

FEBRUARY



2005

ANNUAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED

March 22 has been selected for this year's Annual Homeowners Meeting. While homeowners will be receiving the meeting Notice in early March, please put the date on your calendar. Four Board of Director positions need to be filled so your vote will be important.

It's also a time to say thank you to those that have served on the Board as well as committee chairpersons and members. Reports will highlight the progress and efforts on behalf of all homeowners.

Please consider volunteering for a committee because we are losing some chairpersons and committee members.

PETITION TO THE POST OFFICE

Many homeowners continue to experience delivery problems. A petition to the United States Post Office is being developed requesting that deliveries to our subdivision be made by postal employees rather than contractors. Look for this petition at the Annual Homeowners Meeting on March 22nd.

If you receive someone else's mail, please put it in the **OUTGOING MAIL SLOT** rather than leaving it on the mailbox structure. Items that are left in the enclosures are blowing all over the subdivision.

ADOPT-A-ROAD

Please join us outside the Dynamite Gate at 8:00 AM on **Saturday, February 26th** for our next clean-up along Dynamite. We do appreciate all of you who faithfully show up and for the rest of you - please come and help us keep our surroundings looking good. It only takes an hour if everyone pitches in.

SPEEDING

Several months ago a committee was appointed to review the possible solutions to the ongoing issue of speeding in our neighborhood. At the January HOA meeting, the committee recommended that stop signs be placed along 58th Street at each of the four intersections.

Traffic currently must stop at these intersections only when crossing over, or turning onto, 58th street. In the future, these intersections will be **four-way** stops.

The committee also proposed that some additional speed limit signs be posted. This recommendation was also passed by the Board.

ATV AND GO-PED REMINDER

All of the streets in The Preserve are private streets (CC&Rs - Article 2, Section 2.03). Because our streets are private, laws governing the operation of ATVs and Go-Peds on city streets are not applicable.

The law that IS applicable -- "On streets that are Private Property, written permission must first be obtained from the property owners. Since our roadways are **private**, the Homeowner must apply for written permission from the Association before Go-Peds can be ridden on subdivision roadways."

Under no circumstances can either ATVs or Go-Peds be ridden **on or through** any of the Common Areas or NAOS. These violations are, and will be treated as, destruction to Private Property as is recognized by the City Ordinances governing the NAOS and the ESLO (Environmentally Sensitive Lands Ordinance). All infractions carry hefty fines and can include jail time.

ARCHITECTURAL & LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE NEWS

I. Preplan for any Changes to your Property

REMINDER TO ALL HOMEOWNERS -- it is **MANDATORY** to obtain written permission from the Architectural and Landscape Committee (ALC) **PRIOR** to starting any work that alters the exterior appearance of your home in any way -- **FRONT OR BACK**. If you do not have approval, you may have to remove or change, at your expense, any work done on your home to bring it into compliance with our governing documents.

When you submit a written request, the ALC has 30 days to respond. While the committee tries to get back with homeowners sooner, you need to plan your projects with this time frame in mind. If you have questions concerning your project, please contact any member of the ALC. Their names and numbers are listed in The Preserve Homeowner Directory or on the HOA Web site.

Please remember these committee members are volunteers from the community who give freely of their time and efforts on behalf of the community. It is their duty to follow the requirements of the Association and we thank them for their support in helping to maintain the beauty that is uniquely **The Preserve**.

WATER SAVINGS

Sam Strizich, an ALC member, did a comparison of water usage in The Preserve's Common Areas for 2003 & 2004. There was a significant reduction from 462,000 gallons (2003) to 88,000 gallons (2004) - that is an 81% reduction! Our investment in new valves and a landscape contractor who adjusts our usage based on weather conditions has paid off.

Sam spent a great deal of time searching for valves and determining how our system works. He also spent many hours with the landscape contractor to understand our water usage and needs. Sam, for your time, effort & perseverance on our behalf - THANK YOU!

III. New Landscaping on Oberlin Way

The landscaping on Oberlin Way has been completed. The new water line is in and 25 desert trees were added to this piece of common property. Dennis Liddell took before and after pictures of this project for our Web site. Please visit the Web site and then take a walk to check out this project!

IV. Upkeep of your Property

The Preserve is beginning to show signs of aging. Many homes and walls are in need of repairs and a fresh coat of paint. Please take a good look at your home and walls and patch and repaint as needed.

If you wish to change the color of your home, trim and/or walls, written permission is needed first. If you want to keep the same color, but don't know what it is or where to get the paint, the ALC has color chips to help you.

