

Heatherwood Herald

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Mark Your Calendars

Annual HOA Meeting / 10:30am / January 30
Red Mountain Library Conference Room
635 North Power Road, Mesa, AZ

Committees

Architecture/Landscaping

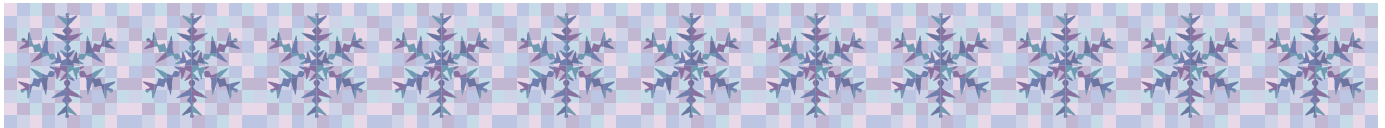
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Newsletter/Website

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News Notes

Wine and Cheese Holiday Party

On Saturday, December 12, many residents accepted the community-wide invitation to celebrate the holiday season at the wine and cheese pool-side social. Holiday decorations and twinkle lights adorned draped tables around the pool deck. Homemade goodies including lasagna and soups along with antipasto platters and cheese & crackers were nicely paired with red and white wines.

Attendees wore handwritten nametags and received a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of several prizes. Raffle prizes were donated by members of the board and association management and included gifts of hurricane candle holders, gift cards, holiday platters, candies and cordials.

The fire pit was blazing and attendees gathered closely to keep warm once the sun went down. The unexpected closure to the event occurred when the sprinkler system went off on the lawn promptly at 9pm.

Due to your generosity, eighty pounds of food items were collected and delivered to the United Food Bank in Mesa.

A huge thank you goes to the Community Relations Committee, board members and association management for organizing this great event.



Committee Updates

Architecture/Landscaping

Architecture Report (John Zemko)

Article 3 from Heatherwood Village CC&Rs outlined below is a reminder regarding exterior changes to your home. Please visit <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/mesa/heatherwood/> or contact Association Management for an Architectural Change Request Form.

Architectural or Exterior Changes: (Article 3) - NO CHANGES TO THE EXTERIOR APPEARANCE OR STRUCTURE MAY BE MADE WITHOUT PRIOR ARCHITECTURAL APPROVAL IN WRITING.

- No changes to or the addition of any landscape without prior written architectural approval.
- Patio furniture, yard decorations, fountains etc in the front or side yard of any lot is prohibited without prior written architectural approval.
- Sunscreens, security wrought iron doors, satellite dishes etc may not be installed without prior written architectural approval.
- No Changes, deletions, modifications or additions to the exterior structure may be made without prior written architectural approval.

Fall/Winter 2009 Landscaping Report (Carol McGuire)

The cool crisp nights, the final leaves on the trees flying away and the scent of wood burning in a fireplace is a sure indication that Winter is here! Happy Holidays from the Landscape Committee!

The summer months were kind to the Heatherwood Village Community this year. There were no trees lost in the monsoons which translates into dollars saved in having to get them removed, the stumps ground and the trees replaced. This is partially due to the adjustment of the water to the trees and surrounding plants but in a bigger way to the trimming, lacing and crown cleaning of the trees in the Fall and right before the monsoon season started. Despite the cost of the tree trimming, the proactive approach still saves money over having to take care of fallen trees and promotes the health and thus the longevity of the trees. We need to do all we can to protect our mature trees.

Once again, the Board of Directors voted not to overseed the Bermuda grass with winter rye this season. This is in an effort to save money on the cost of water to maintain the turf as well as to be a good "green citizen" in conserving water. In exchange for not overseeding, since it is included in the maintenance contract, TruGreen aerated the turf at no charge. The labor saved by not having to mow the turf will be applied to other efforts in the Community throughout the winter months. The Board did approve a recommendation to apply pre and post emergent in an effort to contain the weeds in the turf during the fall and winter months.

During October and November over 80 plants, shrubs or trees were replaced from those lost over the past couple of years. The loss of these species was either due to disease, weather (extreme heat or cold) or due to the natural life of the plant. All of this was completed within the 2009 budget for plant replacements. A few different plant species were selected to provide a bit more color to the Community such as Radiation Lantana (mixed red colors), honeysuckle (orange flowers) and Autumn Sage (red flowers).

Please feel free to bring your suggestions and ideas to any member of the Landscape Committee and, as always, please continue to do your part in helping maintain the cleanliness and appearance of the Heatherwood Village Community.

May all of you be blessed with a peaceful holiday season.

Community Relations

As a community, we're all concerned about everyone's well-being. Please let us know of any family emergencies, extended illnesses or passing of loved ones so we may assist where necessary.

Website/Newsletter (Donna Masiulewicz)

Please visit our community website at <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/mesa/heatherwood/> for meeting dates and locations, newsletters, architecture review applications, community approved plant list, and other community resources. We welcome your contributions, articles, and recipes for future issues of the newsletter.

Community News

Passing of One of Our Members - It is with great sadness to advise you of the passing of one of Heatherwood Village's members, Robert Beeson. With permission from his family, here is the obituary.

Robert Beeson of Mesa, AZ passed away September 1, 2009, in Afton, Wyoming. He was born October 3, 1938, in Saginaw, MI. Son of Ivan Beeson and Emma Pratt. He is survived by his wife Sharon, children Daryl (Julie), Debra Reyes, Kevin (Libby), Cyndi Grounds (Richard). Fifteen grandchildren and a sister Evelyn Beeson. Funeral services Tuesday September 8, 10 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, Alta Mesa Stake Center; 5350 E. McClellan Rd. Mesa, with visitation prior to services, starting at 8:30a.m. Bunker's University Chapel was entrusted with arrangements. VETERAN

Holiday Safety Tips

- Always lock your car and keep valuables out of sight. Leaving your vehicle unlocked or goodies in sight make your vehicle an easy target.
- Walk to your destination with confidence. KEEP YOUR HEAD UP!! Be aware of your surroundings. Have your cell phone handy in case you see something suspicious, but save the regular phone calls for when you're inside.
- When in large parking lots, remember where you parked your car – write it down if you have to. Have your keys in your hand so you don't have to fumble around for them when you reach your car.
- Do not carry large amounts of cash if possible. If you get money from an ATM, immediately put the cash & ARM card into your wallet or purse. You can arrange it later.
- Trust your instincts. If you think you're in danger, retreat to safety. Be prepared to run, yell for help, and drop whatever you are carrying.

Community Chit-Chat

Have E-mail? - Do you have e-mail? The community would like to be able to generate regular newsletters via e-mail, special alerts or bulletins, etc. Please send your e-mail address to Association Management at: hoa@desertmgmt.com. E-mail will help the association cut down on the cost of reproduction and mailings.

Holiday Decorations at Heatherwood

What a creative and spirited community we live in. Please enjoy the community's holiday decorations this holiday season. And, remember that all decorations may remain up until January 25, 2010.

The Heatherwood Village HOA Board wishes you and yours a very Safe and Happy Holiday and a Prosperous New Year!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR