

Parkwood Ranch



GAIN Event Oct. 16, 3-8pm

It's time for the GAIN Event once again! This year the event runs from 3-8pm at Farmdale Park, and will feature games, safety information and inflatables. GAIN is Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods, and is our version of National Night Out. This year's event features entertainment by internationally-known Sammy Hall of Nashville, TN, who will give an anti-drug message for all ages; crime prevention information from the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, including an appearance by Sheriff Joe Arpaio; various MCSO vehicles; the MCSO Canine Unit will give a demonstration; the Mesa Police and Fire Departments will be on hand; and food for purchase from Cooperstown. There will also be a raffle drawing. The event is free, so grab the kids and come out to meet your neighbors!



Save \$75 by submitting an ARC request BEFORE you do the work

Are you planning to paint your house? Change the front-yard landscaping? Rip out your lawn and install desert plants? Save yourself \$75 by submitting your ARC request before you begin working on your project.

The Board of Directions recently instituted a policy where residents who do not submit an ARC request when making changes will pay a \$75 fee. Those who submit before the work is started will not be assessed this fee. ARC request forms can be found on the Parkwood Ranch website at www.parkwoodhoa.com. Homeowners with questions regarding this policy should call Renaissance Community Partners at 480-813-6788.

MACFest gives local artists the opportunity to display their talents

Downtown Mesa will be buzzing with activity with the return of Mesa’s celebration of Mesa Arts and Culture Festival (MACFest) beginning the first Saturday in October.

MACFest is a free event featuring unique artist creations, music and fun for the whole family. The 2010 – 2011 season will be every Saturday, October 2 – to – April 30, except December 11th and 25th and January 1st, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Artist’s exhibits will be displayed along Main Street sidewalks centered at Macdonald Street.

With the City of Mesa’s new Arts and Culture Director, Cindy Ornstein, providing guidance to the MACFest Organizing Committee, new initiatives are being launched to enhance the experience of Downtown Mesa visitors. Come on down and enjoy the festivities!



Photo by MACFest Vice Chair, Denise A. Currier

Check out the online garage sale

The Renaissance Community Coalition, in partnership with your HOA has developed the Renaissance Community Garage Sale Online. This free service is an online classified ad system only for people who live in Renaissance-managed communities.

Have you got a lawnmower you no longer need? Sell it to your neighbor. Looking for an entertainment center? Chances are someone nearby is looking to sell one. It’s cheaper than the newspaper and friendlier than Craigslist.

To check out the garage sale, go to your community’s home page and click on the Renaissance Community Garage Sale link. Listings will obviously change daily, so come back often. You never know what you will find. Happy hunting!

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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.

What do you mean “please remove weeds from rock areas?”

Many of you have received one - the white “sticky note” that serves as a gentle first notice that you have violated one of the community CC&Rs, or Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions. These are the rules every homeowner agreed to follow when they purchased a home in Parkwood Ranch.



To help enforce these rules, the Parkwood Ranch Homeowner's Association Board of Directors directs Renaissance Community Partners to inspect the community every 10 business days. This amount of time is regulated by Arizona State Law, to allow homeowners a standard amount of time to correct the situation that caused them to be in violation of the CC&Rs.

A major problem and CC&R violation right now are weeds. Although dandelions, and Russian thistle (also known as tumbleweed) are common weeds in Arizona, spurge is as well. This nasty plant, pictured at right, is highly toxic to the skin. There are several prod-

ucts on the market that will kill spurge. Once it is sprayed on and the weed dies, pull it. Pulling it while it is still alive and green will only result in more weeds and a nasty skin rash. As with all weeds, once they have died, remove them from the yard, or you may receive another sticky note or letter asking you to “please remove weeds from rock areas.”

Trim Palm Fronds

When an inspector leaves this sticky note on your door, what does it mean? “Dead and down” is the measuring stick used to determine if your palm fronds need to be removed. If the palm frond is dead, brown and hanging down, trim it off. If any of the green palm fronds

are hanging down, trim those as well, because it's only a matter of time before

they turn brown and a sticky note is left on your door.

If you have any questions regarding the inspection process, please call Renaissance Community Partners. The management staff will be happy to help with any questions you may have regarding the inspection and CC&R violation process.



School's in session – take extra care when driving through the community

To help protect children going back to the classroom, AAA Arizona encourages motorists to follow these safety tips:

- Walk around your vehicle before moving it, especially during morning and afternoon hours.
- Scan between parked cars and other objects for signs that children could dart into the road.
- Eliminate distractions. Taking your eyes off the road for two seconds doubles your chance of being involved in a crash. Avoid engaging in distracting behavior in order to be a safer driver and set a good example for young passengers and pedestrians.
- Plan Ahead. Leave early for your destination and build in extra time for congestion. Modify your route to avoid school zones and traffic.

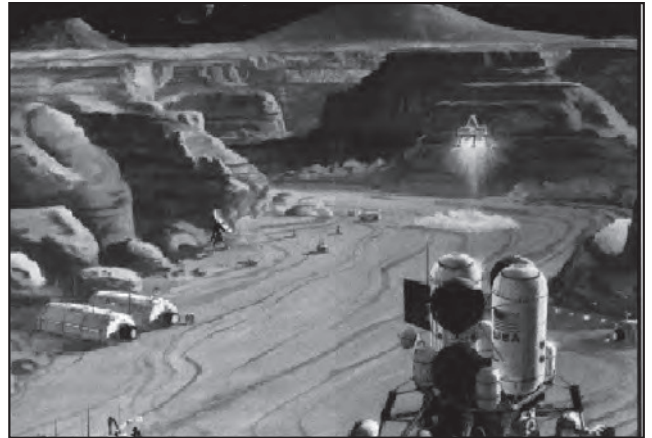


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Arizona Museum for Youth celebrates 50 years of NASA artwork

In celebration of its 50th anniversary in 2008, NASA is collaborating with SITES and the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum (NASM) on NASA | ART: 50 Years of Exploration. Drawn from works in NASA and NASM's archives that range from the illustrative to the abstract, the exhibition features approximately 60 paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture, and other media by such artists as Annie Leibowitz, Nam June Paik, Robert Rauschenberg, Norman Rockwell, Doug and Mike Starn, Andy Warhol, William Wegman, and Jamie Wyeth.

This exhibition opens at the Arizona Museum for Youth on Saturday, October 30 through Sunday, January 23, 2011. Located in downtown Mesa at 35 North Robson, the museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am - 4pm, Sundays from 12-4pm and closed Mondays and most holidays. Museum admission is just \$6.50 per person, ages 1 and older. For more information, please call 480.644.2467 or visit the museum online at <http://www.ArizonaMuseumforYouth.com>.



Reminder: exterior walls and block posts to be painted by Dec. 31, 2010

Residents are reminded the 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.

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- Drop children off on school property, not on neighborhood streets.
- Obey traffic laws. Drive no faster than 15 miles per hour in or near a school zone. Fines double when "STOP WHEN CHILDREN IN CROSSWALK" signs are present. In addition, remember that school zones are non-passing zones. Doing so is not only dangerous, but also against the law. Always stop for school buses that are loading or unloading students. It is illegal to pass a school bus with flashing red lights.
- Obey the crossing guard at all school crossings. Stop before reaching a crosswalk when the stop sign is in an upright position and the crossing guard and children are in the crosswalk. Do not proceed until the children and crossing guard have cleared the roadway.

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,

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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.

October 25, 2010

Patterson Elementary School

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

Board Meeting/General Session - 7:30 p.m.

November 22, 2010

Patterson Elementary School

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

Board Meeting/General Session - 7:30 p.m.

December 2010 - No Meeting