

# PARKWOOD

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## Vandals cause damage to irrigation system

Parkwood Ranch common areas have been experiencing an uptick in broken irrigation sprinklers and other key components.

Most of the damage has been done by vandals who kick the sprinkler heads off, breaking them. Residents are asked to report anyone who is damaging the HOA property, as these repairs are costly and could mean higher HOA quarterly assessments.

Please call Renaissance Community Partners at 480-813-6788 to report landscape damage.

## Parkwood Ranch Annual Meeting April 27, 2015

Neighbors are encouraged to attend and vote for quorum at the Parkwood Ranch Annual Meeting of the Members April 27, 2015 at Patterson Elementary School.

Neighbor sign-in begins at 6:45pm, with the meeting starting at 7:30pm. Several Board positions are up for election, and residents will receive a call for nominations form and ballot by mail.



**Sell your stuff during the Parkwood Ranch  
Community Garage Sale April 25, 2015**

# Board Meetings

All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held in the Media Center at Patterson Elementary School, 615 S. Cheshire, Mesa.

## March 23, 2015

Arch. Review Committee Mtg. - 6:15 pm.  
Board Meeting/General Session - 7:30 p.m.

## April 27, 2015

**Annual Meeting**  
7:30 p.m.

## May 25, 2015

No meeting

## June 22, 2015

Check website for meeting status

## July 27, 2015

Check website for meeting status

## Aug 24, 2015

Arch. Review Committee Mtg. - 6:15 pm.  
Board Meeting/General Session - 7:30 p.m.



## Parkwood Ranch trash and recycling schedule

**Monday is Trash**  
(black barrel)

**Thursday is Recycling**  
(blue barrel)

**Thursday is Green Trash**  
(green barrel)

For more information, visit [www.mesarecycles.org](http://www.mesarecycles.org)

# Steps to successfully submitting an ARC Request to the Committee

Are you making changes to the front of your home that is visible from street view? Then you need to complete an ARC Request before you perform any work.

There are some things to remember when filling out the form, which can be found at [www.parkwoodhoa.com/arcapproval.pdf](http://www.parkwoodhoa.com/arcapproval.pdf). The first important thing is a homeowner must be current with their quarterly assessments before they can submit an ARC Request. The second is acquiring neighbor approval of the project. You must obtain the signature of your neighbor(s) on the ARC form.

The most important item to remember is **DETAIL**. What is the scope of the project? Do you have a detailed description of what you are going to do,

including materials used, dimensions, placement, paint color names, etc? Without these vital items, your request could be denied or delayed due to an incomplete submission.

If you have all of your information and are ready to submit, your ARC Request must be mailed, faxed, or emailed to [shelli@rcplimited.com](mailto:shelli@rcplimited.com) at least 3 days prior to the next ARC meeting, to allow staff to check your submission for completeness. ARC Requests cannot be accepted during the Board meetings, or by Board members. They must be received by the management company.

If you have any questions regarding the ARC Request, please contact Renaissance Community Partners at 480-813-6788.

### Parkwood Ranch Community

#### Master Association Board

Travis Richards ..... President  
Thomas Finn ..... Vice President  
Kerry Whetten ..... Secretary  
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Michael Van Vleck ..... Director  
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#### Managed by: Renaissance Community Partners

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### Important Phone Numbers

Police & Fire .....911  
Mesa Police Superstition Patrol Dist.  
.....480-644-4371  
Mesa Animal Control  
..... 480-644-2268  
Mesa Fire Non-Emergency #  
..... 480-644-2101  
City of Mesa.....480-644-2011

The Parkwood Ranch RoundUp is a community publication from the Parkwood Ranch Master Community Association. We welcome all comments, contributions and letters.  
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## Community pride begins with you - topic revisited

As your current Vice President I wanted to revisit an article I wrote that was published in the 2012 Fourth Quarter newsletter. You can read the article on our website located at parkwoodhoa.com Click on the Notices & Newsletters link on the left hand side of the page and choose October 2012.

Let's talk about those dreaded five letter words which leads to the majority of sticky notices left on your door or complaints by your neighbors.

### **Weeds:**

We have to deal with these pesky pests because they are running rampant in the community. While we can't get rid of weeds forever, it is extremely important to work on them right away. The best way to get rid of weeds is to be sure to get the root system when eliminated them to begin with.

