



The Ranch Homesteads

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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is fast approaching. This year's meeting will be held at Harris Trust Bank of Arizona in the Community Room located downstairs below the bank on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 3pm. The bank is located at 34525 N Scottsdale Rd at the corner of Scottsdale Rd and Carefree Hwy. Free parking is available at the lot just south of the bank.



The Community Room is provided at no charge to the Association thanks to the folks at Harris Trust Bank of Arizona.

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Safety First!

The roads within the community can be very dangerous. The roads are narrow and winding. They were never designed to accommodate pedestrian traffic. Therefore, extreme caution must be exercised while driving and any pedestrian traffic should be restricted to areas of adequate

visibility to protect the safety of both driver and walker. There have been a number of near misses due to neglect on both sides.

when road conditions permit. Remember, wet roads can cause unsafe driving conditions. Use caution at all times.

Please avoid walking or bicycling in the middle of the road within the community. The community has a maximum speed limit of 30 m.p.h.



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Non-Resident Bicycle Groups

It seems more and more bicycle groups are entering our community through the Desert Mountain gate. The vehicle gate arm does not seem to deter them as they just ride around them. We

are in the process of posting signs letting these groups know they are not wel-

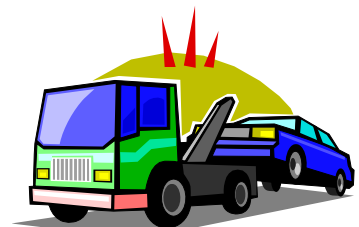
come. If you happen to see them entering the community, stop them. Let them know they are trespassing on private property. Together, we can all help spread the message.



Park on the Road—Get Towed!

There is absolutely “No Parking” on the roads within the community. Parking on the roads causes congestion and unsafe conditions. It also makes it difficult for the garbage

trucks and emergency vehicles to get through. Anyone in violation of this rule will be tagged and towed at the owner’s expense.



Mountain Lions Spotted

As the weather gets warmer, the earth's creatures start to venture out. Everything from rattlesnakes to mountain lions. Some residents have reported seeing mountain lions wandering around the community.

If you encounter a mountain lion:

- Do not approach the animal. Most mountain lions will try to avoid a confrontation. Give them a way to escape.
- Stay calm and speak loudly and firmly.
- Do not run from a mountain lion. Running may stimulate a mountain lion's instinct to chase. Stand and face the animal. Make eye contact.
- Appear larger. Raise your arms. Open your jacket if you are wearing one. Throw stones, branches, or whatever you can reach without crouching or turning your back. Wave your arms slowly. The idea is to convince the lion that you are not easy prey and that you may be a danger to it.
- Maintain eye contact and slowly back away toward a building, vehicle, or busy area.
- Protect small children so they won't panic and run.
- Fight back if attacked. Many potential victims have fought back successfully with rocks, sticks, caps, jackets, garden tools, their bare hands, and even mountain bikes. Since a mountain lion

usually tries to bite the head or neck, try to remain standing and face the animal.

- Report all mountain lion attacks to 911. Report all mountain lion encounters and attacks, plus sightings in urban areas, to your local Arizona Game and Fish Department office (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday excluding holidays). Also, call Game and Fish if severe property damage has occurred or if there is possession of a live mountain lion. After hours and weekends, a radio dispatcher is available at (623) 236-7201.



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April is Water Awareness Month in Scottsdale

Practicing a low water-use lifestyle is one way Scottsdale residents and businesses can save money and help ensure a long-term water supply. That's the key message of Water Awareness Month (WAM), a statewide effort to remind Arizonans that the state's most precious resource is also a limited one. During April, the city of Scottsdale will join forces with other cities, water providers and

conservation experts throughout Arizona to encourage residents to learn about water and water conservation. The WAM website (www.waterawarenessmonth.com) is overflowing with ideas and activities that teach easy ways to conserve water and encourage appreciation of water in the desert. At the heart of WAM is a day-by-day calendar of water-related activities, events, tips, and resources. Scottsdale also will provide

water-saving tips and activities for the entire family throughout April on Facebook and Twitter. Like the city on Facebook at www.facebook.com/scottsdaleazgov and follow on Twitter at twitter.com/scottsdaleazgov



Important Numbers

Scottsdale Police
(480) 312-5000

Scottsdale Fire
(480) 312-3473

Code Enforcement
(480) 312-2546

Animal Control
(602) 506-7387

ITEMS CURRENTLY BEING ADDRESSED

Weed control

Non-resident bicyclists

Culverts

Fire hydrants - water pressure

Road improvements

