

Mohawk HOA Autumn 2010 Newsletter



Mohawk Community Garage Sale

Saturday, October 9, 2010

7am—3 pm

Believe it or not, it's already time for the October Community Garage Sale. It's time to clean out all the closets and garage and make some money. Here are a few tips to assist you in having a successful garage sale:



Leave sentimental value inside the house. People shop yard sales for one reason – to get a deal. Just because the change purse used to belong to your great, great Grandmother who brought it with her from Ireland, it doesn't mean you should stick a \$10 price sticker on it and call it antique. Remember, things are worth only as much as people are willing to pay for them.

Use a staging area the night before the sale. If you have a garage, or another enclosed space you can safely store things overnight, it helps to set up tables the night before. Back the car out of the garage, set up tables and throw out everything from the boxes the night before. At 6:30 the next morning all you need is some help walking the loaded tables out into your driveway or yard.

Have plenty of change on hand. The day before the yard sale make a run by the bank to get some smaller bills and rolled coins. \$50 in quarters, ones and fives ought to do it.

Check out free advertising sources. Credit union bulletins and community websites are a great source to advertise your yard sale. Many people also list their yard sales on Craigslist.

Remember safety – use the buddy system. The allure of electronics and cash sometimes brings unsavory guests. These types like to try to create a distraction so another one can make off with the cash box. Work in pairs and assign someone to always have an eye on the money

New Community Manager

My name is Darline Castellaneta. I began with Kinney Management Services in July of this year. Originally from the Midwest, I've been a valley resident since 1990. This is when I began my career in property management with Lincoln Property Company where I managed apartment communities and in 1994 I obtained my real estate license.

It is my goal and responsibility to assist your Association with maintaining your community and enforcing the CC&R's and Guidelines that are in place to protect the value of your homes.

If there is anything I can do to assist you, feel free to contact me via email at darline@kinneymanagement.com, or call me at (480) 821-3451 ext 232.

Did you know?

You can sign up for automatic payment of your monthly homeowner association assessments. If you're interested in signing up, the ACH authorization form can be found in the front of your coupon book or you can contact your community accountant, Linda Mengle at (480) 820-3451, extension 250.

You can also pay online by credit or debit card at www.kinneymanagement.com



Don't Forget

Pets can be a rewarding addition to any family, but they come with responsibilities. Courtesy and respect are part of being a good neighbor and are also a necessity when it comes to pet ownership. Abiding by leash laws and cleaning up animal waste are some of the courtesies that residents should provide. So remember, the next time you are out walking your pet, please pick up after him/her and keep them on a leash.



Why Switch to Solar Power on a House



Solar energy is becoming more popular every day. With electricity costs rising and money not stretching as far as it used to, using solar energy to power your home can be a smart option. If you switch to solar power on a house, you will not only save money, but can be paid for any extra electricity you create.

The recent popularity of solar panels stems from people being sick of paying sky-high utility bills. Learning how to produce solar power from home can help people go off grid as much as possible, reducing their electricity bills by 80 percent or more.

There are two options for reducing your electric bills and depending more on solar energy. You can either purchase solar panels for your home, which will set you back between \$10,000 and \$100,000, depending on your needs, or you can build your own solar panels at home, costing you only a few hundred dollars.

Eco-Friendly

It is true that one person cannot change the world, but you can certainly set an example by being the first one in your neighborhood to go solar. By going solar you will help save the planet, as solar energy is an alternative, renewable source of energy and is considered a green fuel that does not harm the environment. This eco-friendly form of energy does not deplete natural energy resources and it is free and inexhaustible.

Make a Profit

So far you have been at the receiving end of the whims and fancies of the state electricity board. Now it's pay back time. After installing your home solar system you can produce excess energy that can be stored in solar cells. This excess energy can be sold back to the electricity company. Additionally, you can sell your solar cells locally for a profit. This will let you earn a profit from the electricity boards, as they are always in need of extra electricity.

Save Money

Solar panels require a bit of extra space and time to build and set up, but once they have been set up, going off grid will be an easy task. You will finally be able to enjoy uninterrupted and unlimited power absolutely free of cost, once you cross the pay off point, and you can save up to 90 percent on your utility bills.

Diversity and Versatility

Solar energy is able to power a variety of electric goods, including solar cookers for making food, heating up the swimming pool or water tank and powering your central cooling or heating system. You can light up solar bulbs, solar calculators, attic fans and various other kinds of solar appliances. There are even forms of transportation run entirely on solar power, including solar cars, solar buses and solar tram. That is why solar panels for the home are regarded as versatile.

Do you want to learn how to build solar panels and cut your energy bill by 80 percent or more?

To discover how to build your own solar panels in less than a day and start saving money on electricity, click here to visit the site now: <http://www.SolarPanelForHome.org/solar.html>

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Solar Panel Guidelines are available upon request. Contact Darline at (480) 820-3451 ext 232 or at darline@kinneymanagement.com.