Prices on homes in The Preserve have increased substantially over the past few years and keeping the neighborhood looking great will continue to help that trend.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEES

Each year at this time, we elect people who will help govern and direct the ongoing needs and future of our community. We also have many committees that are in are need of new chairs and members.

Reflect on the board members who have served, read the names of people in the newsletter, and look over the list of committees on the next page. You will notice that the same names appear over and over again. These people are volunteers and they have given their time for several years and it is time for others to pitch in.

It is now your turn to step forward to do your part. If everyone serves in some capacity, for even one year, we will have a strong and vibrant community.

Your contribution is vital - please call a board or committee member TODAY to volunteer!!!

THANKS TO THE COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD 2004

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NEW HOMEOWNER DIRECTORY

Thanks to everyone for your prompt response to the HOA Directory update. We also appreciated the addition of more names and numbers to the 'Business and Services' section. The feedback from our residents on this section has been very positive.

You will note the Directory was published with a new cover. This was done so that individual sections can be updated without reprinting the entire Directory - i.e. when the new Board of Directors and committees are formed in March, you will receive a one page update for this section.

We know you will be thankful for your Directory as you turn to it continuously throughout the coming year for its extremely valuable and helpful information. This is the result of many weeks of compilation, writing, and editing by Sharon Strizich. Please thank her.

VALUABLE INFORMATION ON THE PRESERVE WEB SITE

If you are interested in keeping up with what is happening in Scottsdale, you can subscribe to a number of email-based city publications. Simply check our Web site (www.thepreserve.info). Go to the 'Telephone Number' section, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click on 'Other Links'. This will take you to the Subscription Manager with the City of Scottsdale.

We would like to provide additional links and other data to the site, so if you have something you feel would be of benefit or interest to the community, please contact a Web site committee member.

PARK ON ONE SIDE OF THE STREET

Please remind your family, guests, and workers who park on our streets, to park only on ONE side of the street. If vehicles are parked on both sides, passage of cars & emergency vehicles is difficult, **if not impossible!** The lives of your family could depend on police or firemen being able to get to your home quickly.

ACCESS TO JOMAX COMING SOON!

Construction on the new elementary school just southwest of The Preserve on Pinnacle Vista is progressing rapidly. The opening date for the school is August of this year.

To provide additional access to the school, Jomax Road will be extended to Tatum. There will also be a road coming north from Jomax to the school. When these two roads are completed, it is expected that traffic on 56th Street will increase as drivers may elect to use them to bypass the Tatum/Dynamite intersection.

CCUSD SUPERINTENDENT

The Browns (5672 E Hedgehog Place) are hosting a "Meet Your Superintendent Night" on Thursday, March 3 from 6-8 PM. John Gordon, Cave Creek Unified School District Superintendent, will be available to answer your questions about the Cave Creek Unified School District and the new megaschool project in our neighborhood. For information, call Earl or Cheryl at 419.0601.

MAILBOXES

Destruction of Property

Stones continue to *mysteriously* 'fall' off the mailboxes and all of us bear the repair costs.

Please remember the boxes were not built to be 'Jungle Jims' and the rock facing does not hold up well when banged with sticks. If you observe anyone participating in this kind of behavior, please ask the individuals to stop!

This destruction to 'Private Property' can be dangerous and it also is an offense that carries a fine! Please help keep our neighborhood looking nice.

Stainless Steel Message Boards

You may have noticed that the stainless steel message boards have recently been cleaned. Our thanks go out to Kay Krueger & Sam Strizich who took on this project.

Please also do your part by removing notices placed on the mailboxes in a timely manner.

MARCH AND APRIL BRUSH/BULK REMOVAL

Items must be placed adjacent to your curb by 5:00 am Monday - **March 7 & April 4.**

TRASH/RECYCLE COLLECTIONS

Please be considerate of your neighbors and visitors -- place your barrels at the curb late in the evening the night before collection or the next morning by 5:00 AM.

Holiday pick-up on President's Day will occur as usual on Monday, 2/21.

Container Maintenance Requests can be reported by calling Scottsdale's Solid Waste Management at 480.312.5600. This is also the number to report a dead animal along a city street in Scottsdale. As Preserve streets are private streets, call Barbara at Cuellar.

TRASH ETIQUETTE

Many things have been written in this newsletter over the years about our black and purple barrels - when to put them out, where to put them, what to put in them and how, and when to take them in.

What it all boils down to, is a little common sense, a good dose of courtesy, and a large measure of respect for your community and your neighbors. Now, as a popular ad so eloquently states:

JUST DO IT!

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ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 22nd - 6:30 PM
North Ridge Community Church

Please attend - If you cannot, sign your proxy and give it to a Board member!