



Around the Ranch

Board Meetings

The Coronado Ranch Homeowners Association Board meets on the Second Thursday of the month. All meetings are held at Renaissance Community Partners, 633 E. Ray Rd, Ste. 122, in Gilbert.

April 2, 2009

Board Meeting/General Session - 6:30 p.m.

May 7, 2009

Board Meeting/General Session - 6:30 p.m.

June 4, 2009

Board Meeting/General Session - 6:30 p.m.

July 2, 2009

Board Meeting/General Session - 6:30 p.m.



Bulk Trash Days

- Apr 5 - Apr 11**
- May 3 - May 9**
- Jun 1 - Jun 6**
- Jul 5 - Jul 11**
- Aug 2 - Aug 8**
- Sep 6 - Sep 12**
- Oct 4 - Oct 10**
- Nov 1 - Nov 7**
- Dec 6 - Dec 12**

Please place your bulk trash items at the curb the weekend prior to your scheduled collection week.

From the President

By Bob Hicks
Coronado Ranch Homeowner's Association

The elections are over and there have been some changes. Our new member filling the member-at-large position is Mike Jensen. Mike brings with him a wealth of knowledge in the landscaping field. I have worked with Mike before during turnover and for the first two years of our elections he knows both how to lead and work with others. Jim O'Shea has been reelected and will serve as our new secretary. I have also been reelected and will be serving as the president. Dwain Lambrigger will serve in the vice president seat. David Rottner will continue as treasurer.

I would like to personally thank Doug Bouldin for his service for the past two years. Doug has offered his expertise in matters with our irrigation system and more specifically the well and pump system. He has voiced his opinion and conscious on several matters to the advantage of our community. Doug will be missed by all of us. I look forward to working with him in the future.

With a new Board there will be some changes but our general direction should remain steady as we face new challenges from economic issues to increasing the overall appearance of the neighborhood.

If you would like to contact any or all of the board, please visit our website at www.coronadoranch.org/board.htm, and click on the person you would like to email. We are always happy to hear from members of our community.

The Spring Shindig is coming up in the next few weeks - look for signs throughout the neighborhood the week before the event. The great success of our Shindigs is due to the efforts of Candace Bouldin. If you have had a good time at the event it's because of her. Thanks Candace.

Well that's it for now - the next newsletter will be out in June.

Prevent vehicle theft with layers of protection

To make your vehicle a tough target, the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority and National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) recommend a "Layered Approach" to Protection. The more layers of protection on your vehicle, the tougher it is to steal.

Layer 1: Common Sense Tips

- Lock your car – half of all vehicles stolen are left unlocked
- Take your keys – nearly 20% of all vehicles stolen have the keys in them
- Park in well-lighted areas – car thefts occur at night more than half the time
- Park in attended lots – car thieves do not like witnesses
- Don't leave your car running, even for a minute – convenience stores, gas stations, and ATMs are common hunting grounds for thieves.
- Completely close your car windows
- Do not leave valuables in plain view
- Do not hide a spare set of keys in the car – the pros know where to look.
- Park with your wheels turned toward the curb
- Always use your emergency brake when parking
- If you have a garage, use it – and when you do, lock both the vehicle and the garage door



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Fast Facts About Vehicle Theft in Arizona

- In Arizona a vehicle theft occurs every 11 minutes - 07 seconds.
- Arizona is the number two state for vehicle theft per capita. In 2007, there were 48,389 motor vehicles stolen in Arizona, which demonstrates an 11.87% decrease in the total number of stolen vehicles since 2006.

Top 10 Most Commonly Stolen Vehicles for 2006 - Arizona

1. 1992 Honda Accord
2. 1995 Honda Civic
3. 2005 Dodge Ram Pickup
4. 1996 Chevrolet Full Size C/K 1500 Pickup
5. 1994 Nissan Sentra
6. 1997 Ford F150 Series
7. 1997 Nissan Altima
8. 1993 Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee
9. 1998 Dodge Neon
10. 1995 Saturn SL

