

The Round Up

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James O' Connor RIP

The Round Up is sad to report the passing of our manager Mr. Jim O'Connor. Mr. O'Connor was a beloved family man with a tireless work ethic. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences go out to the family and staff of A.H.O.M.E.

New Director Appointed

Three excellent candidates, Mr. Michael Holly, Mrs. Wanda Riley and Mr. Earl Washington came forward to fill a vacant board seat.

At the 6/26/07 board meeting Mr. Washington was appointed by the board of directors to fill the seat.

Mr. Washington is expected to become the new chairman of the ARC committee.

Congratulations Earl and

thank you to all who offered to serve!

Pool Party a Big Success!

Director McCracken organized a highly successful pool party in June. The party drew about 80 people ranging in age from 2 months to 80!

McCracken wants to have another event before the end of the summer. Great job Ellen!

NR Resident Targets Trash

The Arizona Daily Star printed an article about wonderful North Ranch resident Rose Carroll.

Rose walks along Cactus Canyon, Shannon Rd and Thornydale every day of every week early in the morning picking up trash. Thank you Rose!

Online Polls Conducted

More residents are voicing their opinions through the miracle of technology. The online Round Up recently started taking surveys on various issues, from parking to tree removal. The online polls have given homeowners the opportunity to be heard as never before in our community.

Strapping Committee

Master Strappers Jack Statler, Nelson McClintock and Baxter Gardner were joined by newbies Doug Knox and Harry Resnick in the re-strapping of dozens of lounge chairs on 7/20/07.

Thank you Jack, Nelson, Baxter, Harry and Doug! Your efforts truly help make North Ranch a great place to live!

2005 APPROVED PAINT SCHEMES FADE AWAY

In 2005, the then ARC committee reduced the number of approved paint packages from 21 to 6.

By drastically reducing the number of approved paint schemes, the 2005 ARC committee also eliminated neighborhood-specific color packages.

This has resulted in some members choosing colors that are radically different than homes in their sections. For example, some "yellow" houses are now dot "pink" areas like the Ironwood sections.

It was also discovered that five out of the six paint packages, approved by the 2005 ARC committee, contained colors which are rated as indoor pigments. They are not recommended for outdoor use.

The faulty colors are Golden Impressions, Papaya Whip, Antique Coral and Pale Apricot. They are prone to quick fading when applied outside.

To resolve this problem, the current ARC committee voted on 7/20/07 to return to neighborhood-specific color packages. This will effectively

eliminate the problem of "yellow" homes in "pink" sections etc.

Dunn Edwards paint company is expected to release a new color board any day now. As soon as it is available it will be posted at the pool and sent to homeowners directly.

The NRCA wishes to thank everyone who volunteered to help solve this problem.

Note: Homeowners are encouraged to attend committee meetings to get involved in the decision-making process.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee meeting was held 6/25/07. Present were Tony Congi, Chris Centuori, Harry Resnick, and Eden Green.

- Weeds and an eight foot Desert Broom were found on private property. Letters will be sent to the homeowners

- A newly replaced tree on Cactus Canyon near Desert Bend was cut at the base by a vandal.
- The irrigation system on Thornydale Rd was vandalized . Large sprinkler heads and some tubing was destroyed.

Work on street lighting showed there are common fuse boxes and lines that also power irrigation. Further meetings will occur between landscaping and lighting to separate the two functions.

Harry Resnick, Chair

CRACKDOWN ON NEGLIGENT PROPERTY OWNERS

North Ranch remains one of the most beautiful communities in southern Arizona. Nevertheless, a very small percentage of homes sometimes resemble a junkyard or a jungle.

Frequent site visits and strong demand letters by mgmt. are having a positive impact on the problem. The mgmt. company cannot do it alone however.

We as neighbors must step out our front doors and get to know each other.

If a neighboring property is a mess, try talking with the neighbor first before calling management, especially if you already know the neighbor.

Some properties are disheveled due to illness or hardship. Lending a helping hand and talking with neighbors will always produce the best long-term results.

Additionally, if we see neglect in the common areas please contact the mgmt. company at 624-4404 so it can be addressed.

Notice to Absentee Owners:

The NRCA thanks the majority of property owners who care about their investment properties here.

If you are one of the few who absentee owners who could care less about your property condition you are hereby put on notice:

The NRCA will not tolerate "slumlords." You will be held accountable for the condition of your property.

Need a pool key?

Contact the

friendly folks at

A.H.O.M.E.

