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The Prez says, *“Thanks to everyone who works every day to support their family and make a difference in our community.”* On behalf of the Countryside Valley HOA Board of Directors, **I would like to wish you and your family a very happy Labor Day.** This is one of a series of bimonthly newsletters to help keep you up-to-date on important information regarding our neighborhood and community. We hope you find it useful. If you are new to our neighborhood, welcome.

**BBQ:** We were reminded at our August monthly meeting that it was time for another neighborhood BBQ. So, the Board approved of a **BBQ on Sunday, October 8, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the corner of Fitzgerald and Twain.** The Board will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, buns, condiments, plates and utensils, chips, soda and water. We will also have a jumping castle for the kids. ***If any of our residents are members of a band, let me know. We would love to have live music.*** The Board is asking that the residents on the following streets bring:

- **Lessing Ln and Lessing Ct: *A Side dish***
- **Ferber Ct and Fitzgerald Ln: *Dessert***
- **Twain St: *Salad (green leafy, potato, macaroni, fruit, etc.)***

Tables and chairs will be provided.

**Street Sweeping:** A local street sweeping company will clean our roads **every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the even months.** The streets are scheduled to be swept **October 13, and December 8.** It is imperative that we respect the **“no parking on the street”** policy and move our trash containers to ensure all parts of the neighborhood streets are cleaned. Now, it is our responsibility to take care of our streets individually and as a Board. As residents, we can help by making sure we return any decorative rock from the street back into our yards. We can also take a little time to sweep/blow debris from the street.

**Trash Talk:** Waste Management has offered Countryside Valley residents a lower monthly charge than any other local trash service. If you do not currently use Waste Management, you may want to call Jill Burris, HOA representative, at 520-982-1945 to discuss your options.

**BeeWare:** Recently, two people in Tucson have died as a result of massive numbers of bee stings. This is a reminder that this is the time of year when bees make their homes in our homes. Any small hole in our stucco or fascia is game. Therefore, it is essential that we all take the time to **make periodic inspections of our houses** to make sure they have not become homes for a hive. If you live next to a vacant home, you should also be aware of any bee activity there as well. If you observe bees in a vacant home, notify the Board immediately.

**For Sale:** As we know, new homes are being built between Camino de Oeste and Hartman just north of Cortaro Rd. Therefore, **it is essential that all of us do our best to keep our homes and properties at a high standard** to allow those in Countryside Valley who are selling their homes a better chance of a sale.

**Safe Streets:** The speed limit on our streets is **15 MPH.** Not only are owners of cars and trucks expected to obey the speed limit, so, too, **are those who ride motorcycles, quads, and mini-bikes.** Parents, please remind your kiddos who ride these off-road vehicles to please ride slowly and safely through the neighborhood, for their own safety and that of others.

**New Parking Policy:** Just a reminder, **parking is prohibited on all of our streets, all day, every day.** This has been the policy for years to allow easy access for trash and recycling vehicles, provide safer roads for pedestrians, and improve the overall aesthetic value of our neighborhood. The Board approved a new policy regarding parking at its last meeting. Here is the policy: **Any resident who chooses to park on the street and receives 5 reminders may be invited to a hearing to discuss possible fines leading up to the hearing and violations following the hearing. In short, 5 reminders = a hearing.** So, we need to remember to park all vehicles in our garages and driveways.

**Weed-soon:** The Tucson area received higher than usual rain this monsoon season. While this is good news for the desert plants and animals, it also brings with it an enormous amount of weeds to people's yards. Please stay on top of the weed problem by making regular visits to the front yard and **removing the pesky plants.**

**Gate Keepers:** The Board has been busy repairing a damaged gate again. Fortunately, the company responsible for the damage took responsibility and reimbursed the association for the repair. Also, the Board invested in a decorative wall leading up to the gate and along the sidewalk inside the gate. Not only does this provide a great visual appeal at the entrance, it helps keep decorative rock off the sidewalk and out of the street.

**Debt of Gratitude:** The Board would like to thank **Beau Wilcox** for his many years as a volunteer member of the Countryside Valley Board of Directors. Beau will be stepping down as an active member due to a busy schedule in his life. **Thank you, Beau!**

**New Member Needed:** Now there is a position that will be open on the Board. **If you feel like you would like to be considered as an active member of the CVHOA Board, please let us know.** Members are expected to attend monthly meetings on the first Monday of each month, assist with neighborhood activities, and make decisions that affect the homeowners of our neighborhood.

I would also like to take this time to thank the other current members of the Board: **Leo Race - Treasurer, Andy Woodward - Secretary, and Karin Phillips - Member at large.** We should be reminded that these volunteers do all of our association business. Most other HOAs hire expensive management companies to do their business. The members of this Board:

- **meet monthly** at the Countryside Community Center - **first Monday of the month**
- **attend occasional executive session meetings** to discuss important neighborhood issues
- **schedule and attend hearings** for those with CC&R violations
- **ensure the common areas, streets, and gate are maintained**
- **make regular surveys of the neighborhood** to identify those who do a great job maintaining their homes and properties as well as the areas that need addressing
- **receive and deposit dues payments,** pay bills, and send statements to homeowners
- **communicate with homeowners** and property managers **about rental properties**
- **communicate with our attorney about legal matters**
- **hold annual BBQs** to help bring the residents together
- **write and send out information** through letters and newsletters

So, there it is. The neighborhood looks great! Countryside Valley is a wonderful neighborhood in which to live, to raise kids, and to entertain friends and family. Now, it is our turn to keep it that way by taking pride in our homes and properties to attract potential buyers and feel good when we return home each day.

The next monthly Board meeting will be on **Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Countryside Community Center on Bald Eagle. The September meeting is cancelled do to the Labor Day holiday.

Respectfully,

*Todd Autenreith*

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