



January 2009



## HOA BOARD MEETINGS

The next HOA Board Meeting :  
**January 8th**  
6:00pm  
at the High School.

**The Gate Code changed Jan. 1, 2009**

Contact Preferred Communities for the new Code

## GATES TO REMAIN OPEN

Due to the costs to repair the gates from all the vandalism that has occurred over the past several months, the Board of Directors is contemplating holding the Gates Open to see if the vandalism will cease.

The community needs to be aware of the vandalism to the gates and the amount it is costing the community to repair and or replace the gates. If you know anything about who has been vandalizing our gates please contact Preferred Communities at 480-649-2017.

## Pedestrian Gate Chained & Locked



Whomever is locking the pedestrian Gate with a lock and chain, please stop. This must be approved by the Board of Directors. The children use the Pedestrian gate to enter & exit the community. If you have any questions or concerns about the Pedestrian Gate, please contact Preferred Communities.

## Valentine Marshmallow Roast

Mon. February 9, 2009 @ 6:30

Bring your loved one out for our annual Valentines Marshmallow Roast and make some "Smoes"

Please bring any smores supplies you may have and your own Marshmallow Roaster. We will have some of these items, but we want to make sure we have enough for everyone who shows up!

Please bring a fire pit if you have one to use!



**Board Members****President:**

Dallan Randall

**VP/Treasurer:**

Valorie Salcido

**Secretary:**

Tera Vermilyea

**Members at Large:**

David Allen

Nathan Moore

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If you would like to contact one of the board members, send an email to [info@gothoa.com](mailto:info@gothoa.com) and the email will be forwarded to the board.

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**CLEAN UP CREW**

Come out and join the La Fortina Clean—Up Crew! We are always looking for volunteers to help beautify the neighborhood while helping to save the community money by cleaning up vacant yards, painting walls, removing graffiti and other tasks as needed.

Watch your email and the community blog for the next scheduled



# VANDALISM & CRIME IN LA FORTINA

If you think you and your home is safe from the crime and vandalism going on in the community, think again. Vandalism & Crime has only increased in our area over the last year. During the summer months we had numerous vehicles broken into and a few homes were even burglarized. The neighboring Community to the South—Crismon Crossing has been hit with burglaries too.

Recently the Vandalism has become much worse. We have had graffiti on the outer common walls, graffiti on the gate call box, the back gate was rammed into and had to be repaired and the back pedestrian gate has continuously been vandalized. The antennas on both gates have been stolen and/or damaged and the front gate call box LCD plate was smashed and broken. The vandalism that is occurring to the gates and common areas is costing all of us money! Police reports have been filed and we are looking for information on the vandals so we may prosecute. Your help is needed!

Everyone in our community needs to keep a lookout for any suspicious vehicles and persons in our neighborhood. If you see a car prowler or any other suspicious criminal activity occurring, please call 911 immediately.

**Let's show these vandals & burglars that they are not welcome in our Neighborhood!**

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## **Activities Committee**

We are currently seeking volunteers to join the Activities Committee, as well as someone to chair the committee. Volunteers would help develop and organize social events and activities for our community annual events.

One of the things that makes our community stand out is the community events and the feeling of neighborhood. Thank you for choosing to live in La Fortina. We want La Fortina to be "A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE" by minimizing theft, and vandalism and having neighbors who know and look out for each other. A neighborhood is just a group of homes, but a community is a place where people live, work and play together! Let's make our community a great place to live!

A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to Holly Trinnaman for heading up the Activities Committee in 2008. She did a great job!

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**



**What is Neighborhood Watch?**

Neighborhood Watch is simply a program of neighbors watching out for each other during the workday, evenings, vacations or any other absence. The purpose of the Neighborhood Watch program is to create an alert neighborhood by using simple crime prevention methods. The program works through the mutual aid of neighbors watching the property of other neighbors. This has several advantages, including the fact that your neighbors know who you are, what type of car you drive, and who belongs, as a rule, at your residence.

**Why Have a Neighborhood Watch?**

Catching burglars and recovering stolen goods for victims is a long and tedious process. Most residential burglaries occur during the day between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. while people are at work. Burglars will scope the neighborhood prior to Breaking into a home and if there is any sign that others can see what they are doing, they will move on to another neighborhood. They don't want to risk getting caught. One way to prevent this from happening to you or your neighbors is by organizing a Neighborhood Watch Program.

**La Fortina's Neighborhood Watch**

We are in need of ten more Neighborhood Watch Captains for the community. The more Neighborhood Watch teams that we organize, the better protected our community is. Neighborhood Watch is based on neighbors watching out for neighbors. The more neighbors we have watching out for each other and our homes, the safer La Fortina will be.

So far, only ONE Neighborhood Watch party has taken place. Congrats to the EL MORO block for having successfully formed a block watch and for holding their first meeting/BBQ. Many THANKS goes out to the Neighborhood Captain Jessica Filograsso and her Co-Captain Katie Winfield for all of their effort in getting their block party together.

If you are interested in our Neighborhood Watch program and would like to volunteer as a Block Watch Captain or Co-Captain, please contact Melisa Pullins at melisa@gothoa.com or call Preferred Communities at 480-649-2017 ext 304 for more information.

**YOU ARE NEEDED!**

# La Fortina Blog

Don't forget about the Community Blog! This is a great place to stay up to date on all the happenings at La Fortina!

<http://lafortinahomeowners.blogspot.com>

## Homeowners– are you Renting out your home?

If you are renting out your home, please make sure your renters receive a copy of this newsletter. The information contained in the newsletter is very important for every resident, including renters, to read.

Please have your renters provide their email addresses to Preferred Communities and they will be included on the email blasts to all residents. info@gothoa.com

Thanks!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Board of Directors is asking that each household have at least one volunteer each year for at least one activity.

If you would like to volunteer, please send an email to

**Melisa@gothoa.com** or submit this form to

Preferred Communities PO BOX 5720 Mesa AZ 85211

Name of Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact # \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Circle any special talents you might be able to contribute:

1. Assist with an Activity (Garage Sale / Valentines Day / Easter Egg Hunt / 4th of July / Fall festival/ Santa in the Park / Neighborhood Clean-Up Crew
2. Be a DJ or provide a sound System
3. Create signs to advertise activities
4. Help with Treats or Food
5. Photographer
6. Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a renter in your home and they would like to volunteer, please have them fill this out or contact Preferred Communities.