624-4404

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While supplies last

IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU

How many of you have a vehicle that you park outside on your driveway? How many of you have a newer car with the programmable buttons for your garage door or have a garage door opener on the sun visor?

Have you ever thought that all a thief has to do is look into your car late at night and see if there is a garage door opener? He can then get into your car, click the garage door open and enter your house. Don't think it can happen to you? They don't have to open the door but a crack to crawl under the door to gain entry into your house. As mentioned in a previous article you are most vulnerable at night while sleeping. You are disoriented and confused if

awoken suddenly.

Not only that, how many of you leave the car keys in your car inside the garage. Believe me when I say it can happen to you. I have a friend who lives across from Thornydale on Argo. She left her BRAND NEW Z - 350 in her driveway. Two things went wrong for her, first her car was a convertible and secondly her garage door opener was on the visor. The thieves broke into her car and opened her garage door. As luck would have it she had her briefcase on her garbage can, where she always leaves it and the keys to her house and car. In the briefcase was her checkbook, credit cards, some she had never even used, money and various other items.

She found out her car was miss-

By Ron Friend

ing the next morning when she got up to go to work. You can only imagine the terror that was going through her mind, they had her car, all her house keys, checkbook, credit cards AND passwords, and other vital information for identity theft.

Her car was found several days later in Nogales, Arizona. The thieves had not finished joyriding yet so it was not in Mexico.

It took her several days to close the credit cards, checking accounts, change all the locks on her house etc.

If you think it can't happen to you THINK AGAIN..

\$1000 REWARD FOR VANDALS' HEADS

Taggers and Other Vandals

On July 4th after 9:00 pm taggers struck the common area walls on Cactus Canyon near Sawmill Springs.

A few days later taggers painted on the walls along the wash on Pony Trl. All graffiti was quickly painted over

Young Tree Butchered:

A newly planted Chilean Mesquite tree was cut down on 6/23/07 by a vandal. The tree cost the association \$150 plus labor. The tree was located along Cactus Canyon, across from the s. pool near Desert Bend Loop.

The tree that was cut was just replaced by a new tree. After a

homeowner demanded the new tree be removed it became the subject of a poll on our community website. As of 7/20/07 the poll results were 24 to 2 against removing the replacement tree.

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If you have information about the tagging or tree vandalism please call 624-4404

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Shots Fired at Window

A home on High Meadow Trl was hit by high-powered bb's during an attempted break in in June. A neighbor apparently startled the miscreants which caused them to flee like cockroaches.

Pool Security Working

Guards patrolling the pool and nearby common areas are getting results.

Rowdiness and illicit activity has decreased and drug use in the parking lots has almost entirely disappeared. Alcohol use has also stopped.

As a result, board members are now able to spend more time with their families and less time watching the pools.

Special thanks to Bill of Securitast for reporting changes in pool water conditions. Bill is an ex pool technician.

Thanks to all residents who help to keep our pools safe.

ATTN PARENTS: IS YOUR CHILD A "TAGGER?"

Some indications your child may be a "tagger" are:

- Your child stays out until early morning or all night.
- Your child frequently wears a large back pack or baggy pants. Clothing may be paint stained. Packs and loose clothing can be used to hold paint cans or carry graffiti tools.
- Your child sleeps during the day.
- Your child has paint on the tips of his/her fingers.
- Your child has permanent marker stains on his/her hands.
- Your child has graffiti magazines, flyers, a "piece book," or other portfolio of tags.
- Your child possesses large quantities of "My Name Is" stickers or other large stickers used for "sticker tagging."
- Your child is in possession of graffiti paraphernalia such as markers, etching tools, spray paint, bug spray and starch cans. The bug spray cans are used to make tags that will only show up in the rain. (Sharp rocks, metal scribes, awls, or screwdrivers are used as etching tools.)
- Your child is in the age group statistically associated with tagging, ages 12-18 (sometimes older).
- Your child has graffiti displays or tags on clothing, binders, backpacks, and the underside of the bill of their hat.
- Tags you see on the walls of your neighborhood are seen on your child's walls, books, and clothing.
- Your child is frequently deceitful about his/her activities.
- Your child has quantities of paint in cans but does not have the income to afford it.
- Your child associates with other children with the traits described above.

(From www.dougweb.com)

\$1000 Reward
For information leading to the arrest and conviction of vandals in North Ranch



Parents:
 Please look for this tag on your child's walls, books or clothing.
 If you see this tag anywhere on your child's belongings then you need to take action ASAP.

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poor Ned.

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THE NEW PAYMENT COUPON BOOKS HAVE BEEN MAILED

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C/O A.H.O.M.E
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