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The Prez says, *“As we begin a new political era in our country, we need to remember to love and respect one another.”* On behalf of the Countryside Valley HOA Board of Directors, **I would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Valentine’s Day and upcoming St. Patrick’s Day.** This is one of a series of bimonthly newsletters to help keep you up-to-date on important information regarding our neighborhood and community. We hope you find it useful. If you are new to our neighborhood, welcome.

Clean Sweep: Now that our streets have been resurfaced, the Board is committed to maintaining them to help them from resembling so many crumbling roads in Pima County. At the December Board meeting, it was approved to have our streets professionally swept every other month. This will help remove debris such as decorative rock that makes it way onto the road. So, it is imperative that we respect the “no parking on the street” policy to ensure all parts of the neighborhood streets are cleaned. **Our next neighborhood sweep is scheduled for Friday, February 10.** Please help to make sure the streets are clear of vehicles and trash receptacles.

Parking: Just to clarify, **parking is prohibited on all of our streets, all day, every day.** This has been the policy for years to allow easy access for trash and recycling vehicles, provide safer roads for pedestrians, and improve the overall aesthetic value of our neighborhood. While the Board understands the occasional times that we have guests visiting and need to use the street to park, all residents are expected to park all vehicles in driveways and garages. Friendly reminders have been utilized to remind residents of the policy. However, residents who violate the policy on a regular basis are in jeopardy of receiving a fine or having the vehicle towed. So, **thank you for respecting the “no parking on the street” policy.** In addition, parking any part of a vehicle in the yard is also prohibited.

Seal the Deal: Also on the topic of streets, **the Board will be scheduling our newly resurfaced roads to be sealed sometime in April or May.** This is standard procedure for new asphalt. The Board will provide detailed information in March showing how the neighborhood will be affected by the work. We will again need to plan for the inconvenience of parking outside the neighborhood for a day or two.

15 MPH: In addition to parking off the street, **drivers have been slowing down coming in and out of the neighborhood.** While the new speed bumps may be part of the reason, so, too, is driver awareness to the safety of those walking and riding bikes in the community. Again, thank you.

Gate News: As the owner of a motorcycle, I noticed the gate sensor does not recognize a motorcycle waiting for the exit gate to open. So, I open the incoming gate with my remote. It is inconvenient, but effective. **If you would like to purchase a remote for the gate, call Alltech Gate Systems at 747-4441.**

Sign of the Time: If you have not noticed, our Countryside Valley sign at the entrance of the community has rotted and is falling apart. The Board has received several design ideas and quotes for a new sign. So, the hope is to vote on and approve a new sign at the February monthly meeting.

Holiday Cheer: Cheers to everyone who helped make our neighborhood look so festive during the holidays. We need to be careful or we may start giving Winterhaven a run for its money. Congratulations to the three residents who really went above and beyond and received a prize from the Board. As we get ready for Valentine's Day, it means it is time to take down any remaining Christmas lights.

For Rent: This is a reminder that **homeowners who rent out their homes or bedrooms in their homes are still accountable for the actions of their tenants.** The Board has created a document for tenant information that will be mailed to all homeowners who lease out their homes. Please provide CC&R information to all tenants.

Lock It Up: There has been a rash of vehicles on the Northwest side of Tucson broken into by thieves. This is a reminder that **we should all lock our vehicles when they are parked in the driveway.**

Winter Showers: We have been blessed to receive some greater than usual rain this winter. The results should include beautiful wildflowers throughout the desert but also unsightly weeds in our yards. **We must be vigilant to stay ahead of the game and keep our yards weed free.**

New Year's Resolution: In keeping with the long tradition of making resolutions each year, I would like to share some that we should all keep to help stay in line with the CC&Rs that govern our community:

- Pay our monthly \$31 dues by the first of the month (separate from the Community Center dues of \$40)
- **Maintain our yards and driveways** by sweeping, raking, blowing, and trimming on a regular basis
- **Remove dead trees** and other vegetation
- Maintain our homes by making sure the **stucco and fascia** is in good condition with uniform paint
- Make sure our **gates are not broken** or damaged
- Place our garbage and recycling bins behind our gates or in the garage on non-pickup days. **Hiding bins behind a pillar is not acceptable.**
- Ensure our window coverings are **actual window coverings** and in good shape
- **Replace decorative rock** back into our yards to avoid damaging our newly paved streets
- **Drive 15 mph** to ensure the safety of our walkers and bike riders
- Maintain our back yards so that our **neighbors can enjoy the view** from their back yard
- Get any outside **architectural changes approved** by the Board before the work is started
- Remove oil stains in driveways
- Park in our garages and driveways. **Parking on the streets is prohibited.**

So, there it is. The neighborhood looks great! Countryside Valley is a wonderful neighborhood in which to live, raise kids, and entertain friends and family. Now, it is our turn to keep it that way by taking pride in our homes and properties to attract potential buyers and feel good when we return home each day.

The next monthly Board meeting will be on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Countryside Community Center on Bald Eagle.

Respectfully,

Todd Autenreith
President - Countryside Valley HOA