

PARKWOOD RANCH

Parkwood Ranch Community Master Association Newsletter

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GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Interested in getting involved in your community HOA? Why not volunteer to be on one of the HOA committees? Like planning social events? Join the Social Committee. Want to ensure your neighborhood looks great? Join the ARC. Interested residents can call the management company, Renaissance Community Partners at 480-813-6788.

BOARD MEETING

Join us at 7pm in the Patterson Elementary School Media Center for our next meeting.

MARCH 27, 2017

RENAISSANCE COMMUNITY PARTNERS ANNOUNCES NEW HOMEOWNER PORTAL

Our management company, Renaissance Community Partners, on March 1 launched a new homeowner portal, accessed via the Parkwood Ranch website. This new benefit will allow community members to access their account and view any balances, fines and credits at the touch of a mouse. Kevin Bishop, owner of Renaissance, said the new software and online portal will allow homeowners ease of access to their accounts. Some new features of the portal include:

Ability to enter email, phone number, contact information, renter information

- Change mailing address
- Update accounting information
- View payment and billing history
- View CC&R violation history
- View violation status; View pictures of violations

Homeowners will also be able to view HOA documents such as the budget, meeting minutes, policies, the Reserve Study, meeting agendas and maps. The Parkwood HOA website will have a link to the new portal, as well as a link on how to register. The website will also have a link to an information video on how the new portal works. Questions about this new benefit can be directed to Renaissance Community Partners at 480-813-6788.



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IS IT TIME TO REPAIR AND PAINT YOUR GATE?

Does your gate need to be repaired or painted? Now that the temperatures are warming up, it's the perfect time to paint and make those needed repairs.

The Parkwood Ranch CC&Rs and Architectural Guidelines require homeowners to maintain their property and gates, or they will be fined. Save yourself money by repairing and painting your gate the original color. Have a question regarding your gate? Give the Parkwood Ranch management company, Renaissance Community Partners, a call at 480-813-6788, and the friendly staff will be happy to help you.

REPORT VACANT HOMES AND HELP IMPROVE PROPERTY VALUES

Do you live next to a vacant home? Do you want to improve the property values in Parkwood Ranch? Please report vacant properties to vacant@rcplimited.com.

Is there a yard on your

block that looks abandoned? Please report the address so the management company can look into the matter. Questions? Please call Renaissance Community Partners at 480-813-6788.

WINTER RAINS MEAN WEEDS AND THE MENACE CALLED DODDER

The recent rains have meant weeds have exploded in our yards, granite and common areas. A particular nuisance is the Dodder plant, a vine that is a parasite that wraps itself around anything it can and destroys its host.

Our landscaping company, DLC Resources, offers the following tips to rid your plants of this parasite.

Have you ever walked by a shrub that looked like it was covered with spaghetti? No, it's not cloudy with a chance of meatballs – the plant is infected with a weed called Dodder. Dodder is a parasitic vine that is extremely difficult to eradicate. What is a parasitic vine? It's a weed that depends on a host plant for all of its needs.

How to Identify Dodder

To spot Dodder, look for long, slender, thread like stems that kind of look like spaghetti. It may also have bell shaped flowers that are cream colored. Dodder is a tricky weed because it grows and branches out to nearby plants very easily. Because of this ability, it often looks like a matted mess covering up a whole plant. The more vines there are, the more energy that is removed from the host plant. The loss of nutrients to the Dodder combined with the loss of light from the matted weeds can cause major damage to the host plant.



Dodder Challenges

One of the biggest challenges with Dodder is its seeds. Dodder is a flowering plant and its flowers will produce thousands of seeds which, when mature, will fall to the soil below. The seeds have a very hard coat around them and stay dormant in the soil until the right conditions come around to sprout. When it comes to getting rid of a Dodder infestation, it is the seeds that cause the greatest headache, which is why prevention is so important.

Removal

At the first sign of Dodder, pull it off the plant and throw it away. Check the infestation site often because the weed may quickly regrow so it's important to keep pulling. If you see Dodder soon after it has attached itself to a host, prune the infected portion of the host plant 1/8 to 1/4 inch below the point of the attachment, otherwise the dodder can regenerate. If the Dodder is attached to a shrub or tree, pruning is only helpful if it is confined to one or two branches. Removing any more than that will most likely cause major damage to the host shrub or tree.

Because Dodder is extremely difficult to destroy once it has taken over a plant, it is important to try to end the growth cycle. Use a pre-emergent herbicide like oryzaline that, when added to the soil under the infested plants, will kill the seed before it grows. Currently, there are no post-emergent herbicides that kill dodder without also killing the host plant. If the infestation is completely unmanageable, removal of the host plant with its attached dodder may be the easiest solution.

FALCON FIELD OPEN HOUSE

Join the fun 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, March 25, 2017 when the City of Mesa's Falcon Field Airport hosts its 9th annual Open House!

The event will be held at Falcon Field Airport and Falcon Field Park, 4636 East Fighter Aces Drive (located just north of McKellips Road between Greenfield Road and Higley Road). Free general and disabled parking is available at the airport entrance on the north side of McKellips Road east of Greenfield Road.

Event admission, kids' activities, and parking are free. Donations of canned food will be accepted for the United Food Bank. A variety of food will be available for purchase.

The event will showcase the vital aviation and economic role of Falcon Field and its many businesses to the Mesa community.

The Open House will feature:

- The Boeing Company's Apache AH-64E Apache attack helicopter, two unmanned aerial vehicles - the S-100 Camcopter and ScanEagle - and a ground control station; vintage warbirds; a 1967 AH-1F Cobra helicopter; experimental aircraft; general aviation aircraft, and more.
- Impala Bob's Classic Car Show benefiting the East Valley Boys & Girls Club.
- Public safety & Valley Metro transit vehicles.
- Model railroad exhibit by the Arizona Big Train Operators.
- Informational displays by representatives of



area aviation education programs, local businesses and the City of Mesa.

Meet Freddy the Falcon and enjoy great food and nostalgic music!

Learn about Falcon Field's origin as a World War II pilot training base at the Commemorative Air Force Airbase Arizona Museum. The museum will host the Southwest Military Transport Show by the Air Force Arizona Historical Military Transport Association. Show hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 25 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, March 26.

Important note: Museum access will be available from the Open House event site. The museum will have expanded hours from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on March 25. Discounted admission rates will be offered on March 25 only: \$5 per person/\$10 per family. For more information, call the museum at (480) 924-1940.



PARKWOOD RANCH TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

MONDAY IS TRASH
black barrel

THURSDAY IS RECYCLING
blue barrel

THURSDAY IS GREEN TRASH
green barrel

The City of Mesa offers Recycling Drop-Off Centers across the city. For a list of Drop-Off Centers and acceptable and non-acceptable items, visit www.mesaaz.gov/residents/solid-waste-trash-recycling/drop-off-recycling

- Below are Drop-off Center reminders: Recyclables should be relatively clean and unbagged.
- Styrofoam, plastic bags and plastic wrap are not accepted.
- Please break down cardboard boxes and remove all packing material.
- Please keep the area clean - no trash or non-acceptable items allowed.

If you have any questions, please call Customer Service at (480) 644-2221.