



News from the River's Edge February 2008 Update



HOA Board Elections and Annual Meeting

Board elections are coming up soon! The current Board would like a homeowner on the Board from the eastern or southern parts of the community. No current Board member is from either of these areas and we believe they are under-represented. Any homeowner wanting to run for a position on the Board should contact Cindy Borquez at 297-0797 to have their name put on the ballot. The annual meeting will be held in March. More information on the Board election and the annual meeting will be coming soon.

Front Yards Must Have Trees and Shrubs

Because of the hard freeze in the winter of 2006/07 and the windstorms last summer many front yards in Riverhaven no longer have the required tree and five (5) plants in the front yard. Missing trees and other plants in front yards will need to be replaced. Residents have until **April 20, 2008** to replace missing plants after that violation notices will be sent. Renters may need to contact their landlords about this matter.

▲ To make it easier for residents to meet the *Design Guidelines: Rules and Regulations*

[http://www.riverhaven.us/uploads/Design_Guidelines.pdf] and to give Riverhaven's yards some variety in their front yard landscaping the HOA Board revised and expanded the front yard guidelines to read:

Front yard landscaping must have a minimum of one (1) fifteen-gallon tree or a Joshua Tree or a Yucca plant or an approved cactus with a minimum height requirement of five (5) feet such as a Saguaro, Ocotillo or Organ Pipe cactus **and** a combination of shrubs and/or accent plants, and/or cactus, and/or groundcover plants, and/or ornamental grasses, and/or succulents, and/or perennials and/or vines to equal a minimum of five (5) other plants **and** gravel **and** underground irrigation to maintain plant material.

▲ The *Low Water Use and Drought Tolerant Plant Guide* is the approved plant list used by the HOA. [<http://www.riverhaven.us/uploads/DesertGuideTUC%202006.pdf>] The list contains a variety of trees and other plants residents can select from. There are a number of beautiful trees listed:

- Many varieties of **Acacia**
- **Oak trees**
- Several species of **pine, juniper and cyprus**
- **Palm trees**

▲ Prohibited plants

- **Olive trees** [Forbidden by the Pima County Code except for the "Swan Hill" variety.]
- **Oleander** (*Nerium oleander*) [Other than the dwarf variety and *Thevetia oleander*.]
- **Fountain grass** (*Pennisetum setaceum*)
- **Pampas grass** (*Cortaderia selloana*)
- **All varieties of Citrus** [Citrus are OK in the backyard.]
- **Mexican Palo Verde** (*Parkinsonia aculeata*) [Other varieties of the Palo Verde tree are OK and appear in the approved plant list.]
- **Mulberry Trees** [All varieties are forbidden by the Pima County Code.]

▲ If you have a reason not replace a missing tree or other plants or if you want to use a plant(s) that is not on the approved list you must seek a variance by filing an **Architectural Design Review Form**.

[<http://www.riverhaven.us/uploads/ARC%20Form.PDF>] When submitting the form include

- The reason you are requesting a variance to the *Design Guidelines*.
- Name(s) of the plant(s) to be used.
- A basic landscaping plan.

Contact Cindy Borquez at 297-0797 if you have any questions.



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RIVERHAVEN RESIDENT

**Riverhaven Homeowner's Association Board Meeting
Wednesday February 13, 2008
6:15 pm**

**Lighthouse YMCA
2900 N. Columbus**