

MOHAWK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION 2011 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS SUMMARY

The 2011 annual meeting was held on Saturday, February 12 at the Foothills Recreation and Aquatic Center. There were 49 absentee ballots sent in by homeowners and 7 homes represented at the meeting, therefore quorum was established prior to the meeting. Thank you to all of you that took the time to send in your absentee ballots or came to the meeting!

Mr. Jim Shriver was the sole candidate for the open board position and there were no nominations from the floor. As a result, Mr. Shriver was re-elected to serve another 3 year term on the board of directors. Mr. Jim Shriver, Mr. Roy Irwin, and Mr. Jack Thomas are your current board of directors. Thank you to all of you for your continued commitment to your community!

The 2010 year end financials were presented and reflect that the community is holding it's own, even in these difficult financial times. In 2010 the total assessments collected was \$110,945.72, of this amount, \$9,600 was transferred to the Reserve Account. The total expenses, including Reserve Expense was \$97,936.84. Total assets for the Mohawk community as of December 31 were \$91,253.56.

There were several topics of discussion during the meeting.; one of which was landscaping. As you have all probably noticed, there has been significant frost damage from the cold winter weather. Now's the time to get out there and trim off the damage and give your plants the opportunity to look their best. The next two pages have an article provided by www.azplantlady.com that will give you the help you need. Thanks to Noelle Johnson for allowing us to include her article!

A couple of homeowners that live south of Mohawk informed the members present about their concern about drag racing happening along 57th Avenue, south of Mohawk. This is quite alarming to hear especially since the playground is right there. This is clearly a safety issue. If you witness this sort of activity, please report it to the Glendale Police Department. This topic transitioned into how to establish a neighborhood watch program. This sort of program would entail a considerable amount of community involvement, and would need to have several neighborhood watch captains throughout the community. If you are interested in spear heading a neighborhood watch program contact your community manager, Darline, at 480-820-3451 ext 232 or at darline@kinneymanagement.com.

Many of you may have noticed that there has been a significant problem with feral cats in the neighborhood. This is a very large concern throughout the entire valley. There are some of you that want to help these cats, and will put out food and water for them. It's understandable that you want to help, but this will only make the problem worse. Please refrain from feeding or providing water. If you are the owner of a cat and let your cat outside, we recommend having your cat spayed or neutered to do your part in controlling the pet population. For more information on how to effectively deal with feral cats, Maricopa County Animal Care and Control suggests you try one of these resources:

Spay Neuter Hotline: (602) 265-SPAY or email feralcats@adlaz.org
Altered Tails: (602) 943-SPAY or visit their website at www.azcats.org
Alley Cat Allies: www.Alleycat.org

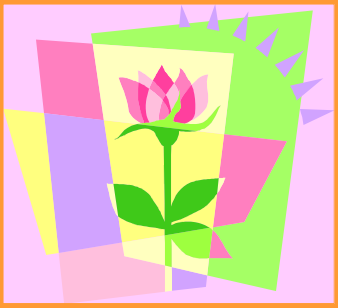
There was also discussion on how to get more community involvement for our board meetings and annual meetings of the members. The members present brought up having the option of having the next meeting held at the community park and have a community cook out. The board will take this into consideration for the next meeting of the members.

Lastly, the community website is up and running. You can access it at www.mohawkhoa.com. You will find information about upcoming meetings and events. There are also links for previous approved meeting minutes, the governing documents for the Association, and an architectural submittal form to submit for exterior changes you intend to make at your home.

Thanks again to each of you that attended or sent in your absentee ballot. We hope to have an even better turnout for next year!

MOHAWK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION—WWW.MOHAWKHOA.COM

Mohawk HOA Spring 2011 Newsletter



Frost Damaged Plants

You've probably noticed that the freezing temperatures over the past few months has wreaked havoc on our plants and trees. Well, guess what? There's hope for all of us. It comes in the form of a wonderful blog written by Noelle Johnson. You can find her blog at www.azplantlady.com. Her blog always has fantastic tips that are specific to our climate. Take a look at the article below for some great tips on how to prune your frost damaged plants.....

Are You Ready?

