

Sonoran Heights II Newsletter

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Dear Homeowners of Sonoran Heights II,

We are coming to the end of the year and almost done with another year as Board members.

First of all I want to thank the board members: Dave King, David Barger, Vincent Tarantola; from the Architectural committee: Virginia Figueroa and Victor Montijo, and from the Picnic committee Jennifer King.

**THANK YOU**

These people took their time and talents to make sure that our subdivision continues to be a great place to live.

Also, I want to thank Lewis Management for their excellent customer service as our administrator.

I want to take this opportunity to give an update of the activities completed by the board during 2011:

- ◆ We completed the repair to one of the water back flow meters that was damaged during the hard freeze.
- ◆ We had a successful neighborhood party!
 - ◇ This year we broke the record for attendance.
 - ◇ It is important to thank Susan and Ron from "Cinder Block" for providing the great music and also "BBQ for U" for another excellent meal and service.
- ◆ The common walls were given a new coat of paint and our landscaping company has done a great job taking care of our common areas.
- ◆ Thank you to all the pet owners that took care of their dog's business, this has contributed to cleaner common areas and sidewalks.
- ◆ Regarding our monument on the Broadway entrance, the day of the accident I was informed by one of my neighbors that the car

that crashed into the wall might have belonged to one of our residents, when we visited the scene, we found out that indeed the car was the same model but it did not belong to a resident.

- ◇ I stayed at the scene of the crash until the Police officer provided a copy of the accident report. This was forwarded to our Management Company who then immediately contacted the Insurance Company that was responsible for the repair of the monument.
- ◇ I have not dealt with Insurance companies that much, but the little that I have I learned that they take their time to settle, so it took several months for them to complete the payment.
- ◇ Once this was done we decided to get two different quotes to make sure that the board could make the best decision possible.
- ◇ We decided on the proposal from J&J Fencing, this is a very reputable company and with good references.
- ◇ During one of our Board meetings a homeowner suggested that we take this opportunity to make a change in design. The new design will be a one wall sign with a north/south direction, this will make it easier to see from east and west directions.

Finally, I want to let you know that I will not be on the Board next year.

I think that there is an opportunity for other homeowners to participate on the board.

With Lewis Management as our administrator, they make it easy to be a board member.

Sincerely,

Guillermo Figueroa P.
Board President

Website

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Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, 7:00 pm at Ward 2, 7575 E Speedway.

Dog Droppings

Please pick up after your dog. Not only is it the neighborly thing to do, but it complies with county ordinances. It is not fair to burden your neighbors with cleaning up the deposits left on their yards by your dog.

In this business, people always ask, "How can I stop the dogs from using my yard as a toilet?" Well, one of the homeowners told our company there is a product available at any hardware store called "Dogs Off". Apparently, you only have to spray the sidewalk or gravel near your home and the dogs will move on to the next area.

Numbers to Remember

Emergency 911

Tucson Police Department
Non-Emergency 791-4444

Animal Control 243-5900

Illegal Street Parking -
City of Tucson Parkwise 791-5071

Lewis Management 742-5674

Poison Control Center 626-6016

SW Gas, emergency 746-1076

SW Gas, non-emergency 889-1888

TEP, outage hotline 623-3451

TEP, non-emergency 623-7711

Waste Management: 744-2600

Happy Holidays

It's almost magical when lights, ornaments and tinsel transform even a few skimpy branches into a beautiful Christmas tree. But, magic can't protect your family from fire, so before you choose your tree and pile on decorations, Northwest Fire/Rescue offers tips to help keep your Christmas tree fire-free.



According to the National Fire Protection Association, more than 600 fires per year, in the United States, are started by ignition of Christmas trees. These fires cause an average of 36 deaths, 112 injuries and \$15 million in direct property damage a year. For a safer Holiday Season, Fire Rescue suggests following these tips:

The fresher the tree, the lesser the fire hazard. Look for a green tree, with needles that are difficult to pull out when the branch is bent. A minimum of needles should fall off when the tree is bounced.

Make a new diagonal cut of about two inches on the trunk to open up pores clogged by sap, and put the tree into a sturdy stand with at least a gallon of water per day. Trees may also be sprayed with a flame retardant.

When placing your tree, make sure that it is kept away from heat sources such as fireplaces and heat vents. If the tree is not going to be decorated right away, it should be stored in water, in a cool place out of the wind and sun.

Always check lights for frayed or cracked wiring and broken sockets before placing them on the tree. Do not attempt to repair broken lights. Make sure that new lights have the seal of approval from an independent testing laboratory. Avoid overloading circuits and extension cords, and always turn off the lights when leaving the house or before going to bed.

Remove the tree promptly after Christmas day, and never burn any part of a tree in a wood stove or fireplace.

All the extra activity around the Holidays can mean extra hazards around the house...so be **SAFE** and keep poisonous decorations, alcohol and tobacco out of reach of young children; keep your walkways clear; check your lights for frayed or cracked wiring and broken sockets; keep candles out of reach and away from anything flammable, and do not over-indulge. Remember, the best gift we can give our family and friends is to take care of ourselves.

Safety tips for homeowners

- Make sure all your exterior doors have good locks-at least deadbolt locks with a minimum 1" throw.
- Use the locks you have. Always lock up when you go out, even if only for a few minutes.
- Make sure outside doors and door frames are solid, 1 3/4" metal or hardwood.
- Secure sliding glass doors with commercially available bars or locks, or put a wooden dowel or broom handle in the door track.
- Make sure your windows have good locks, particularly those at ground level. Lock double-hung windows by sliding a small-headed bolt or nail through a hole drilled at a slight downward angle in a top corner of the inside sash.
- Make sure all porches, entrances, and outside areas are well lighted.
- Trim any bushes or trees that hide doors or windows. Keep ladders and tools inside when you're not using them.
- Don't hide your keys under the doormat or flowerpot.
- Record serial numbers on valuable property like televisions and DVD players and store the numbers in a safe place.
- Consider installing an alarm system.
- If you park your car outside of your garage, never leave the garage door opener in the car.

