

DECEMBER



2004

HOA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays and 'Many Thanks' to all of you who have helped make 2004 another great and productive year at The Preserve!

I would like to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on two issues of concern to our community.

SPEEDING - After reviewing the recent 'Speeding Survey' results, the Speeding Committee has recommended that the Board address the speeding problems in stages. As a starter, we will add more stop signs through out the subdivision. If this does not slow down traffic, additional and more drastic measures will have to be implemented. Speed humps are still a distinct possibility. Of course the best solution is to get every person to help -- please urge everyone in your home, as well as your visitors and your contractors, to slow down.

ADT - Our former security monitoring company attempted to assess some of our owners with early termination fees when we switched to Safeguard Security. Three years ago the Board informed ADT that they were terminated due to homeowner service issues and a number of contract breaches.

The current Board has repeatedly contacted ADT in an attempt to resolve the outstanding issues. We were advised by their attorney and their Corporate Contract Department that they would contact us; but as of this writing, we have not heard back from ADT. As the issues remain officially unresolved, we will continue to pursue the matter.

Your Board of Directors would like to wish you and yours the very best of the season and a most prosperous & healthy NEW YEAR!

Vince Esparza

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Once again our neighborhood is aglow with **thousands** of beautiful lights & decorations. Thanks to all who have helped brighten our holidays with truly spectacular displays!!

This year's competition for best lighting was even tougher than last & the votes cast in the judging resulted in a dead-even tie in the best home category. Congratulations to:

The Wally & Jayne Bahoura Family
5725 E Hedgehog Place

The Rick & Julie Engles Family
5833 E Ironwood Drive

The Michael & Benet O'Connor Family
5798 E Hedgehog Place

Best Street: E Hedgehog Place

HOLIDAY PARTY

This was the first time that a PRESERVE event was held at Oberlin Way -- it is the ultimate party location. The food, entertainment, and company were all wonderful. Santa and the Horse Drawn Wagon Ride were the hits of the evening. It was a great way to kick off the holiday season.

ADOPT-A-ROAD

Please join us outside the Dynamite Gate at 8:00AM on **Saturday, January 15th**, for our next clean-up along Dynamite. We do appreciate all of you who faithfully show up. To the rest of you - please come and help us keep our surroundings looking good.

NOTE: The signs officially designating **THE PRESERVE** as the caretakers of our Dynamite mile are now up at 56th & 64th.

LUMINARIES

In addition to decorating homes with thousands of electric lights, we have adopted another wonderful southwest tradition of placing luminaries along the streets in front of all our homes & at the gated entrances.

While several streets began doing this four years ago, this will be our second annual neighborhood-wide luminary evening. This will take place on **Friday, December 24th**.

You should have received your Luminary Kit by now and have assembled the bags so they are ready to go on Friday. If you do not have a kit, please call Fleur Maran at 563.8105.

If you will not be home that evening, it would be appreciated if you would assemble the bags and ask a neighbor to place them out and/or light the candles. If you are unable to find anyone to help you, please contact Fleur and she will have someone assist you.

Our thanks to the many volunteers who put the kits together and delivered them to each and every home.

Please do take the opportunity to walk or drive around the neighborhood to enjoy the warm glow of this holiday tradition.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

We are pleased to welcome the following people to our community:

Steve & Evelyn Carey
5994 E Bent Tree Drive

Jeffery/Kimberly Denuit
27670 N 61st Place

Harvey/Madelon Lawrence
5718 E Greythorn

Joseph Pizzimenti
5832 E Blue Sky Drive

We hope that everyone will take the time to introduce themselves to our newest neighbors.

FALL FESTIVAL

Our annual Fall Festival was also one great party!

This second annual event was a great success. While the kids enjoyed the Bounce-A-Lot, adults were savoring custom coffee drinks. Thank you Glenn & Felecia Pahnke for hosting this event.

We are also fortunate to have Debbie Shipley willing to organize these events. Please do check out the Web site as Den Liddell took over 60 pictures for our enjoyment.

PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS IT'S THE LAW

City of Scottsdale Ordinance ORD-1459 mandates that Owners remove their pet's waste immediately when deposited on another homeowners' Lot or the Common Areas.

The number to call with Ordinance Violations is: 480.312.2722.

SPOTLIGHT GLARE

As we move into the cooler months more of us are spending time in our backyards with family and friends. The issue of 'spotlight glare' to neighboring property has again raised its ugly head and the management company is receiving a high volume of complaints.

One solution to reducing glare is to point your spots downward into your yard. Another is to install dimmers. You still have the benefit of the lights, but glare to neighboring properties will be reduced. Be aware that the CC&Rs & the 'Rules and Regulations to Landscaping' covers spotlights and their use.

HOMEOWNER DIRECTORY

We are now updating the our Homeowner Directory. Included with this Newsletter is a form for you to fill out & return to us by **JANUARY 15th**. If we do not receive your form by that date, we will 'assume' that you want your name and telephone number to appear as it does on the form.

LANDSCAPING NEWS

A new landscape project will soon be underway on Oberlin Way.

As our neighborhood developed and all the lots were sold, corners were cut on finishing this strip of property. Monterey Homes did not provide for water in this area as it did for other common areas and no trees were planted here.

