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The Prez Says, “*Adios Summer, Bienvenidos Fall!*” On behalf of the Countryside Valley Board of Directors, I would like to wish you and your family a fond farewell to summer and warm welcome to autumn. We try to pass along information on a bimonthly basis that you may find useful. If you are new to the neighborhood, welcome! We encourage you to contact us so we may answer any questions you may have about the CC&Rs that govern our community.

Results of Annual Election: The CSVHOA Board Members would like to thank Ms. Sue Dodson for her time served on the board as Treasurer. Sue volunteered her time and talent depositing dues, paying bills, and keeping in contact with title companies and realtors regarding home sales. Thank you Sue for your dedication to our community.

We would like to welcome Sally Schneider as Sue’s replacement to the board. Sally is a wife and mother who has attended all monthly meetings and has helped with various neighborhood functions. Our community is fortunate to have Sally as a board member.

Continuing service on the board are Lina Tilleskjar, Tom Johns, Elaine Duecker, and Todd Autenreith. As you may know, we are not run by a management company like most other HOAs. Instead, we choose to manage our own affairs and keep dues to a minimum. These volunteers are to be thanked as they choose to give their time to help ensure a high standard of life in our neighborhood.

Welcome Back to School: Now that school is back in session and our children find themselves walking to and from their bus stops, we remind you to be aware of the 15 mph speed limit through the neighborhood. It is easy to lose track of the speed we drive, but we **must slow down** to ensure the safety of everyone.

Off-road Vehicles: Recently, several off road vehicles have made the Hardy Wash behind the homes on Lessing Ln. their recreational site. This area is a *Nature Preserve* and is forbidden for such use (Pima County Ordinance 1987-209.) There are signs at each end of the wash stating the ordinance. If you see or hear any motorized vehicles in the wash, you are encouraged to report them to the Sheriff’s Department at 741-4900.

Goodbye Monsoon, Hello Weeds: This year brought some much needed rain to our area. While the moisture is a welcome relief from the summer heat, it brings an abundance of those unsightly weeds. This is the time to spray, dig, and pull those menacing plants. The board will take a walk around the neighborhood identifying any homes with weed problems. Thank you for taking care of your yard.

www.countrysidevalleyhoa.com: Yes, we are on the web. If you would like information about our neighborhood or any links to local schools, emergency agencies, etc., check out our website. We will be working on a way to use Paypal as an online method for paying dues. We hope to have Paypal up and running by December. If you are interested in advertising at our site, the cost is \$20 for four months. Call if you would like more information.

CSI: Unfortunately, our neighborhood is not immune to crime. Over the past few months, there have been several reports of vandalism and theft. Several unlocked vehicles have been entered and had things taken from them. In addition, homes, locked and unlocked, have had items stolen from them. While most of the thefts have been small in nature, all incidents should be reported to the sheriff’s

department so they can see an increase in crime in our area. We have requested that the sheriff's department patrol our neighborhood on a regular basis and they have agreed.

We have also been made aware of homes where possible drug use/sale have taken place. It is important that we are all aware of what goes on around us. There is zero tolerance for drugs in our community. If you notice unusual activity in Countryside Valley, call the sheriff's dept. immediately.

RVs on Lessing Ln: We have tried unsuccessfully to have the RVs stored on Lessing Ln. removed. We are still trying different avenues to have them moved. However, we do not wish to make Lessing a "No Parking Zone" because many residents use the circle for overflow parking. If you wish, call the Sheriff's Department. The more calls they get, the better chance we have of getting them removed.

General CC&R Reminders: Here are a few reminders of our responsibilities as residents of Countryside Valley, whether we own or rent:

- **Parking** on the streets is prohibited at all times. Residents may be fined for parking infractions.
- **Garbage and recycling containers** must be placed out of sight on the same day as pick up. All containers must be placed in the garage or back yard (not in front door foyer.)
- **Dues are \$21.50 per month.** There is a late fee of \$5 if payment is not made by the 3rd Monday of the month. Anyone three months behind will be turned over to our attorney which will add lawyer's fees and a lien on the property.
- **Exterior changes** to the home or property must have board approval. If you plan to paint your home or make other changes, contact the board.
- **Yards** are the responsibility of the resident. This includes trash, pruning, weeds, dog business, etc. Remember to maintain not only the front yard, but the back yard as well.
- The **speed limit** is **15 mph.**
- **Gate information** can be obtained from Robyn at Altech at 747-4441.
- Our **fax** number is 744-8186.
- **Monthly meetings** are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

As a final note, I would again like to thank members of the board and others who step up and help make our community a better place to live. Again, we do not have a management company handling our affairs. We choose to manage them ourselves in a neighborly way while keeping dues minimal. Many residents feel we are too intrusive on their lives while others feel we do not do enough to uphold the CC&Rs. It is a delicate balance. Regardless of our feelings toward the CC&Rs or the board that must enforce them, we are governed by them and in the long run, they benefit our neighborhood. If you drive through nearby neighborhoods that do not have HOAs, it is evident.

Let us continue showing pride in our homes and community by working together to make it look as nice as it can. If you have a neighbor who needs help, give them a hand. If you see things in the street, pick them up. Many hands make light work.

Have a great day,

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