

ARROYO ROJO COMMUNITY NEWS

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FROM YOUR COMMUNITY

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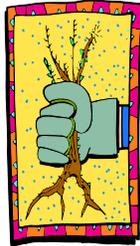
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WRANGLE WEEDS LIKE A PRO

by Jim Wallace

Spring is here, folks, and that means letting the outdoors back into our lives. It also means that conditions are prime for weeds. The temperature is ideal for growing both cool-season and warm-season plants, which is why there are so many... that, and the rain we have been fortunate to receive. Not only are they unsightly, they harbor pests, and drop a great deal of seeds. This is a vicious cycle that most likely cannot be prevented, but we can certainly slow it down, and try to stay ahead of it. I recommend spraying small weeds that have not matured to a reproductive age (seedheads) with a postemergent herbicide product containing glyphosate, i.e. Roundup. It is safe and effective. Follow the label for proper application. For larger more mature weeds it is recommended to pull them, ideally before they go to seed. Even if you kill them with an herbicide, the seeds can remain viable,

from days to years. It is also recommended to pull as much of the plant out of the ground as possible- roots and everything. Most weeds reproduce with both seed and vegetative growth. If you leave a big enough root, it will result in a new plant.

For more complete coverage it is advisable to apply a preemergent herbicide. This can be put out in granular form with a spreader and watered-in, or sprayed in a liquid form. Once applied, the preemergent will act as a blanket and prevent anything under it from germinating. Follow the label for proper application. Look for preemergent herbicides at a nursery. A drive around the neighborhood tells me some will think of the task as daunting, however, once you get on top of the problem it will become a minor chore to keep your yard weed free. This is the cheapest and easiest method of maintaining your yard. So now you have the knowledge and tools, get out there and beautify our neighborhood!!

DRIVE SAFELY!

Warmer weather makes for great outdoor time for us all. We love to get out to soak up as much of it as we can before the Arizona heat hits full force. As you drive through our neighborhood, please slow down and keep a watchful eye for children playing and people and pets walking.



OUR FABULOUS WEBSITE

Be sure to frequently check the HOA website at www.ArroyoRojoHOA.com. Chris Naude, our very own Webmaster, has set up and maintains a great site for the neighborhood.

He is always open to ideas for content so let him hear from you. Thanks to Chris for volunteering.



Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's Party!"

- Robin Williams

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT



Did you notice that your dues did not go up this year! We hope you saw that your BOD has held the line. We have already instituted cost saving measures that made it possible to not raise dues and are continually looking for more ways to save.

The Architectural Committee has posted the Architectural/Landscape Change request form on the website at www.ArroyoRojoHOA.com. You need to submit this form for approval whenever you are considering any changes to your property.

Thank you to John and Penny Bradford for providing new HOA Meeting announcement signs. You will see them a few days prior to each monthly HOA meeting on Irma, 12th Street and Rose Garden. They look great!

HOA Board Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at Westwind Aviation in the Deer Valley Airpark. Take Deer Valley West to 7th Ave, turn right on 7th into the Airpark, then go to your left and it is the blue building. We meet in the conference room upstairs. Please join us for the fun of it.

Thanks to our neighbor, Joe McShane, for attending our January meeting and offering to subsidize the printing of our newsletter "in color". A very generous offer that will greatly improve the look of the newsletter for the same low cost.

We had a bout of graffiti a couple of months ago. We imagine this happened late at night. Please be on the watch for people wandering in the neighborhood. When you see graffiti, please notify our management company ASAP. The best way to eliminate it is to be sure those doing it don't have a chance to enjoy their message. Also, if you should see this crime in progress, call 911.

The Architectural Committee is developing a new palette of exterior paint colors for our houses. As soon as the palette has been adopted, we will make sure the information on color schemes makes its way to the website. As always, please be sure to fill out an Architectural Change Request form and submit it to Cuellar Realty for approval.

The Board welcomes returning member, Michael Porter. Michael has a long history of actively serving his community and we are happy to have him back.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Cathy Reader recently attended training in the Neighborhood Watch program through the City of Phoenix. It was a half-day program, well attended by many local neighborhood groups, and extremely informative.

Cathy will be putting together a meeting in the month of April to get the program started here in Arroyo Rojo - watch for news of the meeting on the HOA website at www.arroyorojohoa.com. If any of you are interested in being a Block Captain for your block, please call Cathy at 480-219-4907. The more Captains we have the better - Captains will be the eyes and ears of our neighborhood.

