

Rancho del Cerro Rattler

Where friends and neighbors come together

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Waste Management Survey Results

As of this writing, there were 97 responses to the Waste Management Survey that was mailed to all residents with the last newsletter, sent out in June of 2012. We sent out this survey to all 170 residents. At that time we indicated we would let everyone know the results in this next newsletter, and **what would then happen?**

- 24 respondents (24.7%) indicated that they wanted to stay with the same status as present with two (2) garbage pickups per week (Monday and Thursday) and one recycle pickup per week on Mondays
- 71 respondents (73.2%) indicated that they wished to change to one garbage pickup and one recycle pickup, on Mondays, at the reduced rate.
- Two respondents (2%) indicated that they do not use Waste Management, or use another company.

Based upon the results of the survey there was overwhelming approval for the reduced rate with once a week garbage pickup. I contacted Waste Management to make arrangements for the change.

Waste Management explained that there are three kinds of HOA rates available: 1) an exclusive group rate agreement, in which the HOA pays for all the residents, and that fee is built into the monthly HOA fee; 2) an exclusive individual bill, in which all residents must use Waste Management, and are billed individually; and 3) an open market rate in which residents may or may not use Waste Management. Since not all our residents choose to use Waste Management, and we cannot require it, we fall into the third category.

So the new rate, effective October 1st, for a one day per week garbage pickup and one day per week recycle pick up. The rate will be \$12.00 per month, including all fuel and surcharge fees. These rates will go into effect automatically on October 1st.

I was also told that these new rates would stay in effect until sometime in the Spring (or later) but they

could not give me a specific date at this time. Rates will be revised based upon competition and fuel rates, but they are judging rates to be increased by not more than 4-7 %, and possibly less.

For those who indicated that the wished to have two garbage pickups per week, Waste Management can provide you with a 2nd garbage can for \$5.00 per month (original survey said \$6.00 per month, but I was able to negotiate it down to \$5.00 per month). This pickup would be on the same day as now for both cans. Contact Waste Management if you wish this option.

Some Items to Note:

- For those who have a current bill that goes beyond September 2012, your next bill will make adjustments for this.
- One family asked about larger wheels for the wheeled cans. They only have the current size wheels.
- You can ask for a larger recycle bin if you find it necessary.
- For those who indicated a problem with javelinas knocking over their cans, I can suggest you put a chain lock on the can - just be sure you unlock it before the garbage pickup.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at ranchodelcerroboard@cox.net or at 520-207-6264.

Ken Cooper

New Recyclable Items for Waste Management

In our recent Tucson water bill newsletter, there was a list of new items that can be recycled. I have checked with Waste Management, and they also take this additional list of plastics in our recycle containers.

This includes all items marked 1-7. A few examples include:

- Butter and margarine tubs; also sour cream and cottage cheese containers.
- Lotion and hand wash pump bottles
- Plastic tubes such as squeeze hand lotion and tubes
- Spray bottles
- CD jewel cases

By putting these plastic containers out of the garbage and out of the landfill, you can help our environment.

Community Yard Sale: Saturday, October 13th 8AM to 2PM

With the success of the last two years' Community Yard Sale, your Board has agreed to host this event once again. The date will be Saturday, October 13th from 8AM until 2PM. Last year about 15 families participated and we hope to have at least that many again! The Board will put an ad in the Tucson paper on that Friday and Saturday, as well as on Craig's List and use the uniform signs that we made last year. The signs will be placed from Silverbell and Camino del Cerro and go west to our development. Then, as with last year we will have a map at the first few homes to direct people to the various addresses. We will have smaller signs that direct people to the streets within our development

So what should you do?

Contact Ken Cooper, to indicate your interest in participating, and let him know the type of items you have. We need your name, address, and phone number. **You can contact Ken at 520-207-6264 or e-mail at ranchodelcerroboard@cox.net. We need at least 10 families to participate to make this a viable event.** The deadline for contact is by Saturday, October 8th but please contact us as early as possible.

Help out our Association Board: Secretary Needed

Our new Secretary to the Association was not able to serve, and we are looking for a new Secretary. Duties include taking notes at the four quarterly meetings, and the Annual meeting, and participating in the decision making authority of the Board. If interested please contact Ken Cooper at 520-207-6264 or at ranchodelcerroboard@cox.net

Mission Statement - Friends and neighbors coming together to improve their neighborhood community through sharing and cooperation, keeping in touch, and communicating their needs, wants, abilities and available services.

Community Annual BBQ: Sunday, October 21st 3-6 PM

Your Board is inviting all residents of the Community Association of Rancho del Cerro to our Third Annual Community BBQ. Come out and meet your neighbors, and make new friends. Join us for hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings.

Those with last names **A through M** are asked to bring a dessert to share with all, and those with last names from **N through Z** are asked to bring a veggie dish to share. If you wish to eat something else other than hamburgers or hot dogs, please feel free to bring it.

Please bring a drink of your choice, as well as your own chairs.

Please RSVP to Ivan Whitney, our host, at 520-548-7372 or e-mail us at ranchodelcerroboard@cox.net so that we can approximate the amount of food we will need.

The address of the event is 4400 N. Paseo de los Rancheros.

Treasurer's Report:

As of the end of August, our account balance is:

\$11,584.08

Neighborhood Watch Update

At the last Annual HOA meeting, in April 2012, the need for volunteers to join the Neighborhood Watch program was discussed. We got new volunteers for Area Leaders. They are Michael and Sharon McCaul. **WE STILL NEED MORE BLOCK LEADERS.** Please consider joining your other neighbors to become more proactive in this area and volunteer to be a Block Leader on your street. Requirements for a block leader are easy: contact your surrounding neighbors and provide them with a Neighborhood Watch Sign (if they do not already have one). Also, ask them to inform you when they are out of town to help monitor the safety of their home. Contact Sharon or Michael if you have any questions, or want to sign up. Also, if any of your neighbors are not in our Association, but wish to join the Neighborhood Watch team, they are welcome. They just have to contact the area leaders to sign up.

You are all probably aware that we have had some home robberies, and also some car break-ins within the last year, and we need all of you to help out. If you see anyone of a suspicious nature driving around, contact the local Sheriff's office immediately and, ideally, obtain a license number.

Your current Neighborhood Watch Area Leaders and Block Leaders and the streets they represent are:

Area Leaders:

Michael and Sharon McCaul - 4920 W. Placita del Quetzal. Phone number: 520-531-8825

Block Leaders:

Pete Adamcin - N. Placita de Arriba

Tom and Una Bowman - W. Placita del Quetzal

Seve and Rocio Casanova - Placita del Quetzal

Janet Mitchell - W. Paseo del Campo

Carey Portnoy - W. Placita de los Vientos

To reach any of the block leaders, or if there is no block leader for your street, please contact the area leaders, Sharon or Mike McCaul at 520-531-8825.

Let's all help to keep our neighborhood safe!

Trimming Project Along the Median of Paseo de los Rancheros

Now that we are starting to move into the Fall season, we can do some further research into the project of trimming the dead brush and clearing up some of the overgrown bushes from this median strip.

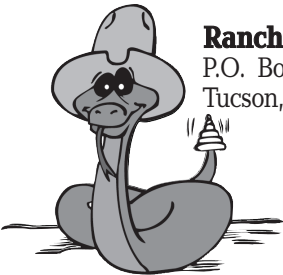
FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

• Please pick up after your Dog - let us keep our Neighborhood Clean!



SPEED
LIMIT
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• The speed limit is 25 mph throughout the Community.



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