I spent last week visiting with a client who was worried that he had lost 80% of his plants to the hard freeze that we had experienced earlier this winter.

I must admit that there was more brown than green in his garden, like the majority of homeowners in our area. Countless homeowners are anxiously waiting until it is time to start pruning back their frost-damaged shrubs and perennials (myself included).

Personally, I can't wait to prune back my Bush Lantana, which is not only ugly, but acts like a magnet for trash on a windy day.

Drive through any neighborhood in the Phoenix metro area and you will see a lot of brown, crispy-looking plants.

Dwarf Oleander.....



Bougainvillea....



Natal Plum....



I think that I will stop here with showing photos of brown, crispy plants because it is getting a bit depressing.

Okay, so here is the big question that I am being asked a lot lately. "When can I start pruning back this ugly brown stuff?"

The answer is that you can start once the last average date for frost has passed for your area. Where I live, in the Phoenix metro area, this is usually the beginning of March. Soon you will see scores of homeowners digging out their loppers and hand pruners and joyfully start pruning off the 'brown stuff' off of their plants.

So, this leads to the next question, "How can I tell if my plants are even alive?" Well, this is usually quite easy to figure out. Remember the client who thought that they had lost 80% of his plants to the hard freeze? Well, after looking at all of his plants, I only discovered 3 young lantana that probably did not make it.

This is what I do to tell if a plant is still alive:

Go towards the base of the plant and bend the stems/branches. If they snap off easily, then that part of the plant is dead. However, if the stem/branch is flexible and 'bendy' then there is live tissue inside. Even if the branch/stem does break off, look to see if there is live growth inside.

Below, is a photo of a frost-damaged Bush Lantana that I broke off a small stem off of to see if there was live tissue inside.



If you look carefully, you can see the light-green interior of the branch. So, this Lantana will recover, but should have all frost-damaged growth removed.

Another clue to look for to be able to tell if your plants are still alive is to look underneath, towards the bottom. Below, is a photo of a severely frost-damaged Dwarf Oleander that has green leaves underneath. So, it will recover from the frost-damage.



Okay, now for our last question, "How do I know how much to prune off of my frost-damaged plants?"

The simple answer is that you prune back to where you see new leaves emerging OR where the branches have live tissue inside.



This Bougainvillea branch (above) has suffered frost damage. However, look closely. Can you see the change in color in the branch, from the left side to the right side?

The brown-colored part of the branch on the left side is dead, while the green-color on the right side of the branch indicates that that part is alive. So, prune where the live part of the branch begins at the closest leaf bud.

If you wait a few weeks and let your frost-damaged plants have a chance to leaf out, that is an even easier way to tell what parts of your plants are alive and what parts are not.

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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

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Mohawk Community Garage Sale
Saturday, April 2, 2010
8am—2 pm



Can you believe it's already approaching Spring? It's also time for our next community garage sale. The community garage sale is the perfect opportunity to clean out your garage and closets and make some money while you're at it! It's also the perfect time to get out and meet your neighbors. The garage sale will be held the same day as the Arrowhead Lakes Community Garage Sale, so there should be a great turn out!



OUR COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND

Our community playground is a great place for the children of our community to get out and enjoy our beautiful Arizona weather. In order to make sure our equipment is kept in good condition we would like to ask that each of you do your part. If you witness any sort of suspicious activity at the playground please be sure to contact 911 to report it. Remember, the cost to maintain the park is paid by the Association, which means you, the homeowners!

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.



Newly Revised Community Guidelines & Approved Exterior Paint Colors

The Mohawk board of directors and architectural committee have been working very hard to put together newly revised guidelines as well as adding new pop out color options to the pre-approved exterior paint colors. The revised guidelines that were sent with this newsletter can also be viewed at www.mohawkhoa.com. Just click on "Documents & Forms" and then click on "Mohawk Guidelines", and you will be able to save a downloaded version.

The board of directors and architectural committee use these guidelines in order to maintain the pleasing aesthetic appeal of the community.

Remember, if you are renting your home, it is your responsibility to provide your tenants with a copy of these guidelines as well as all the additional governing documents for the community. You can find everything you need at the Mohawk Homeowners Association website.

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Community Website

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