

Riverhaven

News from the River's Edge

December 2008 Update

Holiday Lighting Contest!

Prizes will be given to the *Craziest House* in Riverhaven, the house in Riverhaven that *Best Shows the Holiday Spirit* and the Riverhaven house with the *Best Overall Decorations*. Residents wishing to donate prizes or who want to help with the judging can contact Tiffanie Bialis at tiffieaz@aol.com.



Riverhaven's Newsletter Will No Longer Be Published

As part of the annual budget review the Board decided to stop publishing Riverhaven's newsletter. This will save the association money that can be used elsewhere and the Board felt that the monthly Update and the Yahoo! email list were a better way to keep residents up-to-date on current happenings in Riverhaven. Many thanks to Cindy Hagerman for the time she spent over the last 4 years editing the newsletter!

Revision of the Sanitation (Garbage & Recycle Can) Guidelines

In the draft currently under discussion the revision to the sanitation guidelines would be:

All garbage and recycle cans must be stored out of sight when not out for pickup.

- ♦ Exceptions to the out-of-sight guideline would be granted in the following three (3) cases:
 - ♦ The gate into the backyard is too small for the cans to pass through. (Exact measurements will be given as part of the final guideline.)
 - ♦ A resident with a disability that prevents them from moving the cans to an out-of-sight location.
 - ♦ Unique exceptions that don't fall into either of the above categories.
- ♦ Exceptions will not be automatic. Residents must request an exception to the out-of-sight requirement by calling our association manager. Gate widths will be verified by the management company before the exception is granted.
- ♦ Residents with current exceptions because of a handicap or unique situation will be grandfathered in under the new guidelines.

Send the Board your comments or suggestions by calling Cindy Borquez at 209-0797 or by using the contact form on our website at http://www.riverhaven.us/contact_us.htm. You can also let us know your thoughts in person at the December Board meeting. The current guidelines are available at

http://www.riverhaven.us/PDF/rvh-TC_restatement.pdf.

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Mark the Date January 14, 2009!

Rodney Glassman, Ward 2 Councilman, and Debra Anders, new principal at Davidson School, will be attending our January Board meeting. They will be available to answer questions and to let us know future plans that may affect Riverhaven.

New Landscaping

The Homeowners board Landscape Committee has been working with landscape designer, Rene Schaefer, of *Outside Views*, to create a master plan to improve all of the landscape in Riverhaven. The board wanted to have ground covers and shrub sized plantings that would complement our existing trees. In addition, the community needed hardy plants that were both low water use and low maintenance. Color, texture, and seasonal bloom were considered.

The plan was completed in the spring of 2007. The plan was designed so that it could be implemented in stages in a fiscally responsible manner. The first planting was installed 8/24/07 and spans our development boundary along Ft. Lowell and includes our main entrance. The new plants (191 in all) looked small last summer, but should be much larger now. The next plantings will be along Riverhaven Dr. Let us know what you think.

Please contact me if you would like to see the master plans. Rebecca Weinberg, Landscape Committee Chair, 790-7870.

Replacing Fallen Trees

Many of us lost beautiful trees in the late July storm. Winter is a good time to replant. Here are some suggestions for trees to consider that are small to medium and are low water use.

<u>BOTANICAL NAME</u>	<u>COMMON NAME</u>	<u>BOTANICAL NAME</u>	<u>COMMON NAME</u>
Acacia berlandieri	Guajillo	Acacia pendula	Weeping acacia
Acacia crassifolia	Butterfly-leaf acacia	Cercidium praecox	Palo Brea [Sonoran Palo Verde]
Acacia crespodocarpa	Leather-leaf acacia	Caesalpinia cacalaco	Cascalote
Acacia jennerea	Coonavitta wattle	Vitex agnus-castus	Chaste tree
Acacia stenophylla	Shoestring acacia	Chilopsis linearis	Desert willow

Trimming Trees

REMINDER: Keep trees trimmed in front of your homes so everyone can walk with their babies, kiddies, doggies and grown-ups without being ambushed by your tree. Thank you.

* * * **Start a Neighborhood Watch** * * *

In light of some recent break-ins in the community, neighbors on Wading Pond/River Rapids have started a Neighborhood Watch. The HOA Board encourages other Riverhaven residents to set-up a Neighborhood Watch program in their section of the community. A Neighborhood Watch is simply neighbors watching out for each other during the workday, evenings, vacations or any other absence. The purpose of the program is to create an alert neighborhood by using simple crime prevention methods and the mutual aid of neighbors watching the property of other neighbors.



If you interested in setting up a Neighborhood Watch group for your section of the neighborhood, please call **Becky Noel, Tucson Police Department Community Service Officer at 791-4806 ext 1019.**

The booklet *Neighborhood Watch—A Leader’s Guide To Getting Started* can be downloaded from the Riverhaven website (www.riverhaven.us) Neighborhood Watch page. Talk to your neighbors on your street, block, or cul-de-sac about starting a Neighborhood Watch.

The Riverhaven community website (www.riverhaven.us) has a link for more

information.

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Addition to the Design Guidelines: House Address

For safety reasons the Tucson Police Department recommends homes have easy to read street address numbers on both the front and rear of the house. The Board agrees with this. It is recommended, but not required, that all homes in Riverhaven have:

1. The address of the house stenciled on the curb in front of the house. The address should be:
in black paint — on a white background — numbers to be 3-4 inches high
2. The address number of the house on the back of the house. The address should **not** be painted on the house.
 - ♦ The numbers should be 3-4 inches high and in a reflective material (check with Ace, Home Depot, Lowe's, etc).
 - ♦ The numbers should be placed on the house where it is clearly visible over the fence.
 - ♦ Houses with back patio porches can place the numbers on the porch's fascia facing the rear of the Lot.
 - ♦ Homes without rear patio porches can place the numbers above a back door or window facing the rear of the Lot.

This new guideline will be approved at the December Board meeting. After approval it will be put on the Riverhaven website.

Residents have probably seen all the construction taking place on the north side of Paradise Falls between the office complex and Riverhaven. What is being built is a staging area that is part of the Rillito River Linear Park. Check it out at: <http://www.rfcd.pima.gov/projects/rillitoalvernon/#overview>

How You Can Help Keep Riverhaven Litter Free

- Put trash in a trash can; don't throw it out your car window. When you put your garbage in your can, tie your garbage bags shut.
- Tell your children not to discard juice containers, fruit peels or school papers on street when walking to and from school or while waiting at the bus stop.
- When you have a party make sure your guests use a trash can, don't allow them to throw food and liquor bottles over a wall. There is no open space in Riverhaven; all yards connect to another yard or to a common area.
- After a yard sale or a party remove all of your directional signs and balloons, and pick up and trash.
- Always carry a plastic bag when walking your dog. Pick up and remove all your dog's droppings.
- If you see litter on your street or while out walking in the neighborhood, pick it up.

Finally, over the last several months we have noticed a decrease in the number of bags of litter we pick up. One reason is that we've seen other people picking up litter around Riverhaven too. Thanks to all of you and keep it up!



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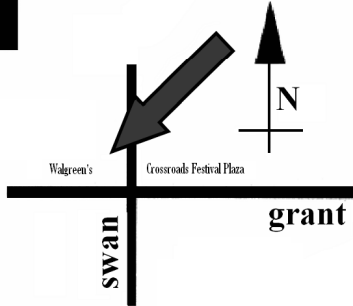
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6:15 pm

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