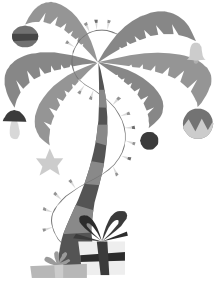


Riverhaven

News from the River's Edge December 2011 Update



Holiday Lighting Contest

Clark Griswold Award: house the most excessive, over the top decorations

Martha Stewart Award: most traditional and perfectly decorated home

Elizabeth Taylor Award: street with the highest number of decorated homes, giving it a beautiful, sparkling appearance

Judging for the contest will take place roughly 1 week before Christmas. Winners will be announced on the Facebook page, Yahoo! email group and in the January 2012 update.

Davidson Elementary School Community Garden Under Construction

Construction of a new community garden is getting started at Davidson Elementary School. The community garden will be operated by Tucson Community Gardens. Residents will be able to "lease" a 3ft x 20 ft plot for personal gardening. There will also be a number of garden plots for the school's use. The new community garden includes a ramada with raised planter beds, a circular planting area for trailing vegetables, a garden shed for tools, a drinking fountain and accessible walkways and planters. This project is made possible by funding from Ward 2 and the existing agreement between the City and TUSD.



Riverhaven residents interested in more information or who want to put themselves on a wait-list for the garden should visit www.communitygardensoftucson.org or call 520-795-8823.

Recent Crime Activity in Riverhaven

Several vehicle break-ins have occurred throughout Riverhaven in the past couple months. Incidents have been reported on Surging Waters, Parting Waters, Sierra Springs, and River Falls. Each incident featured a car window being smashed and portable goods grabbed from the front seat(s). Several victims reported they left personal bags or electronic goods in the car the night they were robbed – while other cars nearby were not impacted. A small bit of good news is that one victim was able to determine the time and date her stolen credit card was used at a nearby gas station. Tucson Police has been notified and is acquiring the video surveillance from the gas station. Here are a few tips to deter any future incidents:

- Avoid leaving valuables in your car overnight. If items need to be left in your car, try to disguise them under seats or in your trunk where they are not easily seen or accessible.
- Leave your front porch and garage lights on at night to help illuminate the street and your property
- Talk to your neighbors! Consider participating in a Neighborhood Watch or starting your own. Contact Cathy Shull or Tucson Police to learn more.

2012 Budget Meeting

The Riverhaven Board unanimously passed the 2012 budget at the November 9th. The community's finances are in excellent shape and 2011 is looking to close *under budget*. It was determined that there was no need to increase homeowner assessments for 2012. The Board is planning for several projects in the coming year, including: landscaping audit and tree replacements, communal meeting spaces such as a ramada or small playground, and several small infrastructure repairs. If you would like to have a copy of the 2012 budget, please contact Cathy Shull or check our website www.riverhaven.us.

Questions or concerns? Contact **Cathy Shull** at cshull@cadden.com or (520) 297-0797



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Riverhaven Homeowners Association Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

CANCELED

Next meeting: **Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 6:00pm**

Khalsa Montessori School at 3701 E. River Rd.

November Board Highlights

- 2012 budget passed; **there is not going to be an increase in assessments this year!**
- Legal update: Still requesting homeowners to send repair information to Cathy Shull.
- Board discussed plans for renegotiating the landscaping contract. Proposals are being collected throughout December and the final vote will happen at the January meeting.
- Board discussed using the "Trees for Tucson" grant program to subsidize the cost of replacing the trees damaged by last winter's hard freeze. Planting will likely happen in March.

Maybe YOU Should Consider Being An HOA Board Member!

Board elections are coming up in March 2012, but we urge homeowners to consider getting involved **now**.

Some Board positions, such as the treasurer, do require special skills. However, most of the time it takes the basics such as attending monthly Board meetings, keeping up-to-date on Board matters, asking questions, a positive attitude – and the desire to positively impact our community!

Contact Cathy Shull to learn more.



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