

THE VILLAGES OF EASTRIDGE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

A Word from our President...

Dates to Remember

- **Oct 4th Fall Festival- 9:00am**
- **Oct 14th @ 7pm**
HOA Board Meeting
- **Oct. 18th @ dusk**
Movie in the Park
- **Nov. 11th @ 7pm**
HOA Annual Meeting
- **Dec 9th @ 7pm**
HOA Board Meeting

Eastridge85209.com

Don't forget to sign up on the community website:
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.

Another summer has come and gone, and since our last newsletter only a couple of items need to be addressed. First-- the landscaping. I have met with our landscape manager a couple of times over the summer to address our landscaping needs. Our first topic of discussion was the grass, and more specifically, what would it take to make it look like a golf course? The answer-- unlimited water and an unlimited budget. After hearing the answer, and looking at the budget, I opted to stay in budget and make it look as nice as possible. Few know the amount of water it takes and the cost of the water to keep turf green. If I told you that our yearly water budget was over \$150,000 would you believe me, well, it's true. We also continue to see a high amount of vandalism to our sprinkler heads and valve boxes. This vandalism spikes our water bill and creates extra expenses in repairs. If you ever see individuals tampering with the sprinkler heads or valves, think of your dues and remind them to focus their attention elsewhere.

Next, we have been in negotiations with the City of Apache Junction for almost a year over a pump station that is supposed to be located at the South Western corner of Signal Butte and Baseline. This location was decided upon far before we even became a community. Our part in this deal is to make sure our community is fairly represented, and come away with a little something for our troubles. The deal we struck is that Apache Junction will be leasing the site from us for a term of 50 years, for this we will receive a lump sum payment of \$117,000, fair market value for .25 acres of land, and within the pump station they will build us a storage facility for our community. We have discussed this issue at no fewer than three board meetings and have sent mailers to all residents within ear shot of the pump station. We look forward to being able to use this extra in surge of money to do something positive for the community, although exactly what has not been determined. We should see construction within the next few months. For more information feel free to come to our next board meeting.

Lastly, we are starting to see houses sell in the neighborhood. While these sales may not do a lot for the appraised values of our neighborhood, mostly due to bank owned and short sales, it does bring in new home owners in and replaces foreclosed and vacant properties. These properties have represented thousand of uncollected dues and fines, yet we are hopeful that we will be able to recoup some of them with the liens and judgments that have been filed. Please help us welcome any new neighbors that may move into our community.

Sincerely,

Jeff Lee, President

3rd Annual Fall Festival October 4th

That's right. Get out the Sharpie and mark your calendars. This is an event you don't want to miss! The 3rd-Annual Villages of Eastridge Fall Festival Pancake Breakfast.

The **Fun Run/Walk** will begin at 8:00 at Kiowa and Wildrose. Registration fee is \$8.00. and every runner will receive a t-shirt.

At 9:00 am the HOA Board will begin serving pancakes, sausage, fruit, and orange juice. You won't want to miss this **great breakfast that is free of charge**. We will be serving until 10:45 am. Just think: A free Saturday morning breakfast with no wait time like at IHOP. What could be better?

What's more, after filling up with a hearty breakfast there will be something for everyone to enjoy. We are excited this year to be bringing back the **rock climbing wall** for ages 3 to adult. It should be great fun! Additionally we will have a variety of **carnival games** as well as the **Village Marketplace** where all kinds of crafts and products can be purchased. Get ready to get some Christmas shopping done! All these events will begin at 9:30 and will be open until 11:30 am.

If you have a home business or create crafts to sell and want to be a vendor in the **Village Marketplace**, contact **Laurel Wicke at 480-794-1199 or email her at tlwicke@cox.net**. There is no fee for participation, but you do need to reserve a spot. It is a great way to get your business noticed or make some extra cash, so call today.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's Festival. You absolutely won't want to miss it. There will be fun for the whole family!

Hate weeds? Check www.rcoalition.com for a pre-emergent offer through the HOA.

An Event for the Whole Community

7 pm September 18, 2008
Desert Ridge High School Auditorium

How to be HAPPY no Matter WHAT!

A seminar on wellness and emotional health

Presented by Kirk Wilkinson

Author of *The Happiness Factor: How to be HAPPY on Matter WHAT!*

Free Admission

More than \$1000 in prizes and giveaways

www.thehappinessfactor.com

This is not a sales presentation

Important Phone Numbers

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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
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