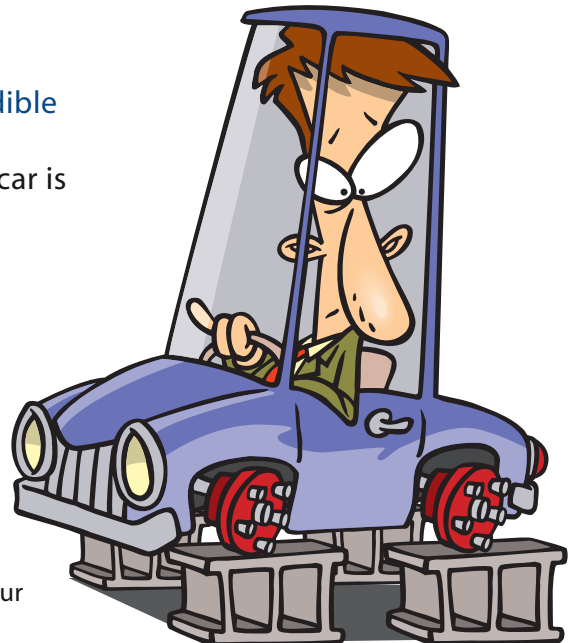
Source: National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) - 2007



Layer 2: Visible and Audible Deterrents

Alert thieves that your car is protected:

- Audible alarms
- Steering wheel locks
- Steering column collars
- Tire locks
- Window etching – etch vehicle identification number (VIN) on vehicle windows
- Theft deterrent decals – such as the AATA's Watch Your Car Program



Layer 3: Vehicle Immobilizers

Prevent thieves from bypassing your ignition and hot-wiring your vehicle:

- Smart keys
- Fuse cut-offs
- Kill switches
- Starter, ignition and fuel disablers
- High security locks and keys

Layer 4: Tracking Systems

A vehicle tracking system is a high-tech device designed to be hidden in your vehicle in order to emit a signal that the police can monitor if you report a theft.

For additional information on vehicle theft prevention, contact the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority at 1-888-668-4433 or visit our website at www.azwatchyourcar.com.

Free audit can help you save money and water

As much as 50-70 percent of the water consumed at your home ends up getting sprinkled on your lawn or dripped on flowers, shrubs and trees. With so much water being used outside, you may not know if your watering system is wasting water – and wasting money.

Gilbert offers free in-home water evaluations for residents so they can conserve water and cut their water bill. The evaluations have saved homeowners anywhere from 2,000 gallons of water a month to as many as 70,000.

Homeowners are often unaware just how much water their automatic sprinklers use, or whether plants are getting the right amount of moisture, said Jeff Lee, one of the Town's water conservation specialists.

During inspections, a water conservation specialist turns on sprinklers and checks automated timers to see how much water plants get. They then offer advice on how much various types of plants need. The one-on-one visits can offer specific information that

homeowners might not get in a group session.

"That's a really big eye-opener for a lot of people," Lee said. "A lot of people have no idea how much goes through the sprinkler system."

In one inspection, a homeowner used 12,000-14,000 gallons a month on landscaping. The plants only needed about 3,000 gallons a month. A malfunctioning automatic fill valve for the pool supplied 15,000 gallons a month when only about 500 gallons a month were needed. Given that water can cost \$1.70 per 1,000 gallons, the homeowner spent about \$42 a month on water that was not needed.

A water conservation specialist can tailor advice to your home, but in general keep these watering tips in mind:

- Desert-adapted trees require water every 7-21 days.
- Desert-adapted shrubs and ground covers require water every 7-21 days.
- Thirstier trees like citrus need water every 7-12 days.
- Lawns need water every three days in summer.

• Water deeply and infrequently to ensure plants develop deep, healthy roots.

Plants can appear unhealthy because of overwatering, but homeowners can mistakenly believe that is a sign of dryness and water even more.

"The majority of plants I see killed are done by overwatering, not by underwatering," Lee said.

Water conservation specialists typically only need to look outside of homes built after 1994 because regulations have mandated water-saving fixtures inside newer homes.

Water conservation specialists will look inside if requested on newer homes.

On older homes, interior inspections can help homeowners identify whether they could save water by replacing faucets, toilets, shower heads or other fixtures. Homeowners, businesses and homeowners associations can request a free inspection by calling the Water Conservation Office at (480) 503-6098.

