



JUNE 2009



Next Board Meeting
Thursday

September 24th

7:00 pm

In the Pool Area

There will not be a Board meeting in July or August

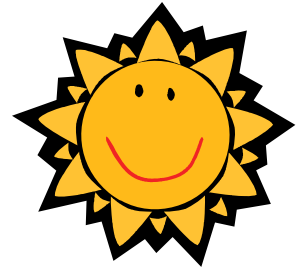
Gate Code changes are effective the first day of each quarter.

Next change:

July 1st

Happy Days of Summer

Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it. ~Russel Baker



President's Corner

Thank you for being patient about the absence of the pool furniture. It is unfortunate, but this seems to be the only way we can discourage unwanted and unauthorized usage of the pool. The pool furniture should be back out there soon. Hopefully the remainder of the season will be one that is pleasant and provides a place to "sit". Remember, if you are at the pool and see someone you have a question about residency (they don't have a key), ask them where they live. If they cannot give an answer, ask them to leave. It is our "community" pool, not a public pool. We must all take responsibility for the way in which the pool is used, we're all paying for it.

We will be replacing the sand in the Tot Lot with bark, hopefully discouraging cats from using it as their litter box.

We have added some new plants to replace those that were damaged, and we are looking at bids for replacing the cool decking at the pool.

Enjoy a wonderful summer! Carol Shepherd

Crime Alert



Let's tell those criminals this is our neighborhood and Crime is not allowed!

In today's down economy crime rate has increased. Now that school is out, the crime rate in our area is increasing even more! Please watch for suspicious persons and activity at all times. Suspicious activity is anything that looks like it could be connected with criminal behavior— someone casing a neighborhood, forcing open a door, grabbing a child, screaming, pounding or strong chemical odors coming from a residence. If the activity appears to be threatening to property or people, IMMEDIATELY report the suspicious activity by calling 911. Time is critical in apprehending criminals. It is better to be overly-suspicious than to let a criminal get away.



Community

Homeowners:

Do you have a question or concern, or even a complaint about the goings on in the HOA?

Attend the HOA Meetings. The purpose of the meeting is to allow all homeowners a forum to voice their questions and/or concerns.

If you are unable to attend the meetings, please contact the Management company with your questions or concerns.

This is your community! Get involved.



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A HELPING HAND

by: **Melisa Pullins**

Community associations are not immune in this recession. Sadly, some homes have been abandoned. The homes were foreclosed and the owners moved away. When banks take over these properties, they usually don't realize they need to pay the regular assessment. With the depth of the foreclosure crisis and their own financial problems, banks are struggling to keep up.

It's hard not to complain about a nearby property looking downtrodden. We all want to come home to a community we can be proud of. If the house next door is abandoned or not maintained, offer to help. Be sure to check with the association first if you want to clean up an abandoned property. The property may belong to the bank, the association or the financially-strapped owner. If no one is given notice that volunteers are coming to maintain a property, trespassing charges can be filed—not exactly a nice return on generosity.

If given approval to access a property, there are simple things volunteers can do to improve the look. When the trash is cleaned up, the yard is watered and mowed and the newspapers, door hangers and phone books are picked up off the porch, the home is less inviting to thieves and looks better.

Having unity in the community has never been more important than in times like these. Thankfully, as neighbors, we have one another. Don't get angry, get helpful.

What is a neighbor?

We were born to unite with our fellow men, and to join in community with the human race ~ Cicero

Do we want to have community where no one knows each other or helps each other? Or do we want a Community Neighborhood where we know each other, give a helping hand and keep an eye out for each other?

What is a neighbor?

The definition from Webster's Dictionary is:

1. person who lives close to someone else
2. one who demonstrates kindness and friendship toward others
3. fellow human; a fellow human being

Let's put neighbor into our Neighborhood and Neighborhood into Community!

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Bulletin Boards

If you have something you would like to post in the bulletin boards located near the community mailboxes, please contact Trudy Thompson at 480-984-5522 or via email at TThom89530@cox.net

The Gate Code is changing effective July 1 Watch your email or mail for the new code!

**SURVIVING JOB LOSS**

by: Melisa Pullins

It's never a good time to lose your job. However, the current economic environment has resulted in business closures, downsizing and layoffs for many in our community. If you are one of our residents experiencing a loss of income due to job loss, please do NOT give up on paying your assessments! Unpaid assessments can result in further collection fees and even court costs if necessary.

If you are currently behind on your assessments, please call Melisa with Preferred Communities at **480.649.2017 ext. 304** to be placed on a payment plan. We will work with you and your budget needs. Please call today for more information.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

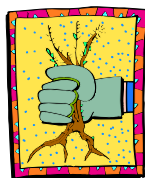
Just a few reminders that will help keep our community safe and beautiful!

Please keep the rocks from your yard swept off of your driveway and the sidewalks! It is a safety issue when the rocks are on the sidewalk and it detracts from the maintenance of our community.



Smokers— if you smoke in your yard, please put the butts in a container and refrain from tossing them onto the ground or street. It could be a fire hazard, a health hazard, and the butts are just plain ugly lying on the ground.

Dog Lovers— Please Keep your dogs from pooping in the common area and neighbors yards. If your dog needs a place to poop—why not use your own yard? What a surprise it is to step in a squishy mess—a surprise that most of us wouldn't like to have. Please scoop the poop!!!!



Weeds, Weeds, Weeds: Please keep your weeds under control. With the monsoons coming, weeds will sprout up quickly. If one yard has weeds, then those weed seeds spread quickly to neighboring yard.

New Location

Preferred Communities has moved. The mailing address and phone numbers remain the same, however, our new physical address is:

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