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Are YOU driving too fast through the neighborhood?

There have been a number of serious accidents in Parkwood Ranch over the past few months. In two separate incidents, automobiles have crashed into the back yards of our neighbors. A third lost control and ended up in the common area. These are obviously very dangerous situations that, fortunately, did not result in significant injury, but created quite a bit of damage to personal and common property.

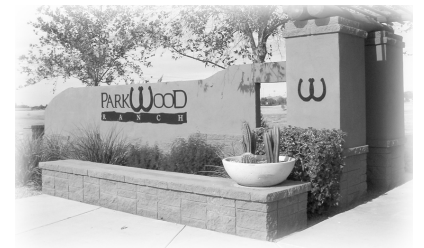
The root of the problem is speed. Speeding automobiles in our neighborhood is a major concern. Remember, the speed limit on all streets in Parkwood Ranch, including Cheshire, Farmdale, and Coralbell is 25 MPH. There is a 10 MPH limit in the area of the Cheshire curve.

In response to our conversations with the City of Mesa, the Traffic Engineering department is currently studying traffic in the Parkwood Ranch area. They are measuring traffic volumes and speed. The data collected will help us determine the best action to take in order to mitigate the problem.

Regardless of the outcome of the traffic study, it's really up to us, the residents of Parkwood Ranch. Pay close attention to your speed and drive in the neighborhood slowly and safely. A few extra seconds isn't worth saving if it puts your neighbor at risk.

Also, you will notice more motor officers in the area over the next several weeks. We have asked the Mesa Police Department for additional speed enforcement in the area. Speeding tickets can be very expensive and can have a long term affect on your insurance premiums.

Finally, a traffic management committee has been formed in order to address several issues throughout Parkwood Ranch, including speed, parking problems, and controlled intersections. If you have any input or questions concerning traffic in our neighborhood, please send an email to Greg Wolfe at gwolfe3@cox.net. The committee will be looking at various problems over the next several months.



Around the Ranch . . .

Graffiti

Graffiti vandals have been tagging our neighborhood in recent months. The best way to combat this problem is to remove the tagging immediately. If you see graffiti in the common area, please call our management company, Renaissance Community Partners at 480-813-6788 as soon as possible. They can arrange to have it removed, or repainted. And, if you see someone doing it, call the Mesa Police Department. Let's work together to make sure graffiti vandals get the message that they are not welcome in Parkwood Ranch.

Landscaping

This is a reminder that if you have frost damaged plants in your yard, make sure they are trimmed or removed. Plants and trees that have no new growth on them now are dead and need to be replaced. We have not been enforcing this heavily as we wanted the plants to have an opportunity to recover, but our inspectors are now giving notices for dead trees and bushes. Keep Parkwood Ranch looking good.

President's Message

Parkwood Ranch is a great community. The Board of Directors has worked very hard for several years to make our community one of the best neighborhoods in Mesa. But there is room for improvement. As your new Board President, I would like to explain my guiding philosophies for the next year in Parkwood Ranch. Consider them my cornerstones for taking our community to the next level.

Better Community – Quite simply, the very reason for our existence as a master association is to make our community better. It's what every property owner wants, and it's what each person who works on behalf of the community should strive to achieve. Every decision and every

action taken by the Board of Directors and our contractors must pass a simple test question before it is implemented. Does this decision/action make our community better? If the answer is yes, then let's get going. If not, then the answer must lie elsewhere.

Teamwork – Every one of our 1402 property owners in Parkwood Ranch is on the same team. We have the same goal, so we need to work together to reach it. As individuals we all come from different backgrounds, have had different experiences and express different opinions. This diversity makes our community stronger, but only if we keep our focus on the bigger picture. Individual agendas are not welcome here, only people willing to work as a team to make our entire community better.

Fiscal Responsibility – The Parkwood Master Association collects, and spends, approximately three quarters of a million dollars of your money each year. We need to make sure that each and every dollar is spent, or saved, in the most prudent way possible. Long term strong financial health is absolutely critical in making our community better. It takes teamwork to make it happen. Property owners need to contribute assessments on time and in the proper amount each quarter. It's the only way we have the financial resources



to work toward our goal. The Board will respond by ensuring that every dollar spent on your behalf is working for you efficiently and effectively.

Don't Sweat the Small Stuff

– But at the same time, pay attention to details, as they are the hallmark of quality. Let's keep our focus on the big picture, concentrating on those things that make our community great, and not get entangled in issues that are really quite meaningless. That doesn't however mean we can lose track of the details. Communication needs to be timely and accurate, as does billing and payments. Landscaping needs to look good, playground equipment maintained, and common areas should be safe and inviting. These are the things that make Parkwood Ranch a better community.

This is my foundation to reach our goal. But it takes commitment from everyone involved in order to succeed. Every property owner, the members of the Board of Directors and committees, and the people who work for our contractors need to build upon this foundation and work every day to make our community better.