Do a manual clean up, then just take 10-15 minutes every few days to clean up the small stuff in your yard. The trick is not letting them get big in the first place, otherwise they produce seeds and spread at a rapid rate. You can get spray chemicals such as Weed Stopper 2 and you should win the battle versus the weeds.

For those that don't want to use chemicals, one of the tried and true home remedies remain hot boiling water which is an instant weed killer. This is a good method for those weeds growing in concrete. A bit tougher in a rock landscape



yard but it still works.

Another alternative is corn meal. Corn Gluten is a pre-emergent. Corn meal scattered around an area will keep any seed in that area from growing into a plant. This means a weed seed or a desirable seed.

### **Trash/Recycle Bins:**

This is one of the easiest ones to avoid any sticky notices or potential future fines but yet is one of the most popular sticky notice and fine producers.

The City of Mesa has the following rule:

Place the barrel out any time after 6 p.m. the night before but no later than 6 a.m. on your scheduled collection day, including all holidays, to ensure service. Remove the barrel from the curb no later than 6 a.m. the following day.

This can be found under section 8-3-5 Chapter 3 of the General Provisions of the City Compliance Code.

Follow the easy rule above and avoid any notices regarding your trash and recycle bins.

### **Fecal Matter:**

The easiest way to remember this, is a take on the OJ trial. You may remember the line "If it doesn't fit, you must acquit." In our case it would read: "If it poops, you must scoop."

This is another city law under Title 6 Chapter 4 Animal Control Ordinance.

Any person owning, possessing, harboring, or having the care, charge, control or custody of any dog shall immediately remove and thereafter dispose of any fecal matter deposited by the dog on a public or private property unless the property owner has given prior approval to use said property for this purpose.

We have children playing in our green belts, walkers, joggers and families that use the areas for parties and the last thing they want to see or run into is fecal matter. Our green belts and landscaped rock areas aren't meant for this and it costs the association money to have this cleaned up. I think we all would agree we would rather see our quarterly assessments go to other more important matters than fecal cleanup.

Our monthly meetings are held on the forth Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Patterson Elementary Media Center located at 615 South Cheshire. I along with the other board members represent you and we welcome any ideas, solutions and input that can help us keep our community moving forward in a positive manner. At the end of the day pride in our community still begins and ends with you.

*Kind Regards,*

*Thomas Finn*

*Vice President*

*Parkwood Ranch HOA*

## Spring a great time to get rid of tree suckers

By *DLC Resources*  
*Community Landscaper*

Tree suckers, sometimes called watersprouts, are vegetation shoots that grow on a tree but are not actual structural tree branches. Often, they grow in clusters that area connected at one point, usually at the base of the trunk or underground on the tree root. Suckers multiply rapidly and compete with the tree for valuable nutrients.

### How To Remove

Tree suckers are unsightly, undesirable and important to remove. If the sucker is small, you can break it off easily by hand at its base. If the growth is larger, use a pair of bypass pruners to cut off the sucker. Try to cut it off as close to the tree as possible to aid in the tree's wound response process.

In extreme cases, growth regulators may be used to reduce and/or control sucker growth. One of the most common and



readily available products is Monterey Sucker Stopper.

If the tree has already been removed and suckers are growing from remaining roots, an

herbicide like a root killer can be used. However, be cautious because the root killer can harm other existing trees and shrubs in the area.

## Mesa PD offers free Adult Information Kits

The Mesa Police Department is dedicated to keeping residents of Mesa safe, especially those with Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias (AD/D), who may leave their home and become lost. For that reason we offer a free Adult Information Kit for families and caregivers who are caring for someone with AD/D. The Kit provides a means to record identifying information and a place to post a recent

photo of the person with AD/D. The Kit also includes questions asked by 911 operators about missing adults.

The kit can be downloaded here - [www.mesaaz.gov/police/AdultInformationKit.aspx](http://www.mesaaz.gov/police/AdultInformationKit.aspx) or picked up at any of the Police substations:

- Central : 120 N Robson
- Fiesta : 1010 W Grove Avenue
- Red Mountain : 4333 E University Drive

MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT



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ADULT ID KIT

- Superstition : 2430 S Ellsworth Road