



Where friends and neighbors come together

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**Mission Statement**

Friends and neighbors coming together  
to  
improve their neighborhood  
community through sharing and

**Board of Directors**

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**Treasurer's Report**

As of 12/31/08, Assn. Acct. balance was

**Neighbor Courtesy**

*Due to numerous complaints, the Board has requested a posting of these courtesies:*

As a courtesy to your neighbors, when hosting gatherings and parties, please keep the noise volume at a reasonable level.

If you have pets (horses, dogs, or other livestock), please clean up after them before the odor becomes offensive. These odors can be considered a health hazard. If you have a problem or concern, please contact Pima Co. Animal Control or Pima Co. Health

**Annual Meeting (PLEASE JOIN US!)**

**Monday, March 30th, 6:30pm**

**4400 N. Paseo de los Rancheros (Please bring chairs)**

6:30-6:45: Meet & Greet w/ neighbors  
6:45-7:00: Neighborhood Watch w/ Sheriff Dept  
7:00: Meeting Begins (Agenda below)  
–Review the Board's Progress of past 2 years  
–Discuss issues (i.e. signage, ARC, dues, finances)

**Accomplishments**

*The Current Board of Directors of the Community Association of Rancho Del Cerro has been proactive since taking office on June 25th, 2007, and we are proud of the various projects that have been accomplished during this tenure. Among the various items, the following list is but some of what has been accomplished:*

– We worked with the County to install a new larger, easier to read signpost at the corner of Camino del Cerro and Paseo de los Rancheros. The county would not install a warning sign on Camino del Cerro before Rancheros, but they did agree to remove a tree and some brush and to install a larger sign for Rancheros. By doing that it made our signboard easier to see before coming to the corner.

– We worked on our signboard at the entrance of Camino del Cerro and Rancheros. We took off all the letters, prepared the wood surface with water seal, painted the letters a bright white, and added glass beads to the paint, so that the letters were more visible at night. We also found some new solar lights that appear to be working quite well, so that the signboard is now more visible before that corner is reached.

– We cleared brush from a number of corners, including Camino del Cerro/Paseo de los Rancheros; Paseo de las Colinas/Paseo de los Rancheros; Paseo de los Rancheros/Rancho; and Paseo de los Rancheros/Quetzal. This has made the line of sight while driving easier, hopefully avoiding accidents.

At our request. the county sheriff's office did a rope test of the speed limit and found that in general, cars were speeding. They indicated they would check the area more often for speeders.

– We established a quarterly newsletter to keep our residents more fully informed of news and current situations within our Association

– We worked diligently on our past dues situation. When taking office, we had 35 homeowners that were behind in dues to a total of \$2,272.50. As of December 2008, that figure was only 5 homeowners and \$410.00 past due.

– We restarted a Neighborhood Watch Association. The former group was no longer active, and at last years Annual

### Reminders

The Board of Directors is here to help residents with various situations at stated in the CC & Rs. However, there are many situations that we are unable to assist our fellow homeowners with. Below is a list of local agencies that can assist homeowners as follows:

<u>Concern</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Stray dogs	Pima County Animal Control	520.243.5900
Noise Complaints	Pima County Sheriff	520.351.6911
Animal Odors	Pima County Dept of Env. Quality	520.740.3340
Livestock Control (Tony)	Livestock Animal Control	520.237-9712
Excessive Weeds	Pima County Air Quality	520.740.3340
Mosquitoes/Standing Water	Pima County Health Department	520.243.7999
Graffiti	Pima County Public Works	520.792.8224
Safety (Non-Emergency)	Northwest Fire Department	520.887.1010
Elderly	Pima County Council on Aging	520.790.7262
Road Maintenance	Pima County Dept of Transportation	520.740.2639
Electricity Concerns	Tucson Electric Power	520.623.7711
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas	520.889.1888

### What to Do in Southern Arizona

The following list has been compiled by a source outside of the Board. The Board does not promote any one group or event. This information was obtained via various websites. If there is an event that you would like included in future newsletters, please submit your request to Karen Whitney at [bearpaw99@comcast.net](mailto:bearpaw99@comcast.net). Thank you and ENJOY!

