

# **News from the River's Edge**

**November 2009 Update** 



### **Holiday Lighting Contest is On Again This Year!**

Awards will be given in 3 new categories this year:

- 1. Clark Griswold Award: house the most excessive, over the top decorations;
- 2. *Martha Stewart Award*: most traditional and perfectly decorated home;
- 3. *Elizabeth Taylor Award*: street with the highest number of decorated homes giving it a beautiful, sparkling appearance.

The judging for the contest will take place about 1 week before Christmas. If you want to help with judging the contest, call Cindy Borquez at 297-0797.

#### Responsibility for Damage to Walls (CC&Rs Section 5.21, pages 13-14)

A reminder to homeowners that you are required to repair any damage you caused to a wall, such as damage caused by over watering your yard or by trees planted too close to the wall. These repairs are to be done at the homeowner's expense and in a timely manner.

#### **Landscaping Corner: Adopt a Sidewalk and Reap the Benefits**

Take a few minutes to sweep off the sidewalk in front of your home and adopt a sidewalk near your home to sweep. It's a great way to enjoy the weather and meet your neighbors. The next time you come home you'll see what this simple task will do to brighten up our neighborhood. Who knows, maybe you will start a trend in your corner of Riverhaven!

#### **How to Report Barking Dogs**

Bothered by barking dogs? First, try talking to the dog's owner, maybe they are not aware that the dog is disturbing the neighbors. If that fails, call Pima Animal Care Center, 243-5900, to file an animal noise complaint. Also, contact Cindy Borquez, 297-0797, and let the HOA know about the situation. In both cases, you will need the address of the house where the barking is coming from. If you know of other neighbors who are bothered by the barking dogs, encourage them to talk to the dog's owner and, if necessary, report the problem to both Pima Animal Care and Cindy Borquez.

#### **Problems with Broken Water Lines**

For years the water lines into Riverhaven homes have broken, some repeatedly, sending streams of water down our streets. This is happening because of the way the piping was originally installed, the way sections of piping were joined together and/or the settling of the fill dirt. The responsibility for repairing line breaks from the water meter to the water main under the street is the City's (call 791-4133 24/7 to report a break); the responsibility for repairing line breaks from the water meter to the house is the homeowner's. Any homeowners planning on filing a law suit for roofing or window installation defects may want to consider including defects in the waterlines in their suit. If you have to repair a water line break keep samples of the piping and the joints used to connect the piping, as well as documenting the repair with photos in case you need the information for future reference.

#### **Temporary Children-at-Play Signs CAN BE USED on Riverhaven's Streets**

Carolyn Goldschmidt, an attorney specializing in HOA law, believes it is OK for Riverhaven residents to use temporary children at play signs. Residents must follow these guidelines for the signs:

- are displayed in residential areas only
- are removed within one hour of children ceasing to play
- are displayed only when children are actually present within 50 feet of the sign
- are no taller than 3 feet
- must be professionally manufactured or produced.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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HOA Website: www.riverhaven.us

**HOA Email Group:** 

groups.yahoo.com/group/Riverhaven\_HOA/

### RIVERHAVEN Food Drive Friday, November 13th 2009

Cadden Community Management & the Arizona Association of Community Managers are sponsoring a Community Food Bank food drive.

- \*Please consider putting a bag with a non-perishable food donation on the curb front of your home by 8:00am on Friday 11/13/09.
- **★Cindy Borquez**, our Cadden manager, will collect your donation between 8am 12pm.
- \*Checks as donations for the Community Food Bank are also gratefully accepted.

## **Riverhaven Homeowner's Association Board Meeting**

Wednesday
November 11, 2009 at 6:15 pm

Lighthouse YMCA, 2900 N. Columbus