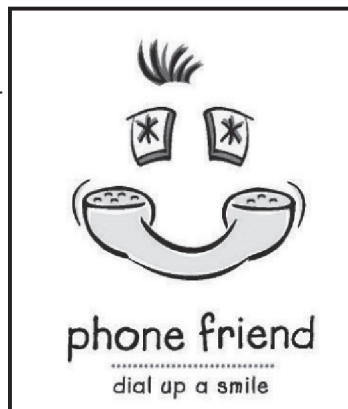
Phone Friend is available Monday through Friday, 1-6:30pm

602-253-9099 (Maricopa County)

800-308-2000 (Toll Free)

480-736-2627 (TTY)

Dial up a smile!



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