- AZ-Son. Des. Museum, 2021 N. Kinney Road, 883-2702. [www.desertmuseum.org](http://www.desertmuseum.org). Mar-Sep, 7:30a-5p. \$13 Adults, \$4.25 Kids 6-12, Free 5 & under. Summer Saturday Evenings (park is open until 10pm on Saturday evenings June-August)
- Reid Park Zoo, 1030 S. Randolph Way, 881-4753. [www.tucsonzoo.org](http://www.tucsonzoo.org). 9a-4p. \$6 Adults 15-61, \$4 Seniors 62+, \$2 Kids 2-14, Free 2 & under.
- Old Tucson Studios, 201 S. Kinney Road, 883-0100, [www.oldtucson.com](http://www.oldtucson.com), Feb-May, 10a-6p, \$16.95 Adults, \$10.95 Kids 4-11, Free 3 & under
- Sabino Canyon, Sabino Canyon Road/Sunrise, 749-8700, [www.sabinocanyon.com](http://www.sabinocanyon.com), Nominal Fee for bus ride, Free to hike
- Greek Festival, St. Demetrios Church, 1145 E. Ft. Lowell, 888-0505, [www.stdemetriostucson.org](http://www.stdemetriostucson.org), \$3 admission, Free 12 and under
- Broadway in Tucson, 903-2929, [www.broadwayintucson.com](http://www.broadwayintucson.com), see website or call for upcoming shows and events
- Butterfly Magic, Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N. Alvernon Way, 326-9686, [www.tucsonbotanical.org](http://www.tucsonbotanical.org), \$11 Adults, \$5.50 Kids 4-12
- Gaslight Theatre, 7010 E. Broadway, 886-9428, [www.thegaslighttheatre.com](http://www.thegaslighttheatre.com), see website or call about upcoming productions
- Renaissance Festival, Apache Junction, 520-463-2700, [www.royalfaires.com/arizona](http://www.royalfaires.com/arizona), see website for maps, admission, & details
- Colossal Cave, 16721 E. Old Spanish Trail, 647-7275, [www.colossalcave.com](http://www.colossalcave.com), Mar-Sep, 8am-5pm, see website for admission

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

At the Neighborhood Watch meeting held on November 10, 2008 there were 42 neighbors in attendance. Representatives from the Sheriff's Office reported that there had been 12 calls involving this neighborhood from May 1, 2008 through November 1, 2008. These calls consisted of 1 burglary, 1 larceny, 1 vehicle theft, 1 stolen vehicle recovery, 1 vandalism, 1 disturbing the peace, 1 welfare check, 1 malicious mischief, 1 residential alarm, and 3 supplemental reports. Attendees were given tips on how to be safer.

Sheriffs Representatives Gerry and Jerry McGinnis will be available at the annual meeting to provide an update of activity in the neighborhood.

Going on vacation? Concerned about some non-emergency activity in the neighborhood? You may wish to contact your Neighborhood Watch block leader. These folks have had a background check from the Sheriff's Office in order to hold this position. Your Neighborhood Watch block leaders and the streets they represent are:

**Pete Adamcin** – N. Placita de Arriba

**Janet Mitchell** – W. Paseo del Campo

**Noreen Dzia** – W. Paseo de las Colinas/Placita de las Colinas

**Jeannette Tellez – Hopkins** - W. Paseo de las Colinas/Placita de las Colinas

**Una Bowman** – W. Placita del Quetzal

**Carey Portnoy** – W. Placita de los Vientos

**Chuck Ballard** – N. Paseo de los Rancheros



—We instituted a dedicated website for our Association: [www.ranchodelcerro.org](http://www.ranchodelcerro.org). If you haven't checked it out, please do so. As of this writing we have had 121 visitors. The site contains the following information:

*Background:* History of our Association, architectural review guidelines, speed limit warning

*Documents:* Bylaws; CC&R's; Homeowner's Complaint Form; Design and Modification Request Form

*Newsletters:* Current and back issues

*Bulletin Board:* Including important links and resources

*Contacts:* Board Members, and Accounting Firm. Also a way to e-mail the Board

—We started a Welcome Committee to visit new homeowners and provide them with general information about the Association and the neighborhood

—We reviewed our annual indemnity insurance cost for maintaining/protecting the Association Board members, and determined, after some comparison shopping, that the company we are using had very reasonable rates

**FYI...**



As a reminder, your annual dues of \$25.00 were due January 1st. If you have not paid them, please do so as soon as possible. Send dues to the address on this newsletter.



Architectural Review Committee forms are available on the website. Once completed, please contact **Ivan Whitney at [bigive52@comcast.net](mailto:bigive52@comcast.net) or 548-7372** to arrange an appointment. You can also drop off paperwork to **4400 N. Paseo de los Rancheros**. Please note that this address is different than in the past. Keep in mind that submissions are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.



Spring is here! Enjoy the warmer weather by going for a hike or taking a bike ride. Always watch out for small creatures though. As the weather changes, they may pop out to say hello!



Check the website for updates—[www.ranchodelcerro.org](http://www.ranchodelcerro.org)



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