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# Rancho del Cerro The Rattler



*Where friends and neighbors come together*

The Community Association of Rancho del Cerro  
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June 2026

**Save the Date**

**H**OA Perk: Sunday, November 8, 1:00- 3:00 pm, for the annual pot-luck and get together. Guest speaker to be announced.



**The Big 250!**

**T**ucson will celebrate the USA's 250th anniversary (Semiquincentennial) on July 4, 2026, with major community events, including fireworks at the west side MSA Annex and Oro Valley. Events will feature patriotic themes, live music, and community gatherings to mark 250 years since the Declaration of Independence.

**Key 4th of July 2026 Events in Tucson:**

- The Mercado District Celebration: At the MSA Annex, 267 South Avenida del Convento, just west of downtown, you can enjoy a major 4th of July party starting around 7 PM, featuring food, drinks, and a prime, casual viewing spot for city fireworks on "A" Mountain. The event is free, but parking lot fees apply.
- Oro Valley Independence Day: Held at James D. Kriegh Park, 23 W. Calle Concordia, beginning at 5 PM, featuring food trucks, games, a beer garden, jumping castles for kids, and fireworks. The celebration concludes with a fireworks show at 9 PM. Designated parking off Calle Concordia at the Oro Valley Aquatic Center's east and west lots and Canyon del Oro High School.
- The City of Tucson's Annual 4th of July Fireworks celebration: Tucson Convention Center, 260 S. Church Ave, West Parking Lot B opens at 7 PM for "free park & watch" tailgate-style viewing of downtown fireworks launched



Cloudless Sulphur butterfly on bird of paradise... courtesy of Andy Moore

from "A" Mountain at approximately 9 PM.

- Star-Spangled Spectacular, Independence the Marana Way! 5 PM start with 9 PM fireworks, at Crossroads at Silverbell District Park, 7548 N Silverbell Rd. Designated parking lots at Coyote Trail Elementary School 8000 N. Silverbell Rd, and Marana Vista Academy at 8333 N. Silverbell Road.

**Selling Your Home? Check Your Permits First**

**T**hinking of selling? Please be aware that during the closing process, title companies will verify that all property improvements—such as sheds, carports, additions, or walls—have been properly permitted. As the seller, you are required to sign off on these improvements. If unpermitted structures are discovered, it can create legal liabilities with the buyer or even lead to Pima County requiring the removal of the structure. Save yourself the headache and ensure your paperwork is in order before listing!



**Securing Your Home During Summer Travel**

**W**hether you leave town for a long weekend or a few months, there are tasks to do before you lock the door behind you. These include protecting your home from intense heat, monsoon storms, and pests. Here is a checklist that should help you get started:

- Securing Access: Lock all doors, windows, and perimeter gates. Ensure outdoor lights are functioning.
- Monsoon Prep: Remove debris from the roof, and clear all gutters and downspouts to handle intense rainfall.
- Electronics: Unplug all non-essential appliances and electronics, including TV, computer, and

garage door motors, to prevent damage from monsoon lightning strikes.

- Yard Check Up: Secure patio furniture, tools, and toys in case of high wind events; remove any standing



water and ensure drainage to avoid mosquito problems.

- A/C Management: Set the thermostat to 80–85°F to prevent interior damage to furniture and electronics; do not turn it off completely. Close all the blinds, shades, and drapes to keep as much heat out of the house as possible.
- Water System: Check faucets, toilets, and irrigation for leaks before you leave. Turn the water heater down.
- Pest Control: Clean the home thoroughly to avoid attracting pests. Use airtight containers for any remaining pantry items and seal gaps around doors and windows.
- Delivery Holds: Notify USPS to put a hold on your mail; manage newspaper delivery; and postpone package deliveries until you return.
- Emergency Contact: Let a trusted neighbor, or local friend, know how to contact you while you are away.

**Changes**

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



[contact@ranchodelcerro.org](mailto:contact@ranchodelcerro.org).



Golden Monsoon Rain at sunset... courtesy of Andy Moore



**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.



*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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