



Bobcat relaxing-
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Rancho del Cerro The Rattler



Where friends and neighbors come together

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June 2024

June 24 Annual Meeting - Call for Agenda Items

The board of directors of the Community Association of Rancho del Cerro will be holding its annual business meeting on June 24th. A portion of the agenda will be devoted to suggestions, questions, and issues submitted by members. Please send your topics to contact@ranchodelcerro.org by June 14th. Thank you very much for your support of and participation in the Association.



Volunteers -we love them!

Occasionally, the Association needs the help of volunteers for activities like the annual Yard Sale, architectural review, nature photos, and short articles for The Rattler.

Speaking of volunteers, the Association would like to enlist one more member to the Board of Directors this year. The initial qualifications for Board service are:

- Own a home and live in the HOA neighborhood
- Remain objective and unbiased
- Nurture relationships
- Willingness to address issues that affect the HOA.

For more information about any of these volunteer opportunities, please send an email to contact@ranchodelcerro.org with the best way to contact you. Thank you!



Community Yard Sale - Saturday, October 26th

Thinking about tidying up your closets? Would you like to empty that certain corner of the garage? Perhaps it's time to sell those wonderful craft supplies that have been stored since ... well you know.



If there are at least 10 participating families, the Association will help make the Community Yard Sale a success. On the morning of the sale, the Board and volunteers will place signs from Silverbell and Camino del Cerro to our development, plus those participating will benefit from signs placed on the street corner to their home. And we will put out the word on social media.

If you are interested in participating, or volunteering ahead of time or on the day of, please let us know by September 1st. Send an email to contact@ranchodelcerro.org with subject line: HOA Yard Sale.

\$25 Annual Dues



This is a gentle reminder to those handful of households who have not yet paid their annual dues.

To pay online with your PayPal account:

- Step 1) go to paypal.com
- Step 2) select the blue Send button
- Step 3) type "The Community Association of Rancho del Cerro" in the search field
- Step 4) type in \$25.00, click What's this for? and type "annual dues" in the field, then click on "Next"
- Step 5) click on your method of payment, and click on "Send". There will be a small convenience fee.

Done! You will get an email with your PayPal receipt.

Alternatively, you can mail a check to The Community Association of Rancho del Cerro, P.O. Box 85074, Tucson, AZ 85754-5074. Thank you.

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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

President	Role under review
Vice-President	Dick Zeiner dick@ranchodelcerro.org
Treasurer	Joyce Woods joyce@ranchodelcerro.org
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Newsletter Director	Pete Adamcin pete@ranchodelcerro.org
Member at Large	Jack Walsh jack@ranchodelcerro.org

Contact us at contact@ranchodelcerro.org

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Changes

If you update your email address, phone number or other contact information, please notify the HOA at contact@ranchodelcerro.org.



Dark Skies

Enjoying the stars in the night sky is one of the ways Tucsonans engage with our natural beauty, and animals use the cover of darkness



for hunting and hiding. Are your exterior lights affecting your neighbors, both human and animal? Please consider your use of night-time security lighting around your home, and be considerate of star gazers and nocturnal creatures. Light only specific small areas close to your home, and don't use lights that shine out, just down. Thank you!

Summer Gardening Tips - it's time to mulch!

Drought, climate change, late monsoons - it all amounts to water stress on our plants.

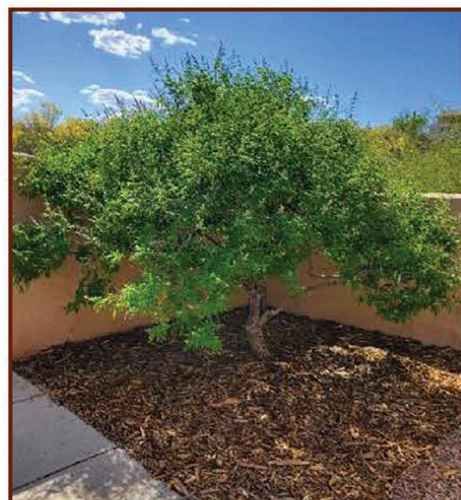


Too little water for leafy plants presents as leaf curling and/or wilting, yellowing and dieback starting at the leaf margins, and eventually crispy leaves that don't drop off the plant. For cacti and succulents, water stress presents as a rubbery feel, wrinkles like a raisin, and/or an increased severity in the pleats.

Once drought-stress is recognized, obviously we water, but it's important not to overcompensate. Careening from one extreme to the other is its own type of stress event. Once the plant is rehydrated a light feeding will help.

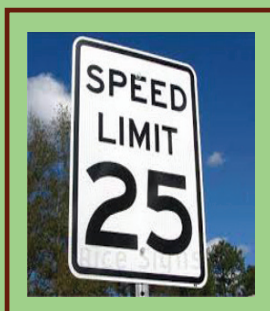
Are there ways to minimize

or prevent water stress in the future? Perhaps the answer is as simple as setting a calendar reminder to water, or putting down a layer of mulch to hold moisture in the soil for longer. Or perhaps it's replacing the plant with one that has lower water needs, thus relieving the stress on the gardener. (Courtesy of the Tucson Botanical Gardens)



Using cedar chips, instead of rock, under this chaste tree (*Vitex agnus-castus*) will reduce reflective heat and hold moisture during the searing summer days to come. -photo courtesy of S. Sirkus

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.