ARROYO ROJO HOA

Spring has sprung and so have the weeds

Our neighborhood has been attacked by weeds. It seems that many of our neighbors are more successful at fighting this menace than others. Your HOA was lenient this time. We did not immediately send reminder notices to those neighbors whose weeds needed attention. Instead, we gave them some more time to attend to the challenge. Unfortunately, when some did not take the initiative, we had to send "the letter". Just so you know, at \$15 each, these "letters" cost you more than \$1,200 in a single month. Yes, the reminder letter cost all of us over \$1,200. If you received one of these letters, in the future, please try to take action before you have to be sent another one as it costs us all if you don't. Please don't rely on a \$15 letter to remind you to keep your property looking great!



The Economy:

"We need to replace fear of the future with faith in the future"

-Nick Murray

Pet Etiquette 101

Please, always carry plastic bags or "pick-up mitts" when you walk your dogs. By properly removing and disposing of your pets' solid waste, you are preventing health and safety issues for others while committing a very much appreciated common courtesy. As an added bonus, you are also saving your HOA money or your neighbor an unsavory task.

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Crime Log

The following is a list of reported homicides, assaults, robberies and burglaries that occurred in the month of February, 2009. Incidents are by ZIP code (85024) and block number. These are not exact addresses.

19000 N 16th Street; (burglary)
21800 N 20th Street; (burglary)
22800 N 24th Street; (burglary)
1400 E Behrend Dr.; (burglary)
900 E Potter; (1 assault, 1 burglary)
2600 E Ross; (burglary)
1600 E Runion Dr.; (burglary)
700 E Sack Dr.; (burglary)

SAVE THESE DATES!

You are invited and encouraged to join us for the monthly HOA Board of Directors meeting.

Thursday, April 16, 2009

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Thursday, June 18, 2009

7:00 P.M.

The Board welcomes your participation. Feel free to voice your concerns, share your ideas or just see what is involved in running our neighborhood. The more, the merrier!

KIDS FUN:



Why can't your nose be 12 inches long?
(Answer is on the last page)



"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can."

-George Bernard Shaw

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Design Review:

Penny Bradford
Helen David
Jim Wallace

Block Captains:

Helen David
Brian and Dana Dumas
Randy and Robin Lloyd
Kathleen Dunne Millar
Cathy Reader

Neighborhood Watch:

Cathy Reader

Website:

Chris Naude
Nicole Schaeffer

Newsletter:

Cathy Reader
Marli Smythe
Joe McShane

Board Members:

John Bradford
Nicole Schaeffer
Dick Reader
Marli Smythe
Michael Porter
Shawn Ramey

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

What would make Arroyo Rojo a wonderful place to live? Sure, it is nice now but what could we do to make it wonderful? The first thing we need are more volunteers. Funny thing about volunteering: You have to do it. Don't wait for someone or someday. Volunteer now. Call Dick Reader at 480-219-4907 and say, "I'd like to volunteer to help my Arroyo Rojo Neighborhood." You'll be glad you did.

Satellite Dishes

Did you know that our CC&Rs require that the placement of all satellite dishes be approved by the association? Do you have approval for yours? If not, please complete an architectural request as soon as possible to avoid being found in violation and incurring a fine. The request form is readily available on the website. Regardless of how long you've had the dish, HOA approval is required if you haven't received it already.

THANK YOU !

Some of you have received "Thank You" letters, letting you know that your Board of Directors and property manager recognize how consistently you maintain the appearance of your property which, in turn, helps to beautify our neighborhood. Out of consideration for our budget, we must limit these letters to only a couple each month. So, to all of you that deserve the appreciation and have not received it yet, THANK YOU!

Community Garage Sale

Spring cleaning inevitably leads to the realization that you've accumulated stuff that is no longer of use... whether it is just a few items, or a truck load. Perhaps, as a community, we can help rid you of this over-stock.

We are taking indications of interest on a joint venture to coordinate a neighborhood garage sale. The more garages that get involved, the more bargain hunters we'll attract.

This is a great way to meet neighbors, enjoy the spring weather, clean house and, best of all, make money! If you are interested, please go to the website and "Contact Us". Let's do it before it gets too hot. Let us know by Monday, April 6th. Be sure to provide a phone number and what time of day is best to reach you.

Delicious Strawberry Pie

1 Can Sweetened Condensed Milk
1/4 Cup Lemon Juice

Mix the above items in a bowl until thickened.

Add 2 Cups sliced and well-drained strawberries.
Pour the mixture into a graham cracker crust.
You can also crush up some graham crackers and sprinkle them over the strawberries.

Refrigerate & Enjoy

This dessert will be a hit at any spring party!

KIDS FUN: Because then it would be a foot!

