

just a
little
note

A Note from Jeff

A resident recently asked about the state of the Paseo De Los Rancheros median landscape, and we appreciate them bringing it to our attention. Unfortunately, the median is facing several challenges, including drought stress, damage from javelinas, and a noticeable amount of litter and illegal dumping.

Just to clarify, this median is Pima County property, and its maintenance falls under their purview, not our HOA's. We encourage any resident who wishes to report these issues to visit:

seeclickfix.com-pimacounty.

This website is the dedicated portal for Pima County Department of Transportation roadway complaints and service requests.

Annual Yard Sale

In years past, the Association promoted a Community Yard Sale event. The Board

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Where friends and neighbors come together

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is looking for a volunteer to lead the effort in 2025. If you are interested, please send an email to:

contact@ranchodelcerro.org

with subject line: HOA Yard Sale. Thank you!



Tips for the Garden

June is a hot dry month, so check your watering system frequently. Apply mulch around heat sensitive plants to keep the roots cool and to prevent water evaporation.

Don't be afraid to use shade cloth and shade structures to protect non-heat tolerant and young plants.

It's a good time to plant summer bulbs such as cannas, dahlias, and gladiolus. UA Cooperative Extension suggests planting seeds of cowpeas, muskmelon, okra, squash, sweet potato slips, and zucchini.

If your plants are in containers, apply half-strength fertilizer every two weeks.



Water most container plants twice daily through June, except cactus and succulents. Moving containers to an area with afternoon shade will reduce moisture loss.

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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.

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Want to share your gardening experience with neighbors? Email comments and photos of your garden, to contact@ranchodelcerro.org with subject line: My Garden. Thank you!

Backyard Bobcats

By Alicia Larson

It's been a busy year for backyard bobcats in Rancho del Cerro, with neighbors reporting seeing two different mother/kitten groups in the area. The activities of these critters are welcome to many, but may be a cause for concern for those with small pets or backyard chickens.

Some of you may be familiar with the recent "Bobcats in Tucson" research project, which collected data from residents in parts of the Tucson metropolitan area and the urban/rural interface, including our neighborhood. The results of the study are available online at:

<https://bobcatsintucson.net>.

According to these researchers, among over 1,000 reported sightings of bobcats

during the study, only two involved domestic pets being threatened, and both were house cats allowed to roam outdoors. Further, reports of female bobcats with kittens utilizing homes with dogs

in Rancho del Cerro!

A female bobcat visits our home frequently, likely because of our fountain, shade, and easy roof access. Her kitten delighted in playing on our shade structure,



present were exceedingly rare - cats don't like dogs!

Rancho del Cerro neighbors who keep chickens are encouraged to consult the UA Cooperative Extension and Bobcats in Tucson for guidelines about constructing coops that will keep flocks safe not only from bobcats, but coyotes and raccoons as well. In addition to our visible coyote pack, we also have a cadre of resourceful raccoons

and following our desert tortoise around the courtyard.

They've gone their separate ways now, but be on the lookout for this year's litters of short-tailed visitors.

Changes

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



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.

