

Canyon Trails-Unit 3 Homeowners Association

Community Picnic



Saturday
October 13th!

11AM - 3PM

Common Area at

166th Avenue & Grant Street

We hope you and your family will plan to join many of your neighbors, Board-members and Management team for the Canyon Trails-Unit 3 Community Picnic.

The Picnic Committee is planning so much fun for your entire family, including sporting events, activities, contests, raffles, and great food!

If you live in the Community, either as a homeowner or renter, you and your family are more than welcome to attend this fun-filled day.

It was such a success last year, that many of you asked us to do it again. The barbeque food will be catered and there will be no need to sign-in when you come. We will even have music this year, too!

RSVP NOW

[We need for everyone to RSVP if you and your family](#)

[are planning to attend.](#) Simply go to the web-site, www.CanyonTrailsUnit3.com and RSVP to let us know how many will be coming from your family to enjoy this fun-filled day!

Neighborhood Pride!



by Steve Royer
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Association Manager

Growing up in a small Midwest town in Indiana, I learned at a very young age the importance of taking pride of my home and my neighborhood – even the morning routine of making my own bed before school every day! So, it should not surprise you that I always think everyone else in life shares those same home-town values and pride and teaches those same life lessons to their kids, as we do to our young boys, who are 5 and 8 months old.

We thank many of you for taking that same pride in the Canyon Trails-Unit 3 neighborhood, too! It's really the simple things that make a big difference to your neighbors, which seem so routine to most of us – like bringing in your trash-can on-time after pickup, cleaning-up your front landscape and driveways, trimming your trees and plants and picking up after your pet each time!

As I leave my driveway each day, and look back towards my home, the thought always goes through my head – “are you proud of your home and how it looks to others who drive by?” - it is what makes Canyon Trails-Unit 3 different and unique from everywhere else you could have chosen to live with your family!

Neighborhood Pride ... thank you for sharing in the little ways that make your home such a pleasure to drive past each day by your neighbors!



Plant Selection
by Board President,
Jack Wigal

Reference: Landscape plants for the Arizona desert, AMWUA Regional Water Conservation Committee

As you plan your landscaping needs, select and group plants with similar water needs to create a landscape that is easier to maintain and is more water efficient. Visit <http://www.amwva.org/> for help with plant selection. Also be sure to check with the HOA's CC&R's and to determine if there are any plant restrictions.

The seven principles of Xeriscaping are:

- 1-Good landscape planning and design;
- 2- Low water use plants;
- 3- Appropriate turf areas;
- 4 – Efficient irrigation;
- 5 – Soil improvements;
- 6 – Use of mulches;
- 7 – Appropriate maintenance;

Landscape plants for Arizona desert (low water use plants) include:

Small trees

- Palo Blanco-full sun-low water-low litter-no thorns;
- Iron wood-full sun-low water-evergreen-low litter-does have thorns;
- Kidney wood-full sun to partial shade-semi evergreen-low litter-shrub or small tree-no thorn-
- Chaste tree-full sun to partial shade-moderate water-deciduous-moderate litter-no thorns; -
- Desert Willow-full sun-low water-fast growing-deciduous-seasonal litter-no thorns-beautiful flowers;
- Leather-leaf Acacia-sun-low water-evergreen-low litter-good for small spaces or containers

Small palms

- Pygmy Date Palms-slow growing-clump forming-needs covering if frost is expected-prefers shade to semi shade;
- Mexican Blue Palm-full sun-moderate water-hardy to 15 degrees-slow growing-low litter-thorns-well suited to containers;
- Canary Island Date Palm-part to full sun-water moderate to ample-can be damaged at 20 degrees F-periodic grooming necessary

Scrubs

- Red Bird of Paradise-full sun-hardy to 30 degrees-deciduous-flower late spring to fall-low litter-prickly stems;
- Mexican Bird of Paradise-full sun-moderate water-evergreen-yellow spikes-moderate litter-attracts hummingbirds;
- Desert Milkweed- low water usage-low litter;
- Bear grass-very low water-low litter-3 feet x 4 feet-no thorns

Agave and succulents

- Agave Attenuate-does not die after blooming-moderate water
- Desert Spoon-low water-low litter
- Giant Hesperaloe-very low water-low litter-grows 5 feet x 5 feet
- Red Yucca-low water-evergreen--low litter-no thorns-tolerates tuff conditions
- Medicinal Aloe-low water-evergreen-yellow blossoms-low litter

Perennials

- Globe Mallow-very low water-evergreen-low litter-no thorns
- Rain Lilly-full sun-evergreen-low litter-no thorns
- Chaparral Sage-full sun to semi shade-evergreen-blue flowers-low litter
- Autumn Sage-evergreen-red, pink, or white flowers-spring and fall-attracts hummingbirds



Happy
"Earth Day" Tips
written by
Board-Member
Kim Crecca

(as part of Canyon Trails Unit 3 "Green Task Force")



"Water, water everywhere" ...
Did you know that the EPA standards for tap water are actually higher and more enforceable than the FDA standards for bottled water? Yes, that's right — tap water is held to higher standards and is more regulated than bottled water.

Bottled water costs more than 1,900 times as much as tap water to produce. Don't like the taste of your tap water? Try buying a filter for your faucet; it's still cheaper than buying bottled water (check out GreenerChoices.org and NRDC.org/water/drinking/gfilters.asp). And, about that plastic bottle that the bottled water came in — about 75% of all plastic water bottles end up in a landfill. It takes more than 1,000 YEARS to biodegrade one PET #1 plastic water bottle. Reports are starting to surface that even the PET #1 bottles leach hormone-disrupting phthalates into their contents. Check out the EWG.org website for some interesting tidbits on their water study report. What can you do? Stop buying bottled water; it's that simple. **You CAN make a difference if you remember to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!**

Community Meeting



Schedule

The Board of Directors will be meeting on the following dates in 2012 at the Canyon Trails School Library on 2nd floor at 6:30pm. The Picnic Committee will meet at 5:30pm on 9/10/12.

All homeowners are welcome to attend.

Monday, September 10, 2012

Monday, November 12, 2012

Bulk Trash
Changes to
2nd Friday
Effective Oct 1



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