

CASAS ADOBES TERRACE

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NEWSLETTER

NIP 'em IN THE BUD!

Neighbor Mike Morgante has offered a tip to make weed control much easier. Use a 'Pre-emergence' treatment such as **Surflan**. It coats the seeds and prevents them from germinating in the first place. One or two treatments a year is all it takes! Sure beats pulling or spraying every few weeks. *Thanks, Mike*

SPEAKING OF WEEDS, ETC...

It seems most homeowners have done a great job of keeping them under control this especially wet spring. So, **'BACK PATS'** to just about everyone from just about everyone for helping to make our neighborhood look so well kept. *'Pride of ownership' does show - - and it helps to raise property values too.*

Also, with the intent of facilitating resolution and making it less emotional of an issue, Sandy Lane (P.M.) will now be managing the process for handling weed and other 'non-architectural' problems on an evaluation basis. If notified and you have questions (exactly where are the weeds) or disagree (already fixed it) or cannot respond in the allotted time or just need help, please call her. Being 'in charge' of the details, she'll be better able to work with you to help reasonably resolve things. Or, call to let her know about a problem in 'CAT' you think needs attention. And, as always, you are welcome at Board meetings and will be given time to discuss your problem if unresolved, express your views, ask questions; or just come to see what's going on or to meet some neighbors.

Planning a Home Improvement ?

Just a friendly reminder that you need to get Architectural Committee approval before you begin your project for basically anything that changes the outward appearance of your property. It is easy to get 'rapt up' in the planning of a new project and forget to obtain the necessary County and HOA permits. However, it is much easier to make any required changes before the job is started. Our Architectural and/or Landscape Guidelines and application forms can be obtained from Sandy Lane, property manager at 721-7121 or by calling or dropping by the ACC Chair, Wilbur Beemer (797-9428, 2951 W. Placita Montessa). Wilbur is happy to help you make things go as smoothly as possible.

!?!? Got ToOoOo Much Stuff ?!?!?

Or, is it *just* too little room? Been wanting to get the car in the garage? Shurgard storage wants to help by offering 'CAT' homeowners 50% off the first two months storage and 25% discount on supplies. Call their Oro Valley location at 498-9998 for details.

Mistletoe & Witch's Brew will kill

your Mesquite and Palo Verde trees and spread to kill your neighbors' too! So, don't wait to act. Mistletoe is more insidious and most likely will eventually kill the Mesquite it infects, so entire removal might be best. These are very difficult to treat and there is no 'sure cure'. Cutting off the infected limb starting at least one foot below the 'sack' is the only hope. You may need to cut further toward the trunk or remove the entire limb if the infection has spread. For more information on this or other landscape / plant issues, call the U of A Extension Service's Master Gardener at 626-5161 free of charge.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Our Neighborhood Watch #1122, which is part of the Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers of Pima County, needs two volunteers. We are fortunate to have approximately a 92% membership. While independent of CATHOA, they have done (and do) much to make our neighborhood a safer and better place to live. They have sponsored a neighborhood individual yard sale in the late fall and an October barbecue picnic in past years as part of G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods).

We have ten block leaders and one area leader. Two block leaders have asked to be replaced. They are for the areas on Calle Lucinda, West of Avenida Adella; and on Placita Montessa, East of Avenida Adella.

The job requires minimal effort and time - - just being aware of home ownership changes, asking the new residents if they wish to join, and attending two short meetings per year. It is a friendly and easy way to be part of the neighborhood.

Call our area leader, Beth Puhler at 797-7697 if you have questions, comments, or want to help (*hopefully the two block leader positions will be easily filled*). An active Neighborhood Watch helps to keep our neighborhood crime free. If you see something suspicious (***especially 'strangers' as we've had car radios and EVEN A CAR stolen***), call the Sheriff's 24 hour non-emergency phone: 741-4600, or 911 for the big 'E'. *Thanks Beth & NW Team*

HOW'S YOUR 'HUMMER'?

It's good news if you don't have one! Because instead of the SUV (tee hee) - - we're talking about the low-pitched hum (buzz) you may be hearing in or around your house. Got one of those and you may have a Beehive problem. This is the time of year for bees to swarm, so be on the lookout! Or if you notice any while walking through our inviting neighborhood, please let the Property Manager or a Board or ACC member know as soon as you can.