

Annual Meeting/ Potluck "Get Together" and Annual Yard Sale

Because of the pandemic, we are NOT planning to have our Annual Meeting/Potluck and Speaker in April



of 2021. While some of us have had, or are in the process of receiving, the Covid-19 immunization shots, we thought it would be best to hold off on this meeting. If things go well, we will consider holding this meeting in October, 2021.

Likewise, our Annual Yard Sale, usually held in October, will be on hold until we review the pandemic situation by July and will inform our residents in the next issue of The RATTLER, due out in September.

Finances and Dues

Our Finances are doing well and most of our major bills for the year have been paid, including our website management, auditing of our accounts, state tax bill, and our insurance.



As of this writing about 80% of our residents have paid their annual \$25.00 in dues payment.

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Where friends and neighbors come together

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Currently there are 24 residents who have NOT paid their dues, and Ken has contacted them all by phone to remind them of their dues obligation.

HELP Needed with the Treasurer's Position

We wish to thank David Warnes who "'job shared" the treasurer's job with Ken Cooper during the last year. David is currently working full time, as well as going to graduate school. He is also considering selling his home.



If anyone can provide some support/help to Ken with the Treasurer's job, it would be greatly appreciated. The busier months are January to April, when dues are collected. The computer system we use aids in making the job easier. Ken will explain all in detail, and work out a plan to meet your time frame. So if you can help out at

all, please contact Ken at 520-207-6264 or at ken@ranchodelcerro.org.

Potholes

On March 2, 2021, Architectural Director, Jeff Coffeen, and President Ken Cooper drove through all of our streets, and made note of about 29 potholes locations. We listed them by street address. Some spots have multiple issues. Ken then sent the list to Pima County, Street Maintenance Section. Jeff and Ken have performed this drive-by for the last number of years, and the Street Maintenance Department has usually acted on our request within four to six weeks.

Ken also contacted the section that deals with resurfacing streets. The lady Ken spoke with indicated that starting in April 2021, a new list of requests for



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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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street resurfacing would be reviewed, and she would let Ken know if they could consider resurfacing our streets during this next fiscal year.

Living With Wildlife

Submitted by Sue Sirkus,
Secretary to the HOA

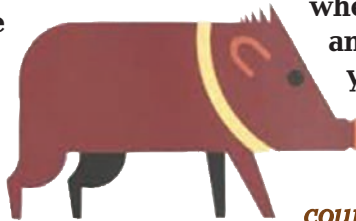
Many of us have noticed increased numbers of coyotes and javelina in the neighborhood. These wild animals belong in the same Sonoran Desert where we have made our homes. They contribute to a healthy environment. And yet, there have been reports of bolder, threatening encounters with humans and pets.

There are many humane action steps you can take, recommended by Arizona Fish and Game (AFG) <https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/livingwith/>. The first message in all cases: **Don't Feed the Wildlife.**

New and long-standing homeowners alike may be providing food, water, and shelter for **javelina** which attract the animals close to homes and the roads. Continued contact with non-threatening humans can make javelina bold and uninhibited. AFG says, "The only real solution is to remove or block access to the food/water/trash/shelter.

If everyone in our neighborhood does this, javelina will no longer find the area an attractive place to live, and they will move on." <https://s3.amazonaws.com/azgfd-portal-wordpress/PortalImages/files/wildlife/livingwith/JavelinaBrochure12-12-06.pdf>

Coyotes, which are naturally timid animals that run away if challenged, have unfortunately found a comfortable home in our neighborhood. AFG says, "Coyotes can be a risk to people once they become comfortable around humans, usually as a result of feeding or indifference. When this occurs, coyotes lose their natural fear and learn to see humans, their yards and their pets as food sources and safe havens. You must aggressively discourage coyotes from feeling comfortable around you and your family by never intentionally feeding coyotes, eliminating attractants (food sources, including pet food) from your yard, using aggressive gestures toward coyotes when you see them, and encouraging your neighbors to do the same."



How can I discourage coyotes from entering my back

yard? If there is a regular coyote food source in one yard on your block, then coyotes will be active throughout the neighborhood. All potential food sources must

be removed to keep the coyotes from becoming dangerously comfortable around humans. An indifferent attitude toward a coyote in your yard has the same effect as feeding it. If a coyote is in your yard, you need to make the animal aware it is not welcome. Here is a simple hazing technique:

DIY - Make a "coyote shaker" which is a soft drink that can be filled with washers, pebbles or pennies, wrapped in foil and taped closed. Shake the can to scare away coyotes. The combination of the light reflecting on the foil, the noise and the aggressive gesture of shaking it provides several deterrents.

Finally, please know the law. AFG says. "It is your responsibility to know the laws. Coyotes can only be captured or killed by someone with a proper license from the Arizona Game and Fish Department, or in defense of yourself or another person. Check your local ordinances regarding the use of firearms and traps. It is unlawful to feed coyotes in Maricopa and Pima Counties per Arizona Revised Statute 13-2927. Violations can result in a fine of up to \$300.

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.

