



March 2009



Next HOA Meetings

April 22, 2009

July 22, 2009

@ 7:00 pm

At the

Fire Station
on McDowell

2009

Board Members

President:

Kevin McPherson

Vice President:

Keith Fullmer

Secretary:

Derron Klaffer

WANTED

Sierra Heights Homeowners who are willing to VOLUNTEER some time and make our community the Best in the West!

YOU ARE NEEDED!

More volunteers are needed on each of the 4 committees:

- **Landscape Committee** - do you have 5 minutes each week to walk a section of our community and make sure plants are not dying, there are no water leaks, identify broken sprinkler heads, etc? You can multi-task- get some exercise, walk the dog, take the kids for a walk or walk with a neighbor. It won't take much time, but it WILL help our community stay looking good and help save the community money, which will ultimately save you money.
- **Architectural Committee** - do you have time to review architectural requests submitted by our neighbors, making sure they comply with the CC&R's? It doesn't take much time each month, so why haven't you volunteered?
- **Social Committee** - do you like to PARTY? Join the social committee and help us all get to know our neighbors! The more people who volunteer, the less each person will have to do.
- **Finance Committee** - Do you have time to review the quarterly financial reports, provide feedback to the Board on ways the HOA can save money, and help prepare the Annual Budget?

Sign up Today! - Log onto SierraHeightsInMesa.com and click CONTACT US. Tell the Board what committee you would like to join.

REWARD:



A Happy HOA

Quarterly HOA Board Meetings

Starting with the October meeting this year, the Board is proposing to change the day of the quarterly meetings to:

January—4th Monday,
April— 4th Tuesday
July—4th Wednesday
October—4th Thursday

This schedule should hopefully allow more people to attend meetings based on what day works for their schedule.

Want some input on this?
Attend the next meeting!

CONTACT US

Contact us through our Management Company, "Preferred Communities"

Phone: 480-649-2017
email: info@gothoa.com

Or contact Preferred Communities, the Board or Architectural Committee directly using the "Contact Us" section of our community website:

www.SierraHeightsInMesa.com

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11th

10:00am

in the retention basin

Fun, Treats & Prizes



*Each child will need to bring a basket to collect their eggs in.

Community News

We'd like to get the most "bang for our buck" from our community website and newsletters. One way to save money is on copying and postage. Our goal is to email the newsletter to ALL homeowners instead of sending them out through snail mail. Please provide your email address!

What would you like to see on the Website or in the Newsletter? If you have any suggestions that will make our website or newsletter more informative, let the Board know! We welcome your feedback.

Soon you will be seeing Bulleting Boards near the mailboxes in our community. The Board will be placing updates and reminders in the bulletin boards. If you would like something posted on the bulletin boards please log on to our community website and click CONTACT US . A representative will contact you regarding your request.

We're waiting for you to CONTACT US! Do you remember what the website address is? It's SierraHeightsInMesa.com Log on today and set up an account..

Painting Inspections

It's that time of year again– Paint inspections need to be done. Are you interested in doing the inspections? The procedures are on the community website—please check it out and contact the board to join the Home Maintenance Committee.

Quarterly Assessments



- Reminder: Effective April 1, 2009 the Quarterly Assessments increase to \$164.00
- To save money on copying and postage, the Board is considering not sending out the Quarterly statements to all homeowners. These statements are a courtesy and they cost the HOA money. It is up to each homeowner to pay their quarterly assessments by the 1st day of each quarter. The assessments are considered late if received after the 15th day of the quarter. Late notices and collection letters will be mailed as needed.
- There are 3 options that you have that will save you time and money and will also save the HOA money. If you are set up on one of these, does the HOA need to send you a statement? *Why waste the paper and envelope and a stamp?*
 1. Bill Pay- make payments online through your Bank. Make sure you have your LOT # printed on the check and that the check is mailed to the correct address.
 2. Set up Automatic Payment with Preferred Communities. An automatic withdrawal will be made from a checking/savings account each quarter. Contact Preferred Communities if you'd like to set this up. (this is a free service)
 3. On-line payment through Preferred Communities website gothoa.com. Click on homeowner resources. (there is a nominal fee to pay online).

What do you think about this idea? We'd like your feedback!

Homeowner FYI's



Does your pool need drained? Did you know that it is against City Code to drain your pool in the street or in neighboring properties. This would include using the water retention basin. The City of Mesa does not allow the drainage of swimming pools/spas into the public streets. You have two options to drain the pool:

- Flood your rear and front yards; or
 - Locate the sewer cleanout on the property and drain into the cleanout.
- The common area in our community is not to be used for organized groups (such as church groups, sport teams, etc). This includes the retention basin. The HOA insurance does not include coverage for these types of activities in the common area. If you notice a group of people in the common area, as a homeowner you have the right to ask them to leave the area if they should not be there.
 - Vandalism costs everyone in our community. If you notice someone vandalizing the common areas call the police. If it is someone who lives in our community, they are responsible for paying for the damages. Contact Preferred Communities if you know who is doing the vandalizing.

2009 Annual Meeting Update

The 2009 annual meeting was held on February 25. Keith Fullmer was voted to a 3 year term on the Board. Immediately following the annual meeting a brief open meeting was held, during which Board members Derron Klafter and Keith Fullmer appointed Kevin McPherson to complete the term vacated by Shelly Hall when she moved out of our community.

The new board members are excited for the opportunity to serve the community and are looking to working with all homeowners to decrease costs and increase volunteering in the community.

A big THANK YOU goes out to Mike Mittl for the many years of service he has provided our community. He has devoted many hours ensuring the landscaping and drainage issues in our community have been addressed. He has earned a well deserved break! Thanks Mike!



Homeowners Beware!

There is another crime spree that everyone needs to be aware of.

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** tel. 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 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!