These are my thoughts. What do you think? Send me an email at gwolfe3@cox.net. I am always happy to hear from a member of the team.



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.

June 25, 2007

Renaissance Community Partners
633 E. Ray Rd. Ste. 122

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

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

July, 2007 – No Meeting

August 27, 2007

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

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



Treasurer's Report

By *Charlie Stock*

As I have indicated in the past we are moving forward with a more aggressive program regarding property owners in our community that are delinquent in the payment of their assessments.

Unfortunately, we have had seven trustee sales scheduled for this year so far.

If you are one of those property owners who are delinquent in you payments, please call Renaissance Community Partners at 480-813-6788, and ask for Kelly and make arrangements to bring your account current. We will work with you to schedule payments. It is a lot less expensive than doing nothing.

The rest of my news is positive. We have sufficient funds to carry us through the balance of the year and should not require any changes in our assessments or the budget.

Again, if you have any questions, I can be reached at user894291@aol.com.

Free summer concert series at Superstition Springs Mall

June 23	<i>Young Country</i> – Hits from Hank Williams to Kenny Chesney
June 30	<i>Aaron Nelson Project</i> – Classic and current hits
July 7	<i>The Mike & T Band</i> – Nashville's finest perform country, pop, and rock
July 14	<i>The Rave</i> – Variety hits from 60's to today
July 21	<i>Azz Izz</i> – Funk, Jazz, Reggae, Saucy Soca

Schedule is subject to change, for information call 480-396-2570.

New members of the Board of Directors elected

Following the Annual Meeting in April, new officers were selected for the Parkwood Ranch Master Association.

Greg Wolfe President
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Vince Nasuta is the chairman of the Landscaping Committee

Melody Fowler is chairman of the Architectural Review Committee

Roberta Cullen is chairman of the Social Events Committee

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2007

4th of July

Fireworks celebration

CHUCK E. BABY & THE ALLSTARS LIVE....7-9 p.m.

FIREWORKS @ 9
APACHE JUNCTION HS FOOTBALL STADIUM

FREE WATERMELON 6-9 p.m.
(or until it's all gone...)

For more information call
Parks & Recreation @ 480-983-2181

CITY-WIDE SWIM MEET @ 12 PM
FREE WITH POOL ADMISSION

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT @ 8 AM

YOUTH H.O.R.S.E. & 3 POINT BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT @ 10 AM

PUBLIC SWIMMING 10 AM-4 PM

SKATE COMPETITION JULY 3 & 4

AJHS STADIUM ACTIVITIES

FUN KIDS ACTIVITIES 5-8 PM

BICYCLE, TRICYCLE & WAGON DECORATING CONTEST (JUDGING @) 7 PM

GAME BOOTHS 5-9 PM

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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 Joins Greater Phoenix Digital Library to Offer Digital Downloads

By: Bob Huhn

As a member of the Greater Phoenix Digital Library, patrons of the City of Mesa Library now have 24/7 access to a renowned collection of digital audio books, eBooks, music, and video by visiting the website at <http://overdrive.phoenixpubliclibrary.org/>.

With a valid library card, patrons can checkout and download popular titles to their PC, and then transfer to a portable MP3 player or even burn some titles to CD and listen in the car. Patrons will need to install the OverDrive Media Console for audio books, music, and video, and the Adobe Reader and Mobipocket Reader for eBooks.

Users can select from a large and growing collection, including titles from best-selling authors like Nora Roberts, James Patterson, Dean Koontz, and Janet Evanovich. The digital library spans nearly every genre from mystery, classic, and romance to business, careers, and travel guides. Among the collection are more than 500 videos. Patrons can download feature films (Super Size Me), popular music concerts (James Brown, Cher, and Barry Manilow), learning videos (Easy Sushi, Easy Yoga, Easy Dog Training), and IMAX movies (The Living Sea, The Discoverers). Videos can be viewed on a PC or transferred to portable media device. Some videos are always available for unlimited access by patrons.

Patrons can have 10 titles checked out at one time for 21 days. At the end of the lending period, the titles automatically expire from the PC and are returned to the library. Users will never accrue late fees or damage or lost item fines. If a title is currently checked out, a patron can place a hold and be sent an email notification when it is available.

Greater Phoenix Digital Library launched the service in 2004, with content and technology provided by OverDrive, Inc., www.overdrive.com. City of Mesa Library joins eight other members including Apache Junction, Chandler, Glendale, Peoria, Phoenix, Scottsdale, State Library, and Tempe.

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:

September	Community Garage Sale
October	Fall Festival
November	Turkey Bowl
Dec. 15	Tour De Parkwood Ranch

Fight the Bite!
West Nile Virus Hotline

602-506-0700

Stagnant Water	Mosquitoes
Green Pool	Dead Bird

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Important Phone Numbers

Police & Fire 911

Mesa Police Non-Emergency #

..... 644-2211

Mesa Police Animal Control

..... 644-2211

Mesa Fire Community Services #

..... 644-2200

City of Mesa 644-2011

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