



# Rancho del Cerro Rattler

Where friends and neighbors come together

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The Board of The Community Association wishes all of you a happy and healthy Holiday Season, and the best wishes for a Good, Safe and Healthy New Year!

Sincerely,  
Ken Cooper: President  
Dick Zeiner: Vice President:  
Severino Casanova: Treasurer and Webmaster  
Pete Adamcin: Newsletter Director  
David Killen: Architectural Director  
Ike Gaskin: Secretary

From our President, Ken Cooper:

## JANUARY IS DUES MONTH

On or about January 10th, 2015, our Annual Dues Statement will be sent out. We plan to send them out by e-mail to those of you who have e-mail addresses on file. For those that do not, we will mail (via snail mail) your statement. Dues will remain the same - a low \$25.00 per year.

As you all know we are a Voluntary Organization now, and depend on your cooperation and concern with your neighborhood to pay your dues. Your Board of Directors works hard on their various responsibilities, and we believe we are a viable, worthwhile organization. So please cooperate and send in your dues by the end of January, but no later than February 10th.

In continuing to upgrade our Website, and the related areas about it, our Webmaster and Finance Director, Seve, has now made it possible to make payment via Paypal. If you prefer not to use this method, you can mail your check to our P.O. Box.



## ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE RATTLER

We are sending this edition of The Rattler via e-mail to all those in our Association who have an e-mail address on file with us. Some may have a problem getting it because they have not put 'contact@ranchodelcerro.org' into their contact listings and some providers like Comcast or Cox might delete them as spam. If we get word back that your copy of The Rattler was not delivered we will mail it out by snail mail. This problem should be eliminated by the next issue, (in March 2015) because we hope to be on a dedicated server insuring that no e-mails of our residents will be sent back as spam.



## E-MAIL CONTACT CHANGES:

Effective with the mailing of this Rattler, we will stop using the [ranchodelccerroboard@cox.net](mailto:ranchodelccerroboard@cox.net) and instead use the following: [contact@ranchodelcerro.org](mailto:contact@ranchodelcerro.org).

Also, all board members can be reached individually by adding their first name and then @ranchodelcerro.org. Please see the list of Board officers, and their contact information at the bottom of this page.

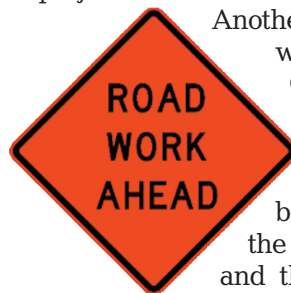
These changes are being made to go along with better use of our website functions, be more professional and easier to remember.



## GAS LINES AND ROAD REPAIRS

As you are all aware, the Gas Company, through its Contractors, is working on our Community streets, and putting in larger gas line pipes. They are working diligently and will be working on most of the streets putting in large main pipes. They are then going back to each home and working on the lines from the street to the individual gas meters. It is my understanding from talking to the supervisor, that once they are finished with all the streets, they will be doing the needed road repairs. At this time they could not give me a projected date of completion.

Another crew is also working on Camino del Cerro, and I am sure you have all been subject to the flag people and the STOP and GO SLOWLY signs. This too will end!



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I have also been in touch with Pima County complaining about some of our roads where the blacktop has broken away from the sides of the road, and will be writing to them again to remind them of this issue. As soon as I have a response, I will post it on the front page of our website.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

A meeting was held on the 18th of November, and our Neighborhood Watch Director,

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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. **The Association Board meets quarterly, and the meetings are open to all residents. Contact any Board member for the specific date and time if you would like to attend and or have a specific issue to discuss.**

### BOARD MEMBERS

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David Killen, reviewed all agenda items. We agreed on the importance of maintaining the Neighborhood Watch Committee, as our Signs warning of our Neighborhood Watch could be eliminated if we do not maintain the committee and the organization.

We all get concerned when we hear of a car being broken into in our neighborhood, or worse, a house robbery. So far we have been fairly safe here, but that takes some vigilance and some concern on all our parts. Block leaders can only do so much, but it is up to YOU to pay attention - not only to speeders, but also to those who appear to be suspicious in driving through the neighborhood. Jot down a license number if someone looks suspicious and contact the Sheriff's office, and also David Killen.

If you need Neighborhood Watch window Signs for your home, please contact David.

