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Winter 2018

2019 740 A Meetings

July 25th January 24th February 28th August 22nd

March 28th September 26th - Annual

October 24th April 25th May 23rd November—None June 27th (Due to Thanksgiving)

December 5th

Design Review Committee - Meets at 6:30pm Open Session - Meets at 7:00pm Executive Session (Closed) Meets at 8:30pm

***Note - After the Open Session the Board will have the Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. §33-1804(A) to discuss (1-5).

Unless otherwise noticed, meetings will be held at:

Estrella Mountain Community Center Conference Center C-120 South 3000 N. Dysart Rd. Avondale, AZ 85392

All schedules are subject to change. Get the most current information on our community website at: www.riocrossing.org

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Rio Crossing Board Members

Your current board members are:

Ray Harwood Julia Anderson Stephanie Hernandez Andres Montoya Ryan Van Patten

Congratulations to all for being elected to the Board.

Winter Festival

Join us on December 15th, noon to 5pm at the Roma Park for a Winter Festival. Fun for all, both young and old. Some things planned are:

- Snow! Yes it's going to snow!
- Bazaar. Free to residents to sell
- **Food Trucks**
- Games
- Maybe a special someone coming to visit the kids . . .

Come and enjoy the company of your neighbors. Seating is limited so if you don't want to sit on the ground, please bring your own chairs.

Social Committee

We are looking for more volunteers to bring their ideas and help by joining the Social Committee. Currently Andres Montoya as the Chair, Ida Collins and Julia Anderson are on the Committee. We would love to have more. If interested, email your information to Melanie at mveach@aamaz.com.

Holiday Decorations

Holiday lights and decorations are enjoyed by many but remember they must be decorations normally dis-

played in single family residential neighborhoods, reasonable size and scope and do not disturb other owners or residents by excessive light or sound emission. Seasonal decorations must be removed within fifteen (15) days after the date of the holiday.



Weed Control

With all the recent rains, the weeds are thriving. Remember applying pre-emergent twice a year just before the monsoons hit at the beginning of July and again in December before the winter rain helps prevent new weeds from growing so you don't have to pull and spray every weekend. Ask your landscaper about it.

Pets & the Holidays

This time of year can be very stressful for our pets with all the extra activities, lights and noises. Extra care needs to be taken to ensure pets are in a secure place where they feel safe and cannot escape.



In addition there are a lot of things prevalent this time of year that can be harmful to your pets. Mistletoe and Poinsettia's are very toxic, and I think we all know that chocolate can also be lethal if your dog eats it.

As always, make sure your pet is on a leash when outside your home, and if you walk them, please pick up their waste and dispose of it properly.

Make this a happy holiday for all. Especially our four legged friends!

Greetings Rio Crossing Residents

It's the most wonderful time of year. There's family and friends gathering together, shopping and more shopping, with lots of baked goodies, enough to tempt everyone. The lights and sounds have the children squealing with joy. But there are Grinch's out there that would love to spoil your fun. Please remember to play it safe. Don't over-load your outlets with too many lights. Don't leave the lights on all night or when you aren't home. Check the water in your tree often. Don't leave valuables visible in your vehicle. Keep your doors and windows locked. Be observant. If you see any suspicious activities in the neighborhood, please take the time to speak up and call 911. Keeping your community safe is everyone's responsibility!

I wish all of you a happy, safe holiday, and a healthy, prosperous new year.

Welanie Veach, Community Manager

Important Reminders

<u>Trash Cans</u> - Trash and Recycle cans <u>must</u> be placed in the street for pick up and not on the sidewalks. You cannot block the sidewalk prohibiting pedestrian traffic. Also remember not to set them out earlier than the evening before pick up and must be stored out of sight the same day as pick up.

<u>Changes to Your Lot</u> - Be sure to submit and receive approval before making any changes to the outside of your home that can be seen from the street, common areas or neighboring properties. Take into consideration the time frame permitted for processing the paperwork and review.



Paint Audit in January!

There was an article recently explaining why you should paint. It stated in part:

In Arizona you need to prepare your house for the highest ultra-violet exposure. The sun and our dry climate can prematurely age your house if you don't provide regular maintenance, which includes painting to protect the stucco and wood outside <u>at least</u> every 8 years.

When you paint, use high-quality 100% acrylic paint on the exterior to resist two problems our climate creates, Chalking & Color Fading. The cheaper the paint, the more often you will need to paint. Application plays an important role too.

Remember to choose an approved color scheme from the list and submit the Architectural Submittal form to receive approval **before** you paint.

Beware of Painters

There are many painters that go around knocking on doors saying that they have the HOA's approved paint colors and either you don't need to submit or they will submit for you. This is not true. In addition they try to high pressure you into letting them paint today or tomorrow for the best price. Be leery of these painters and remember, if the deal seems too good to be true, it is. Really cheap quotes are because the paint is cheap and/or they have watered it down so much you will need to paint again in a year.

Questions or Concerns, Contact

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