

# THE VILLAGES OF EASTRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## A Word from our President...

I recently walked through some of our neighboring communities and as my wife can attest (almost to annoyance!), I could not keep from exclaiming that if I lived in one of those communities I would be on the phone constantly with landscapers and their management companies complaining about their service. As I look around our own community, I rarely find major deficiencies. I truly enjoy the relationship that we have made with the contractors of our community and constantly admire the services they perform.

With that being said, let me share with you a couple of the biggest issues facing our beautiful community. Firstly, you should know that our current management company is head and shoulders above the competition and especially above our former managers. I assure you they are inspecting each and every home at least twice monthly--I have seen the reports. If it seems that there are troubled areas in your neighborhood, I assure you again, it is not going unnoticed, and enforcement within the bounds of our CC&R's is being done. The enforcement process, however, is slow, and sometimes ineffective for those homes that have uncaring owners/renters or if the homes have been foreclosed upon. Fines and liens are at an all time high, the work is being done, trust me.

Next issue: vandalism and the costs thereof. I encourage those that have children in the community, whether suspect or not, to discuss the ramifications of vandalism in any form. To list a few we have on an ongoing basis: permanent vulgarities written on playground equipment, destruction of irrigation controls and equipment, soap in the fountain, driving in the grass...the list goes on. If the vandalism persists, the HOA will be forced to raise our dues to cover the cost of the repairs and hire off duty patrol officers to enforce our policies. The costs to maintain a community such as ours is high enough without the undue burden of vandalism. A special note to the individual that feels it necessary to destroy the signs we have placed in our new sign holders: your dues are paying for those signs at the cost of \$40 per sign. It is one thing to destroy the sign, and yet another to go to the lengths to try and prevent future posts by ruining the locks and hinges. We, as the board, have tried every means possible to get information to the community, and feel those signs deliver it in a way that is affordable, and in a way that does not take away from the aesthetics of our community. If you have issues with the signs, discuss it with us rather than destroy them.

We encourage all community members to take notice of those around them. If you see vandalism being performed, stop and say something. Take down their information. Take note of where they live. If undisputable evidence is presented, we will fine their home in the amount of \$250 per occurrence. If we can not control it ourselves, dues will be raised and we will hire someone that can.

Sincerely,

*Jeff Lee*

Jeff Lee, President

### Dates to Remember

- **April 8th @ 7pm**  
HOA Board Meeting
- **April 19th @ 4:30**  
**Spring Fling**
- **May 13th @ 7pm**  
HOA Board Meeting
- **Jun 10th @ 7pm**  
HOA Board Meeting

### 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.

## Join Us for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Villages Spring Fling April 19!

Put on some sunscreen and a party hat because the Spring Fling is only a month away! Mark your calendars for **April 19 at 4:30 p.m.** so you will be sure to attend. It will be a great event for every age and a wonderful opportunity to mix with your neighbors.

The HOA will provide hamburgers, chips, and drink, but like last year we are asking everyone to bring a side dish or dessert to share. The BAKE-OFF contest will back for the second year running. If you would like to participate, your entry must be at the judges table by 5:30 p.m. Enter your favorite baked goodie and vie for a blue ribbon. Kid's entries are also welcome. Judges will be chosen on site, so bring your appetites.

Other activities will include a variety of kids' races and a basketball shootout. Prizes will be awarded to all winners. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair or blanket for your comfort. Get in the party spirit and join us at this year's Spring Fling. You won't want to miss it!

### Just a Reminder

Just a little reminder that **no** motorized vehicles are allowed on the grass. We have recently had severe damage done to the turf because of vehicles on the grass. If you are having a party or event in one of the parks, you may drive a motorized vehicle onto the grass to unload, but the vehicle must be parked on the road during the event. It may seem like fun to ride a quad or other vehicles on the grass, but each incident costs hundreds of dollars to repair the irrigation and grass. Please help keep our parks looking good and keep the vehicles off the grass.

### A Message from the Architectural Committee

Several people have recently asked about starting a Neighborhood Watch in our community. In order for the program to work there must be a high percentage of participation. Because of this, it seems to work best in small groups or streets. For those who have thought of starting a neighborhood watch for your block, you should contact Terri Teten who is the crime prevention officer for the Mesa police department. Here is Terri's information for those who want to get on board.

Terri Teten

[Terri.Teten@cityofmesa.org](mailto:Terri.Teten@cityofmesa.org)

Crime Prevention Officer  
Mesa Police Department  
130 North Robson  
Mesa, AZ. 85201  
480-644-3692

The most important thing we can do as neighbors is pay attention. We are asking for all who live here in the community to be on the lookout for any strange activities and to notify the mesa police department immediately. There are two ways to do this. If the situation is an emergency, please call 911. If you witnesses a non-emergency incident the number to call is 480-644-2211. Let's help make our community a safe place and take pride of were we live.

### College Scholarship Available to Villages' Senior

The Women's Association of the Villages of Eastridge is proud to make available an \$800 scholarship to a graduating senior from the Villages of Eastridge. Due to the success of the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Community Rummage Sale, the amount of the scholarship has increased up this year from \$700 in 2007. We would like to give a big hand to those community members who donated items for this sale. Each little donation combines to make a significant contribution.

Interested applicants should inquire at the Desert Ridge High School guidance counselor's office. To be considered, applicants must be a residence of the Villages and maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA; a required essay regarding personal service will be the element most highly considered.

### Important Phone Numbers

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

**Landscapers** Sculptured Earth  
info@sculpturedearth.com  
**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

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