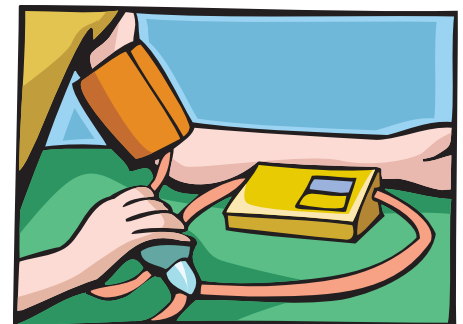

Free Health Fair April 4 at Freestone Rec Center

Help kick off the Freestone Recreation Center's new GET FIT program at a free health fair on Saturday, April 4. GET FIT is for everyone interested in increasing physical activity or discovering new ways to become more fit and healthy.

The GET FIT program includes one event each month beginning in April and it will continue at various locations across Gilbert.


This month's events are: zumba at 9:15 a.m., lifting weight strategies at 9:30 a.m., salsa at 10 a.m., healthy eating habits at 10:30 a.m., pilates at 10:45 a.m., water safety at 11 a.m., kick boxing at 11:30 a.m. and stress management at 11:30 a.m. Each event is 20 or 30 minutes.

The health fair will include local vendors and giveaways. Join us as we celebrate healthy living in Gilbert. Information: (480) 503-6235.

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(Still) Got Weeds?

Sign up for pre-emergent spray by April 20

The Renaissance Community Coalition, a group of Renaissance clients, is ramping up its spring application of pre-emergent weed killer. Homeowners wishing to participate in the program need to sign up and pay by April 20. The cost for front yard application is \$30 for coalition homeowners. If you have no pets and your back yard is accessible, for \$45 the technicians can spray the rocks areas in both your front and back yards. To participate in the program, fill out an online application, found at www.rcoalition.com before the deadline, send in your payment in advance, and when your community is sprayed, the chemicals will be applied to your yard.

Pre-emergent is a mixture of chemicals sprayed on your rock areas to help prevent weeds from growing in your those areas. Applying pre-emergent twice yearly can make weed control almost effortless.

If you are have weeds in driveways, ornamental landscape plantings, orchards and gardens, or other areas, now is the time to plan for weed control. Post-emergent herbicides are an effective tool to control large weed populations or deep-rooted perennial weeds. However, if you have had many weed seedlings in past summers, then you may want to consider an application of pre-emergent herbicide.

Pre-emergent herbicides are only effective when applied before weeds germinate on soil that has been recently cultivated, irrigated, and allowed to settle. Pre-emergent herbicides kill germinating seedlings of both annual and perennial weeds. Once applied, they are incorporated by rainfall or irrigation and are effective for about six months. Pre-emergent herbicides work well in ornamental landscapes and other areas where weeds tend to flourish.

If you have any questions, please contact Renaissance Community Partners at 480-813-6788.

Utility bill assistance available to Gilbert residents

The State of Arizona has received funds to assist low income residents with their utility bills. Application dates for this program in the East Valley include:

Chandler	Tuesday, 3/10	San Marcos Elementary	9:00am-3:00pm
Scottsdale	Thursday, 4/23	Vista Del Camino	1:00pm-7:00pm
Guadalupe	Saturday, 5/2	Guadalupe Senior Center	1:00pm-6:00pm
Gilbert	Saturday, 6/6	Boys & Girls Club	8:00am-3:00pm

Income limits for this program are:

Household Size:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Monthly Income:	1,734	2,334	2,934	3,534	4,134	4,734	5,334	5,934

Application sites are being set up throughout Arizona, and these funds are available throughout the US. Contact your local CAP Office in Arizona, or social service office for more info. The Gilbert CAP can be reached at 480-892-5331.

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- Mike Jensen..... Member

Coronado Ranch Property Manager

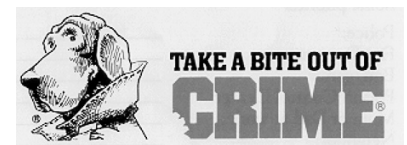
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Important Phone Numbers

- Police & Fire 911
- Gilbert Police Non-Emergency #
..... 503-6500
- Gilbert Fire Community Services #
..... 503-6353
- Town of Gilbert503-6871

The Coronado Ranch newsletter is a community publication from the Coronado Ranch Homeowners Association. We welcome all comments, contributions and letters. Please contact us at Renaissance Community Partners, 480-813-6788.

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Crime Watch Important Phone Numbers

- Silent Witness 1-800-343-TIPS
- Traffic Hotline 635-7294
- Graffiti Hotline..... 503-6500
- Non-Emergency # 503-6500
- Crime Prevention 503-6527