



## News from the River's Edge April 2014 Update

### Meet the New HOA Board!

President – *Mel Weinberg*

Vice President (Landscape Committee Chair) – *Brenda Hettinger*

Treasurer – *Matt Rosen*

Member at Large (Design Committee Chair) – *Jeff Parziale*

Secretary (Communications) – *Shannon Nolen*

### Front Yard Landscaping Requirements

Last year the Board conducted an extensive **landscape audit** of the front yards in Riverhaven to ensure compliance with the community's **Design Guidelines** and notified residents who were missing trees and plants. **Many properties are still missing the required trees or plants.** There is a **minimum requirement** of **one (1)** 15-gallon *tree, Joshua Tree, Yucca* or approved *cactus* of 5 feet and **five (5)** approved *shrubs, accent plants, cactus, groundcover plants, ornamental grasses, succulents, perennials* or *vines* set forth in the **Riverhaven Design Guidelines**. For more information, consult the **Front Yard Landscaping** restatement, the **Design Guidelines**, and the **Drought Tolerant & Low Water Use Plant Guide** available under the **Documents** tab at [www.riverhaven.us](http://www.riverhaven.us). If you have any questions please contact our Community Manager, **Shara Taylor**, at (520)297-0797 or [staylor@cadden.com](mailto:staylor@cadden.com).

### WEEDS Have Overtaken Riverhaven!

There is an unusually high amount of weeds in residents' front yards. According to **Riverhaven's CC&Rs, Section 5.15**, yards must be maintained "*in a neat, clean and attractive condition consistent in appearance with other properly maintained, improved Lots within the Community*" and kept "*free of derbis and weeds at all times*". For more information, consult the **Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions, Design Guidelines**, and the **Front Yard Landscaping restatement** available under the **Documents** tab at [www.riverhaven.us](http://www.riverhaven.us). **Please help keep our neighborhood a desirable community in which to live by regularly pulling or killing your weeds!** Pre-emergent is a great option to prevent pesky weeds from popping up in the first place and can save you the hassle later. Once you have weeds you can use a **herbicide** or **vinegar** to kill them. **For your convenience, the monthly site tour dates for weed and other CC&R violations are posted on the Facebook page and the Yahoo Group listserv.**

### Common Area Common Courtesy

Lately there have been numerous instances of residents **littering** and **parking vehicles** in Riverhaven **common areas**. These areas are intended to be enjoyed by the **entire community**, which is difficult when they're strewn with debris and vehicles. Please dispose of trash, yard trimmings and pet waste properly and do not park in common areas. If you witness someone doing any of these, please report them to **Shara Taylor**.

### Recent Criminal Activity



During the end of March there were several **home break-ins** reported within Riverhaven. The break-ins occurred on **Boulder Springs Way** and **River Rapids Drive** and took place **between 5-9 pm**, which is unusual. The burglar(s) entered the homes when they were empty. The houses either backed up to a wash or had a vacant neighboring house, allowing for easy access to their **backyard**. The points of entry included an open *upstairs bathroom window* and *kitchen windows*. Some simple and affordable options for home security include **motion-detection lighting** and **additional window / sliding glass door locks**. **Leaving front / back porch and driveway lights on can help deter criminal activity.** Consider leaving interior lights or a television on when away to make it seem as though someone is home. For a more comprehensive list of how to make your house more crime resistant, visit [http://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/police/home\\_security\\_booklet.pdf](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/police/home_security_booklet.pdf). **If you notice any suspicious activity call the Tucson Police Department at 911 or (520)791-4444.** If you have been a victim of a crime

remember to **file a report**. **The more the TPD is aware of the criminal activity in our community, the better attention we'll receive with police patrols.** Here in Riverhaven, we have several active **Neighborhood Watch** groups. If you are interested in forming one on your street, please contact **Shara Taylor** for more information on how to get started.

### Neighborhood Garage Sale: May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

Riverhaven will be hosting our **3rd annual neighborhood garage sale** on **May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> (Saturday & Sunday)** from **7 am to 12 pm**. The Board will promote the garage sale on Craigslist and put up signs at the main neighborhood entrances. Tell your friends and family and get your neighbors involved! This is a great opportunity to **clean out your closets & garage, get to know your neighbors**, and **make some extra cash!** If you have any questions or would like to assist with planning, please contact **Shannon Nolen** at [sknolen@gmail.com](mailto:sknolen@gmail.com).



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