Over the next few weeks, a new water line & several desert trees will be added to correct this oversight. This will give homeowners in the back section the same level of vegetation that the rest of the neighborhood enjoys.

SAVING SOME \$\$\$

The Preserve landscaper, Earth Care, has turned off all the irrigation in our neighborhood. They are hoping that the rain & cooler weather this winter will allow us to keep the water off until spring. With our desert landscaping maturing, we should also be able to start cutting back on water and still enjoy beautiful vegetation.

You may want to try turning off, or scaling back, your landscape irrigation for the winter to save on your water bills.

MAINTENANCE COSTS

And speaking of saving money, please help us avoid high maintenance costs! Please make sure that all family members and visitors are respectful of our neighborhood property.

Recently, two problems have come to the HOA's attention -- entry gates & mailboxes.

Our entry gates were not meant to be ridden and our mailboxes are not jungle jims to be climbed upon. Although this may sound like fun, the repair costs are not. Destroying or defacing these structures is unacceptable.

You can save The Association (which is all of us) money. If you observe any of this type of activity, please report it immediately -- call Barbara at our management company.

WEB SITE

The Preserve Web site is your instant resource for a wide variety of information. Check it out at www.thepreserve.info for newsletters, governing documents & photos. It has been up and running for several months and we appreciate the efforts of Dan McNenomy, Den Liddell and Sharon Strizich to make this available for all of us.

WILD ANIMALS

Living in The Preserve, provides us with the delightful opportunity of seeing a wide variety of animal sightings.

A bobcat was recently seen running across the street.

A family of javelina makes its rounds through various back yards in search of agaves.

Large numbers of hawks swoop overhead in the early morning hours.

Owls are spotted sleeping under eaves and perching on roof tops.

Coyotes wake us at night with their howling. They have no problem trotting down the street picking up a rabbit right in front of a jogger!

Then there are the various snakes. This time of year they are usually out of sight buried in a nice warm hole, but on sunny days they like to come out and cuddle up to your nice warm trash receptacles.

Be aware that these animals are here - even if you don't see them. Watch your small pets as they are easy prey for some of our wild critters. Children also need to be careful of the snakes in the desert & around warm objects on cool days. With a little caution, we can continue to enjoy these animals in their natural surroundings.

FINANCIALS AS OF 10-31-2004:

Reserve Account: \$ 90,947.12
Operating Surplus: \$ 57,218.93

ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS

The management company is receiving anonymous complaints from our subdivision. When you call in a complaint you must leave your name and telephone number if you expect anyone to react to your grievance. This is the only way the management company can validate that you are a legitimate homeowner and have a valid complaint. If you choose not to leave the required information, then you can 'rest assured' that no further action will be taken on your behalf.

CONTINUED MAIL DELIVERY PROBLEMS

It is going to take your involvement to get our mail delivery problems resolved. The Board can help, but they can't solve the problems unless you get involved to help resolve the issues. When you receive misdirected mail or have other problems with your mail, you must personally contact Georgia Martin at 513-2935 or georgia.a.martin@usps.gov and provide her with all of the specifics.

Please copy the Association President - Vince Esparza at ve@cox.net on your emails. If you do not have access to email, contact him, or any other Board Member, by phone or in writing. The Post Office is keeping a log of every complaint & the documentation is necessary in order to improve our mail service.

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEEDS YOU!!!

At the March 2005 Annual Meeting we will be electing four (4) new Board Members.

The Board is looking for people with new ideas and the incentive to pursue and enforce our governing documents for the betterment of our neighborhood.

Please consider devoting some time to be of assistance to your HOA as a Board Member, please snail or email the attached form to Jessica Turner at 5651 E Bent Tree Drive (513.2387) zturner@aol.com or Sam Strizich at 27605 N 61st Place (515.3516) samsharon@cox.net.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you don't want a Board position, please help your community by becoming a committee volunteer. The following committees are in need of your talents:

Architectural & Landscape -

Cheryl Brown (419.0601)

clarnold@ix.netcom.com

Kay Krueger (513.2648)

ironmikeaz@aol.com

Newsletter - Colleen Kelly (538.2781)

cskelly@mac.com

Nominating - Jessica Turner (513.2387)

zturner@aol.com

Planning/Zoning - John Hanna (585.0307)

gocomstar@hotmail.com

Social - Debbie Shipley (502.8159)

dshipley6@cox.net

Web site - Dan McMenemy (502.8484)

dmcmenomy@tkinet.com

'TIS THE SEASON'

Please remember that holiday decorations may be displayed **only** from Thanksgiving until 1-31 of the New Year. (RULE Adopted by the Board of Directors 11-25-03)

JAN & FEB BRUSH/BULK REMOVAL

Items must be placed adjacent to your curb by 5:00 am Monday - **Jan 10th & Feb 7th**.

HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS

Please be considerate of your neighbors and their visitors by not placing your barrels at the curb until early the day of pick-up or later in the evening the night before.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day pick-up will occur as usual on Monday, 1/17.

CUELLAR REALTY SERVICES, INC.

Barbara Dummitt, Property Manager

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JANUARY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 25th - 6:30 PM
North Ridge Community Church