

# THE VILLAGES OF EASTRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## A Word from our President...

### Dates to Remember

- **December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Holiday Concert**  
**4-6pm**
- **January 8th @**  
**7pm**  
HOA Board  
Meeting
- **February 12th @**  
**7pm**  
HOA Board  
Meeting
- **March 11th @**  
**7pm**  
HOA Board  
Meeting

For the past three years, I have served as either the Vice President or President on the Board for the Villages of Eastridge, and recently was elected again to another three year term. I got involved three years ago not out of desire for the glamour of the position, for financial gain, or because it sharpens my resume. I got involved to make this a place where I would want to live.

Many of you have made comments on how nice the community is looking, but it takes all of us working together to keep a community our size running properly. Let me take you on my typical drive home through our community. I turn left onto Kiowa, off Crismon. To the right is our water feature, three lights are not working and the water is still a little blue. Our new contractor Clearwater needs to be contacted. Driving a little further I notice water in the streets and some standing water in the retention basin. A call needs to be placed to Sculptured Earth to have them adjust the timing, and or replace broken sprinkler heads. It seems the grass could be greener, but then again, fertilizer was just applied and not due again until the end of December. When it is dark, I notice that the lights have not yet come on in the park, DECA needs to be called to adjust the timing. I look down in the park and notice that some inconsiderate deviant has decided it would be fun to do donuts in their car in the middle of the grass. Would they do that if they (or their parents) knew that over-seeding cost \$17,000, and that our water bill for the month of October would be over \$25,000? I look at the walls and it seems they still have not corrected everything that needs attention. I arrive home with a new list of to do's, never ending it seems.

### Eastridge85209.com

Don't forget to sign up on the community website:  
[eastridge85209.com](http://eastridge85209.com).

We have important community information, a calendar with upcoming events, and many other things for our residents. You will also be able to receive emails about things happening in our community.

I tell you this not to solicit a new-found respect for the office of a Board member. I write this to remind you that there are seven members on the Board in a community of 955 homes. Each member takes great pride in our community and serves willingly without need of praise. However, each of our Board meetings are attended by no more than 5 community members, and our last annual meeting was attended by almost a dozen. Who among us has enjoyed a social gathering at our main park? These are usually put on by the same seven board members and a handful of volunteers. So why did I put my name on the ballot again? Quite frankly, out of 955 homes, with three positions available, only two new individuals stepped up to the plate to run for a Board position. Kind of sad isn't it? Simply put, we need more people to get involved in our community. If you plan on sticking around for awhile, you should get involved. We know that seven members on a Board will not make all the right decisions for our community. We're just not that smart. Our next Board meeting is the second Tuesday in January at 7:00pm. I look forward to meeting all of you there. If you have ever wondered if it would be a good idea to get involved, it is. Let's all take some pride in our community and get involved!

Sincerely,

Jeff Lee, President

## Bring a Plate of Cookies to the Holiday Concert in the Park December 15th

The HOA is proud to sponsor the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Concert in the Park on December 15 at 4:00 pm on the basketball court of the Villages' Main Park.

At 4:00 your kids will want to get a **free picture with Santa** taken. The pictures will be printed on site, so you can take it home with you at the end of the concert. Also at 4:00 there will be **crafts for kids** and **hot chocolate** for all. We are inviting everyone who attends to participate in a **cookie exchange**, so there should be a wide variety of goodies to enjoy as well. At 4:30 Mrs. Claus will arrive to read the **children stories**, and then at 5:00 a **45 minute concert** full of holiday cheer will begin.

Remember to bring your own seating for this outdoor concert. Last year's event was a big hit, and you absolutely won't want to miss it. The HOA would like to thank the Women's Association of the Villages of Eastridge (W.A.V.E) for planning and working the concert. Without their help, this event would not be possible.

### Results of the Annual Election

November was the annual election of new Home Owners Association Board Members. There were three positions open this year. Jeff Lee, our current president, was elected for a new term of 3 years. We also had two new people elected to the board, Shane Manning and Thomas Semonell. Here is a list of the HOA officers:

Jeff Lee, President  
 Troy White, Vice President,  
 Shane Manning, Secretary  
 Angie Miner, Treasurer  
 Laurel Wicke, Social Committee Director  
 Thomas Semonell, Architectural Committee Director  
 Kerry Whetten, Communications Director

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Lights Contest in the Villages

Get out the staple gun and the outdoor holiday decorations and you could win a prize this year! Our undercover judges will be making their decision during the week prior to the Holiday Concert in the Park, so to be considered be sure to get your decorations up before then. Prizes will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers and will be awarded before the concert on the 15<sup>th</sup>. We love the holiday spirit that the Village residents display. It makes our community so delightful at this time of year. Thank you for your participation.

### Women's Association of the Villages of Eastridge (W.A.V.E)

Do you want to help with some of the activities in the community? Do you want to meet new friends? Join the W.A.V.E! Our first meeting of 2008 will be on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm. We will be meeting at 10462 E Laguna Azul. If you live in the Villages and want to help with community activities, please come.

### Important Phone Numbers

Community Manager Kevin Bishop  
 480-813-6788  
 kevin@rcplimited.com  
 www.rcplimited.com

Landscapers Sculptured Earth  
 Emergency 343-5217

Emergencies 911  
 Police Non-Emergency 644-2211  
 Fire Non-Emergency 644-2101  
 Animal Control 644-2211  
 Street Light Outage 644-3191

If you notice a light out please call the above number. You will need to have the street light number.

City of Mesa Website

[www.cityofmesa.org](http://www.cityofmesa.org)

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