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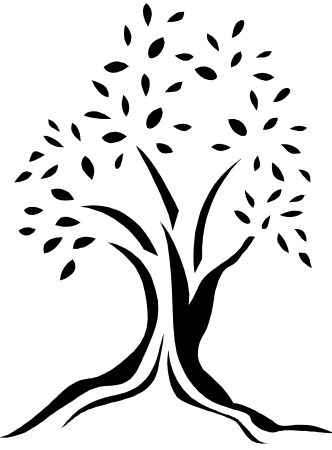
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Community Website

www.mohawkhoa.com

October Tips: The Desert Southwest

Article found at (www.bhb.com)



Time to switch your summer planting scheme to your winter planting scheme with plenty of pansies, calendulas, and other cool-weather plants. As the weather cools and the sun moves lower in the sky, reset your irrigation timer to water less frequently. However, don't change the number of minutes the system waters each time.

Planting Trees and Shrubs

It's time to get planting again. The pleasant weather is great for planting perennials. Ground covers, herbs, roses, and trees and shrubs. It's also ideal for planting native plants, trees, shrubs, and perennials. And don't forget native wildflowers. They'll germinate beautifully with the winter rains. It's also the time to plant beds with cool-season flowers, such as pansies, calendula, candytuft, foxgloves, snapdragons, sweet peas, stock, and sweet alyssum. Also plant cool season veggies and herbs, such as broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, cilantro, dill, fennel, lettuces and greens, parsley, potatoes, radishes, and peas. In hot desert regions, warm-season plants can also be sown or transplanted, with the exception of corn and melons, which should be planted in late winter.

Plant South African bulbs, such as babiana, crocosmia, freesia, ipheion, ixia, and watsonia. Also plant oxalis and Tazetta-type narcissus, including paperwhites. Now is also a good time to plant lilies.

Pre-chill the bulbs that need it for spring bloom, including tulips, hyacinths, and crocuses. You can buy anemones, daffodils, grape hyacinths, and ranunculus now but don't plant them in the ground just yet. Store them in a cool, dry place, such as your garage, to plant next month.

In all but the very warmest regions, hold off on planting tropicals, which may be injured by frost. They include bananas, citrus, avocado, heliconia, ginger, palms, and hibiscus. It's best to plant them in late spring.

Dividing Perennials

Now is a good time to divide perennials, especially those that bloom in the spring. This way, they'll have time to establish themselves before it's time to flower.

Remove the remnants of the warm-season plantings, including warm-season annual flowers, herbs, and vegetables that have faded.

Smart Pruning

Prune trees and shrubs as needed, cutting out dead branches and shaping plants in preparation for winter growth.

Cut back geraniums (*Perlagonium*) to renew them and prevent unsightly, leggy growth. Fertilize lawns using a product made especially for fall, if possible. Fall is also a good time to dethatch and aerate your lawn.

If you're overseeding with fescue or rye for winter, quit feeding and watering Bermuda lawns to delay their dormancy.

Feeding Roses

Fertilize roses to encourage further bloom.

As a reminder, prior to planting any plants, trees, or shrubs in the front yards, or any other exterior alterations visible to the neighboring properties, you must submit a Design Review Application for approval. Anything you wish to plant in your backyard does not require approval, however alterations that are visible above the fence do require submittal.

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

Emergencies 911

Police Department
Non-Emergency (623) 930-3000

Fire Department
(623) 931-5600

City of Glendale
(623) 930-2000

Animal Control
(602) 506-7387

Glendale—Sanitation
(623) 930-2660

Glendale—Water & Sewer
(623) 930-3190

Glendale Parks & Recreation
(623) 930-2820

U.S. Post Office—Arrowhead
(623) 572-0288
General Number—(800) 275-8777
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THINGS TO SEE AND DO!

Arizona Capital Museum 1700 W. Washington St. Free Admission & Parking www.lib.az.us/museum 602-926-3620

Arizona Mining & Mineral Museum 1502 W. Washington St. Phoenix www.admmr.state.az.us 602-255-3795

Challenger Space Center of Arizona 21170 N. 83rd Ave., Peoria www.azchallenger.org 623-322-2001

The Bead Museum 5754 W. Glenn, Glendale www.beadmuseumaz.org 623-931-2737

Deer Valley Rock Art Center 3711 W. Deer Valley Rd., Phoenix www.dvrac.asu.edu 623-582-8007

Glendale Arizona Historical Society 623-435-0072

Arizona Science Center 600 E. Washington St., Phoenix, www.azscience.org 602-716-2000

Desert Botanical Garden 1201 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix www.dbg.org 480-941-1225

Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden 5959 W. Brown, Glendale www.glendaleaz.com/waterconservation 623-930-3596

Historic Sahuaro Ranch Museum 9802 N. 59th Ave., Glendale www.historic-glendale.net 623-930-4200

Phoenix Zoo 455 N. Galvin Pkwy., Phoenix www.phoenixzoo.org 602-273-1341

Wildlife World Zoo 16501 W. Northern Ave., Litchfield Park, www.wildlifeworld.com 623-935-9453

SPORTS

Phoenix Suns 201 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix www.nba.com/suns 800-462-2849

Phoenix Mercury 201 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix www.wnba.com/mercury 480-784-4444

Arizona Cardinals www.azcardinals.com 480-784-4444

Major Golf Tours www.pgatour.com

Phoenix Coyotes 9400 W. Maryland Ave., Glendale coyotes.nhl.com 480-563-7825

Phoenix International Raceway 7602 S. Avondale Blvd., Avondale www.phoenixinternationalraceway.com Office 602-252-3833 Track 602-772-2000