If you plan a "get away"- vacation time or any other time - please let one of our community block leaders know so that they can make it a point to watch your home. At this time our Neighborhood Watch Committee consists of: David Killen: Area Director - at the corner of Vientos and Arriba: 743-0123 or [david@ranchodelcerro.org](mailto:david@ranchodelcerro.org); Pete Adamcin- on Arriba: 743-4114 or [pete@ranchodelcerro.org](mailto:pete@ranchodelcerro.org); Severino Casanova- on Quetzal: 261-7383 or [seve@ranchodelcerro.org](mailto:seve@ranchodelcerro.org); Carey Portnoy- on Vientos: 743-4351 or [cppp@comcast.net](mailto:cppp@comcast.net); Glen and Janet Mitchel- on Campo: 743-4351 or [janetmmsu@comcast.net](mailto:janetmmsu@comcast.net).

We are still in need of others to be on the "lookout" and help us out. This Neighborhood watch Program is for ALL of You so please help us out if interested in volunteering, please contact our coordinator David Killen at 743-0123.

Listed below is an article by "Rosie On the House.com". Rosie is an Arizona contractor who has had an award winning radio show for 25 years on radio station AM 790 on Saturday mornings. He discusses and takes questions on all topics concerning the home. The following is one on avoiding burglaries:



"Most burglaries in the United States – almost 75 percent – occur in residences, not in stores or offices, according to the FBI. And most of those happen during the day – not at night – perhaps when residents are out of town or at the office or out running errands.

So here are a few suggestions from among many we've made over the years about protecting your own home:

**Secure your possessions and property ...**

- Make a visual record of your home by using a digital or video camera to shoot photos or videos of every area of your home. Include every room, wall and closet. If necessary, go through your attic, garage and any areas outside the house, like a storage unit or a guest house. Zero in on art objects or special pieces of furniture. Try to use ambient lighting without a flash. Take close-ups of model and serial numbers. Be sure to take separate shots of valuable electronics, antiques, jewelry or heirlooms. If you have receipts or appraisals for items, photograph those as well. If you have some items with no label, use an inexpensive carbide etching pen to put some small identification marks on property.
- In most cases, your visual record can serve as verification with your insurance company. But it's better to combine photos with a written record of some kind. Fill out a checklist provided by your insurance company.
- Move any valuables like electronic devices or artwork away from windows where burglars might spot them.
- Check out your insurance policy to see what it covers in case of a burglary and upgrade the policy if necessary.



**When you're away from home ...**

- Turn off your computer and disconnect it from the Internet. Do not leave personal documents lying around your home office where a burglar/identity thief can easily snag them.
- Store valuable jewelry, credit cards and spare car keys in places where burglars will be less likely to look. The

longer it takes for them to find things, the more frustrated they will be. The first room, by the way, that they are likely to hit is your master bedroom. So store valuables someplace else.

- And of course, do all the usual things like stopping mail and newspapers and asking neighbors to watch your home. Maybe you can talk your neighbor into taking out your garbage can to the curb on the usual days when you are out of town.
- Leave blinds and shades open in their usual position.

**Don't help out the burglar ...**

- If anyone breaks into your car, even while you are out shopping, they can take your insurance info and your garage door opener, find your home and get inside quickly. If this should happen to you, call the police and change your garage door opener code as soon as you can.
- If you park at an airport lot, remove your garage door opener from the car.
- Don't leave tools like shovels and ladders outside the house where a burglar can use them.
- Buy a dog. Even a small dog that barks a lot can deter a burglar."

**ANNUAL YARD SALE:**

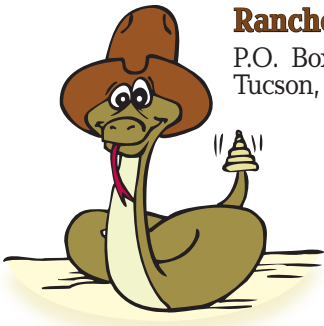
Our Annual Yard Sale was held on Saturday October 18th, from 8AM to about 1PM. There were only 9 families involved this year, but our understanding was that it went fairly well, even though it was at a little slower than in previous years. Keep next Oct 2015 in mind for another Community Yard Sale.

**FRIENDLY REMINDERS:**

- Please pick up after your dog... help us keep our Neighborhood clean!



The speed limit is 25 M.P.H. throughout our Community



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