



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2007

COPPER CREEK

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COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE!



The Copper Creek Association will again host its semiannual community-wide garage sale on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2007**.

Ads will be published in the Northwest Explorer, the Tucson Shopper and the Tucson newspapers a few days before the event, and street signs will be placed to direct traffic to the event. Please join us! If you have any questions regarding this event, please call Stratford Management at 822-8051.

La Cañada Widening Project

Your Board of Directors has obtained plans from the Town of Oro Valley for the La Cañada widening project between Tangerine Road and Naranja Drive, and will have them available for review at the upcoming meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 8, 2007.

These plans will impact the entry improvement project undertaken by the Association, and your suggestions are welcome.

If you are interested in sharing your ideas and suggestions, please join us at 7:00 P.M., at the Copper Creek Elementary School Staff Lounge, at 11620 N. Copper Spring Trail.



School's Out

Now that school is out for the summer and kids are enjoying their free time, it is also a time of year when graffiti and vandalism increase throughout the community. We ask that you keep an eye out for any suspicious activity and call the Oro Valley Police Department if you have any cause for concern. Broken glass has been reported in the sidewalks; apparently from bottles being thrown out of moving vehicles. Graffiti and vandalism also have been reported throughout the community, including at the park area and in and around the restrooms. The Association spends a lot of money to repaint over graffiti and make repairs to damaged areas and facilities. Keeping a watchful eye on your surroundings and reporting suspicious activity will help decrease the number of incidents of criminal activity. Also, be aware of where your children are going, what they are doing and with whom they are associating. Good kids sometimes get into trouble by being in the wrong place at the wrong time. If you discover vandalism or damage to any common area, please report it to the police so that a report can be filed, and to Stratford Management so repairs can be made or graffiti removed.



Why Poop the Scoop

Besides being a nuisance, uncollected dog waste is a serious problem for our association. Next time you're tempted to leave your dog's droppings on the lawn, please remember these facts:

1. The Environmental Protection Agency is becoming aggressive about enforcing the Clean Water Act. The Association could be fined if dog waste goes uncollected.
2. Uncollected dog waste may lead to a special assessment. If fined by the EPA, the association could face a potential special assessment that would be levied against all members—not just dog owners.
3. The appearance and quality of the common areas are known to affect home sales—not just whether and for how much they sell, but how quickly.
4. The more residents complain about dog waste, the more time the manager must spend on enforcement rather than serving the association.
5. Uncollected dog waste spreads disease and attracts rodents who feed on pet waste.

Stop that Barking!

Dogs left alone all day get bored and restless, and many find relief in barking. Some respond noisily to any and all activity. But, nothing is as annoying as incessant barking—even for dog lovers. If your dog is a yapper or a yowler, please consider some of these bark-abatement ideas to keep the noise down in your area. Your neighbors will thank you!

- Training. Always the first recommendation for any behavioral problem! Help is as close as the Yellow Pages. Training not only helps your dog, you'll be surprised how much it helps you, too. You may get some insight into *why* your dog barks so much, or what it is trying to communicate.
- Citronella collars. A humane alternative to the electric-shock, anti-barking collar and costs about the same. Available on the web and in pet stores.
- Confinement. Sometimes simply bringing an outspoken dog indoors or confining it to a crate can cut down on the disturbance to neighbors.
- Reduce stimulus. Close drapes to help muffle street noise, or leave a radio on to mask it. Disconnect telephones and doorbells before leaving your home if they upset your dog or make it bark.
- Companionship. Dogs are pack animals; they need companionship—a cat, bird or another dog. Consider a mid-day visit from a pet-sitting service, or drop your pooch off at a friend's place or a day-care facility once or twice a week.



Walk, Bike or Ride Back to School—Safely

Verizon Wireless Contract Negotiations Open

At its meeting held on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, the Copper Creek Association Board of Directors voted to open negotiations with Verizon Wireless for the storage of cellular equipment on unused common area in the Association. A contract will be prepared and reviewed by the Association's attorney, after which the Board will make its stipulations. If all is agreed, the contract will be approved. More details regarding the contract will follow.

Please keep in mind the following:

- The proposal is to store EQUIPMENT, not a cell TOWER.
- The equipment does NOT emit radiation.
- The equipment will be contained within a storage container.
- The area will be screened with landscape as directed by the Board.
- Verizon will be responsible for maintaining the landscape, container, and equipment.

In addition to supplying your children with paper, pencils and notebooks, it is recommended that you make sure to include important back-to-school safety skills.

Whether they travel by bus, car, bike or on foot, students should know the guidelines for getting to and from school safely.

Pedestrian/traffic accidents are the third leading cause of injury or death for Arizona children ages 0-14. If your child walks to school, be sure he or she knows:

- The safest route to school and has practiced it with you
- To look in all directions before crossing the street
- To obey all traffic signals and signs
- To use crosswalks whenever possible
- To never enter the street from between cars or behind bushes and shrubs
- To be extra alert during bad weather

If you drive your child to or from school, work out a route that allows you to drop off and pick your child up on the same side of the street as the school, or be certain he or she uses a crosswalk with a crossing guard. Always make sure everyone in the vehicle wears a seatbelt.

Before the third grade, most children do not have the maturity or physical skills necessary to safely ride a bicycle in the street. If you have determined that your child is ready to ride his or her bike to school, make certain the bike is

the correct size for the rider, is properly maintained, and has reflectors. Teach children to:

- ALWAYS wear a helmet when they ride; it's not only safer, it's the law
- Stop and look left-right-left before entering the street
- Ride single file on the right side—with the flow of traffic—and signal for turns and stops
- Keep both hands on the handle bars
- Walk bikes across busy intersections
- Obey all traffic laws and signs

Students who ride a bus also need safe habits. Bus riders should:

- Allow plenty of time to get to the bus stop to avoid having to run toward the bus
- Stay out of the street while waiting for a bus and avoid horseplay
- Once on the bus, remain seated until it comes to a complete stop
- Use the handrail to exit; this is the most common place for fall injuries on buses
- Walk at least ten feet in front of the bus if it's necessary to cross the street

Remember, children learn best by example. Use crosswalks, fasten your seatbelt, and obey traffic signals, signs, and laws.



Mailboxes are the Property of the USPS

The postal workers who service our community have asked that we remind residents not to use the cluster mailboxes as bulletin boards. These are government property, and are not intended to serve as message boards.

Remember – it is a federal offense to use government property for any reason other than that for which it is intended. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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Copper Creek Association Board of Directors

Your 2007-2008 Board of Directors and Officers are comprised of the following volunteer homeowners.

Our thanks to **Mark Platt** (797-2624), President; **Sam Lang** (742-7312), Vice President; **Hans Nielsen** (219-7146), Secretary; **Ed Martinez** (544-6113), Director at Large, **Stephen Hieb**, Director at Large, and **Larry Hassard**, Treasurer (a non-voting position).

Board Meeting Schedule

Copper Creek Board and Committee members routinely meet every month to conduct the Association's business, and you are welcome to attend to gain insight into the decisions being made on behalf of all residents.

Meetings are held at **7 P.M.** Please call Stratford Management if you need further information.

► **Board and ARC Meetings**—(2nd Wed. of each month)
The next Board and ARC Meetings will be on Wednesday, **August 8** in the Copper Creek School Staff Lounge.

► We hope to see you at a meeting!

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