



## News from the River's Edge June 2009 Update

### **Board Goals & Objectives for 2009/10**

The draft goals and objectives that appeared in last month's Update were approved by the Board. They will be placed on the Riverhaven website [www.riverhaven.us] in the near future.



### **Stop Mailbox Theft**

Mailbox theft has been reported in Riverhaven. Locking mailboxes can be installed but they must conform to both United State Post Office recommendations *and* resemble the classic black mailboxes currently used throughout Riverhaven.

### **A Thank You to the Landscaping Committee and a Call for Volunteers**

The Board would like to thank the members of the Landscaping Committee for all of the hard work they do throughout the year. For years committee members Rebecca Weinberg and Linda Closs have taken care of the flower beds at the front of Riverhaven by planting, fertilizing, weeding and taking care of them as though they were their own yards. The committee chair, Keith Primm, a former landscaper himself, has been working with AAA to keep Riverhaven looking its best year-round. Sadly for Riverhaven, Linda Closs recently moved leaving only 2 people on the committee. Any resident, renter or homeowner, interested in volunteering for the Landscape Committee can contact us by calling Cindy Borquez, Riverhaven HOA Manager, at 297-0797 or sending an email to the Board from the website contact page, [http://www.riverhaven.us/contact\\_us.htm](http://www.riverhaven.us/contact_us.htm)

### **Living with the Coyotes in the Riverhaven Area** (from Arizona Fish and Game Department)

Normally coyotes are shy animals that run away when challenged. Once coyotes become comfortable around people they can become a risk. This usually happens when they learn to see humans, their yards and their pets as food sources and safe havens. If approached by a coyote try to appear as large and threatening as possible. Make aggressive gestures toward the animal, shout in a deep voice, throw rocks, sticks or other objects at the coyote. Continue to maintain eye contact and move toward human activity or a more populated area. Teach children to remain calm and not to shriek or scream because they might sound like a wounded prey animal to the coyote.

**Do not** feed coyotes and remove all food sources from your yard. Coyotes can easily jump a 6 foot or higher fence. If you find a coyote in your yard **do not** make the animal welcome. Make aggressive gestures, throw something at it or bang on pots and pans. Having a coyote in your neighbor's yard is the same as having one in your own yard.

The dogs most likely to come in to conflict with coyotes are cat sized or smaller. **Do not** let your dog (of any size) run unsupervised and off leash on the walking paths around Riverhaven or in the Rillito Wash. It is not only dangerous for the dog (there are rattlesnakes out there too); it is also illegal. If you notice a coyote while walking a small dog let the coyote know you are there, pickup the dog and hold it in your arms or keep it as close to you as possible while using some of the aggressive deterrents described above while moving to an area of human activity. The only way to keep a cat from being eaten by a coyote is to keep it indoors at all times. In Riverhaven cats and small dogs left outside are not only at risk of being eaten by coyotes but by hawks as well.

### **The Landscaping Corner: Deep Watering of Trees**

To stop your trees from browning and then dropping their leaves during dry weather you need to deep water by setting your hose on a slow drip at the drip line. To find the drip line draw an imaginary circle on the soil around a tree directly under its outermost branch tips. Directly below this is where the new roots are growing and where the most water is taken in by the tree. Let the hose drip for 12 to 24 hours and your trees will be grateful.



### **Family Fun at the YMCA!**

On June 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00pm the Lighthouse/City YMCA will be having a family fun carnival at McCormick Park on Columbus just south of Ft. Lowell. Everyone in Riverhaven is invited to attend.



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**Riverhaven Homeowner's Association Board Meeting  
Wednesday June 10, 2009  
6:15 pm**

**Lighthouse YMCA  
2900 N. Columbus**