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The Prez says, *“Happy 241st birthday, America.”* On behalf of the Countryside Valley HOA Board of Directors, **I would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Fourth of July.** 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.

Roads ‘R’ Done: The Board wants to thank all Countryside Valley residents for their patience and flexibility during the recent street sealing. As you probably know, all of our roads were completely resurfaced in August. It is standard procedure to seal new asphalt approximately 8 months after it is placed. Therefore, we are done with roadwork for 3 - 5 years. I am sure our adjacent neighborhood residents are also happy with that as well.

Now, it is our responsibility to take care of our streets individually and as a Board. As residents, we can help by making sure we return any decorative rock from the street back into our yards. We can also take a little time to sweep/blow debris from the street. In addition, the Board has hired a local street sweeping company to clean our roads **every 2nd Friday of the even months. The streets are scheduled to be swept August 11, October 13, and December 8.** It is imperative that we respect the **“no parking on the street”** policy and move our trash containers to ensure all parts of the neighborhood streets are cleaned.

Trash Talk: Speaking of trash, the Board has changed the scheduled pickup day for recycling with Waste Management. The new pickup day is Monday instead of Tuesday. The reason for the change is to reduce the number of days there are trash and recycling receptacles on our streets. Therefore, those who choose one trash pickup per week with Waste Management will have their trash and recycling picked up on Mondays. Those who choose two trash pickups will have the second pickup on Thursdays. Waste Management has offered Countryside Valley residents a lower monthly charge than any other local trash service. If you do not currently use Waste Management, you may want to give Jill Burris, HOA representative, a call to discuss your options.

Bees all a Buzz: This is the time of year when bees find homes in our homes. Any small hole in our stucco or fascia is game. Therefore, it is essential that we all take the time to make periodic inspections of our houses to make sure they have not become homes for a hive. If you live next to a vacant home, you should also be aware of any bee activity there as well. If you observe bees in a vacant home, notify the Board immediately.

Termites: In addition to bees, termites are a threat to our homes. However, these little guys literally work “undercover” and are often undetected. The Board recommends all residents look for termite trails that make their way from the ground up the foundation to the lip of the house. I think we would be surprised at how many homes are actually affected by termites.

For Sale: It amazes me how homeowners go through so much time and money when they decide to put their home on the market to sell. Yards get a facelift, stucco and fascia get fixed and painted, broken tile gets replaced, and broken window coverings are replaced. Why do we wait so long? Why don't we do these things when we live in our homes to enjoy and be proud? Perhaps we should all pretend our homes are up for sale and do the things that would make it more attractive to potential buyers. I am sure those who actually are selling their homes would also appreciate it.

Back to School: Just a reminder that Marana School District students start back to school on Monday, August 7. Please drive carefully. Remember to drive slowly and safely on our roads to ensure pedestrian safety.

Parking: Just a reminder, **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.

Backyard BBQ: Summer is the time to have friends and family over for good ol' fashion BBQs. So, let us all please evaluate our own back yards to ensure the view for our neighbors is a pleasant one. Take the time to check window coverings, weeds, trash, old sheds, condition of back porches, vegetation, etc. Thank you.

So, there it is. The neighborhood looks great! Countryside Valley is a wonderful neighborhood in which to live, to raise kids, and to 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, August 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Countryside Community Center on Bald Eagle.

Respectfully,

Todd Autenreith

Todd Autenreith - President Countryside Valley HOA

• *Here is a top 10 list of things to remember as residents of Countryside Valley:*

1. **Monthly Dues (\$31)** are to be paid by the first of each month. A \$10 late fee will be assessed if dues are received more than 30 days late.

2. **Waste Management** provides **trash pickup on Monday and Thursday. Recycling is also on Monday.** They provide the least expensive service for 1 or 2 trash and 1 recycling pickup per week.

3. **Place trash and recycling bins in the garage or back yard on non-pick-up days.** Hiding bins behind front yard pillars is not acceptable.

4. **Park vehicles in garage or driveway.** Each home has four parking spaces available.

Parking 3 vehicles across a driveway, in the yard, or in the street is prohibited.

5. **The speed limit in Countryside Valley is 15 MPH.** *Please drive safely-kids at play.* Remotes to the gate can be purchased from Alltech Gate Systems (747-4441).

6. **Keep up with vegetation.** Pull weeds, trim trees and bushes, and cut down dead vegetation. This includes vegetation that hangs over the street, sidewalk, and walls.

7. **Maintain the exterior of the home.** Repair/replace broken gates and fascia, fill holes in stucco, paint chipped and worn wood and stucco, keep driveway oil free, replace broken or missing tile, and hang that hose.

8. **Be responsible pet owners.** Bring barking dogs inside and pick up unwanted dog droppings in the back yard. Be respectful of a neighbor's right to peace and quiet.

9. **Cover windows with actual window coverings,** not towels, sheets, aluminum foil, etc. Please replace broken blinds and screens.

10. **Architectural Changes:** Any changes to the exterior of the home, including paint, additions, sheds, etc., must have Board approval in writing.