



March 2009



## HOA BOARD MEETINGS

### Attention!!!

Starting in March 2009 HOA meetings will be held in the Pool area at **7:00 pm** on the **4th Thursday** of each month.

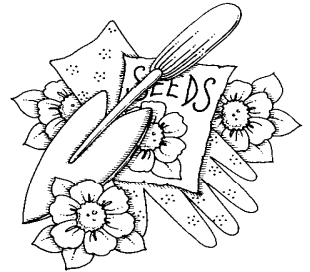
Gate Code changes are effective the first day of each quarter.

Next change:

**April 1st**

# Here's to a Blooming Spring!

"Every Spring is the only Spring—a perpetual astonishment." Ellis Peters



## President's Corner

This is the time of year to spruce up our yards. Plant a few flowers, pull the weeds and trim the bushes and trees. This is a great time to think safety too. Trim the bushes low enough so they don't cover your windows or allow someone to hide behind.

We're having our Community Yard Sale on April 4, 2009. This is the perfect opportunity to spring clean your bedrooms, closets and garages and make money while doing so! In this economy the number of people shopping garage sales has greatly increased. Remember the saying "one man's junk is another man's treasure"!

Best wishes for a beautiful spring.

Carol Shepherd

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## Community Yard Sale

Sat. April 4th  
7:00am- Noon

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## Crime Prevention Neighborhood Summit

**April 18 7:00am-1:00pm**

Partners from around the valley will be presenting classes on Crime Prevention. Sponsored by the Maricopa County Attorneys office, this event is for the entire family. Classes will be available for teens and adults, with activities for all ages. Free food and prizes will be available as well as pet adoptions.

Registration is available at [CrimeFreeAZ.com](http://CrimeFreeAZ.com).

## Water Wise—Inside the House Page 2

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.



**Preferred  
Communities**

**PO BOX 5720**

**Mesa AZ 85211**

**480-649-2017**

**info@gothoa.com**

You can reduce your water consumption by 20-40 percent without purchasing expensive equipment. Reducing water use can mean substantial savings on water, sewage and energy bills. The following suggestions will help you get in the habit of saving water:

- Avoid the garbage disposal. It uses a lot of unnecessary water and can lead to problems with septic systems. Start a compost pile instead!
- Conventional toilets use about five to seven gallons of water per flush. Water used for each flush can be reduced by placing two half-gallon plastic bottles filled with water in the tank.
- Take shorter showers. During droughts, turn off water while soaping up. Remember, when you use less water, you are also using less energy, leading to even greater savings.




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## Homeowners Beware!

There is another crime spree that everyone needs to be aware of. This is happening all over the valley!

If you have anyone come to your home and ask if you have an alarm system, please DO NOT allow them into your home. DO NOT give them any personal information. This includes your schedule and don't answer any questions about the layout of your home. Please DO NOT tell them if you don't have an alarm system. They are quite possibly "shopping" your home to determine which homes to come back to for a burglary.

The best thing you can do is DO NOT answer the door if it is not someone you know or are not expecting. Simply yell out, "We are busy! Please go away!", because you want them to know that more than one person is home.

If you need an alarm system, call a reputable company yourself and make an appointment with them to visit if necessary. Make a note on your calendar exactly when you've asked them to be there and make them show you identification before allowing them into your home. If they do not come at the scheduled time, call the company, but don't let them into your home. In addition, ask them, "Which company are you from?" instead of "Are you from \_\_\_\_\_ company?" when you answer your door at the scheduled time.

Remember, commercial solicitors in the City of Mesa are required to have permits from the city and have them displayed. Be weary of anyone who doesn't have one!

## Board Members

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## Bulletin Boards

If you have something you would like to post in the bulletin boards located near the community mail-boxes, please contact Trudy Thompson at 480-984-5522 or via email at [TThom89530@cox.net](mailto:TThom89530@cox.net)

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



## A few reminders that will help make our community a happier and safer place to live!

- **Stray Animals-** There are several cats roaming in our community and using our yards as their litter box. This is not only annoying it may become a health hazard. Please do not leave food outside for these stray animals.
- **Please Drive Slow!** The speed limit in Crismon Crossing is 15 MPH - Our community has many little ones that are playing, please drive slow to help ensure their safety.
- **Leash Law—** per the HOA CC&R's and the City Laws, all dogs must be kept on a leash unless they are within a fenced in yard.

## Quarterly Assessments

Quarterly Assessments are due the 1st day of each quarter and are considered late if received after the 15th day of each quarter. Save yourself from getting a late fee—please submit your payments on time. There are several ways to pay your assessments:

- ◆ Send a check with the coupon at the bottom of your statement.
- ◆ Online Bill Pay—you send a check from your bank . Please give your bank enough time to get the check to Preferred Communities and make sure your Account number is on the check.
- ◆ Automatic withdrawal— contact Preferred Communities to have an automatic withdrawal set up on y our checking or savings account. This is a free service.
- ◆ Pay Online through Preferred Communities. Go to [www.gothoa.com](http://www.gothoa.com) click on Homeowners resources and click on Make a Payment. There is a nominal fee for this service.

### A Few Fun Facts

The First Novel ever written on a Type Writer was Tom Sawyer.

In England, Ale is ordered by the Pint or Quart. In the olden days when customers became unruly, the bartenders would yell out "mind your Pints & Quarts and settle down. Hence the quote: Mind your P's & Q's.