



Summer Meadows Newsletter

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Annual Meeting



The Annual Meeting will be held on March 28, 2007, in the Playa del Rey gymnasium. Sign in begins at 6:30pm. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm. The 2007-2008 Board will be elected at this meeting.

The nomination forms were recently mailed by AAM. A

questionnaire was also included to solicit questions, concerns, etc.

Please take the time to fill out this form and mail back to AAM. We look forward to seeing you on March 28!

The new paint colors explained below will be on display at the Annual Meeting also.

Exterior Paint Colors



New color schemes have been adopted for immediate use in Summer Meadows.

When you are ready to paint, file the architectural review form and we'll come to your house to show off our colors!

Remember, we don't look good if you don't look good, so....get those brushes out and start painting!

You may reach us at 602-957-9191. The architectural review forms and more detailed information are available on the website at www.summermeadows.com

Community Garage Sale



The 2nd Annual Community Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2007, from 6:00am to 1:00pm

What a great time to clear out the garage and mingle with your neighbors!

Signs will be posted at the entrances.

The Board will place an ad in the East Valley Tribune as well.



Recycling Tidbit



The Town of Gilbert has made it possible for the many people who shred personal documents to recycle that material in the blue curbside bins. Shredded paper is now accepted in blue barrels as long as it is put in clear plastic bags.

The Gilbert Police Department has said that shredding personal documents is one of the most important things a person can do to

protect themselves from identity theft. For questions on the Town's recycling program call 480-503-6440.

Source: www.ci.gilbert.az.us

The clear bags are available at Ace Hardware on Cooper & Warner in a 55 gallon size.

Bulk Trash Pickup



Bulk Trash is picked up in Summer Meadows the week of the 4th Monday of the month. Trash should be placed on the owner's property near, but not on, the sidewalk. Bulk Trash should only be put out the weekend immediately before your collection week. For more information, contact the Town of Gilbert at 480-503-6400.

The following items will not be accepted for collection:

Disposable or unwanted material resulting from construction, repair or demolition of the premises such as roofing materials, drywall, large auto parts, tires, rims, oil, rocks, dirt and concrete materials.

Hazardous waste such as paint, gasoline or cleaners should be disposed of during household hazardous waste collection days.

Source: www.ci.gilbert.az.us

Thank You

Special Thanks

The Board would like to extend a special thank you to Bill Hoffman and Derol Cheatham. Bill and Derol have formed a volunteer committee to help remove graffiti from our neighborhood.

In addition, they have performed maintenance that included replacing light bulbs in the monuments and securing a

tot lot that was in need of maintenance following an episode of vandalism.

We really appreciate these homeowners being PART OF THE SOLUTION!

If you are interested in helping them with this project, please contact Sandra Smith at AAM.



Important Numbers



The following are important phone numbers for contacting AAM. Please keep them handy for future reference!

- Sandra Smith, Community Manager, 602-674-4343
- Yvette Bendix, Administrative Assistant, 602-906-4938
- Christopher Gross, Homeowner Account Representative, 602-957-9191
- Toll Free AAM number: 1-800-354-0257

AAM 24 Hour Emergency

Pager Line to be used after business hours to report sprinkler malfunctions, etc.

1-800-934-5651

Board News



- The Board has recently upgraded the exterior paint scheme. The colors follow the trend of newer subdivisions. Contact the Architectural Committee via AAM for more info!
- Drywell maintenance has begun.
- AAM Contract was renewed.

- Annual Assessments have been increased to \$231.48/semi annually.

Please read the letter from our homeowner association president, Mike Clark, on page 4 of this newsletter for more details!



Mark Your Calendar!

Board Meetings are held every other month. The meetings are usually held at Playa del Rey. Watch for postcards to be mailed announcing the date, time, and room location. Everyone is welcome. Please attend!

The annual meeting is on March 28, 2007, at 7:00pm in the Playa del Rey gymnasium. Sign in begins at 6:30pm.

The Board is starting to revise the Landscape & Design Guidelines. Issues to be addressed include basketball poles & backboards, overseeding, gazebos, and exterior paint colors.

Work sessions will be ongoing. Please contact us if you would like to be involved in this process or have an issue you'd like addressed.

Dear Summer Meadows Homeowners:

Summer Meadows is recognized as a prime area to live by realtors, businesses, prospective homebuyers and yes, you the current resident. We live here for many reasons. Maybe it's the schools, good neighbors, easy commute to work, the safe and good sense of community. For all these good reasons, Summer Meadows welcomes newer families and appreciates our longer residents being a part of Summer Meadows.

In order to maintain the standard of living you expect, the board reviews annually whether to raise or maintain your HOA fees. For the past few years the board voted not to increase HOA fees. As you may know, the board was proactive years ago to have a reserve study performed. This reserve study is recommended for all HOA's. The results provide Summer Meadows with a scheduled plan to maintain playground equipment, tree removal, fence repairs, drywell inspection, rock replacement, painting, monuments, and much more. Also, future board members would have a document and plan of the recommended maintenance. Yes, this requires funds to be set aside to pay for large invoices.

The board was put in a position to vote for an increase in the HOA fee in order to satisfy the reserve study and pay for normal budget increases in water, electric, postage rates and other line items. Many of you may not be aware of the vast amount of vandalism that **LITERALLY COSTS** us money. Multiple back flow valves \$700.00 each, cages to protect valves \$500.00 each, the burning of playground equipment, setting fire to the common area grass with gasoline, benches at the park destroyed multiple times, busting off sprinkler heads, driving ATV's on soggy turf in the common areas, and graffiti on the walls and electrical transformers, cost **YOU** serious money \$\$\$\$. However, talking to your family, reporting activity, and writing down observations is absolutey priceless.

I challenge each of you to attend the annual meeting March 28th at Playa Del Rey at 6:30 pm to learn or question what is going on in your development. **Place this date on your calendar now.** If you are not able to attend the meeting please, please send in your ballot. The state law has changed. We cannot come the night of the meeting asking for a proxy. Talk to your neighbor and make plans to attend this meeting.

Speaking on behalf of the board, it has been a pleasure to serve Summer Meadows. Ultimately, this is **YOUR** community and we look forward to seeing you in March!

Sincerely,
Michael Clark
President