

# Apache Wells Newsletter

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## SAFETY and SECURITY

We have been informed by the Mesa Police Department that in 2009 there were approximately 30 break-ins and burglaries in Apache Wells. One, if not the best way, we can counter this problem is involvement. Residents should simply call 911 and our Security at 641-9676 when they see activity that appears suspicious. You do not have to provide your name, just report it so the authorities can follow up. A "Crime Stopper" Forum will convene Monday, February 8th at 1:00 p.m. in the Administration Building for the purpose of establishing a "Block Watch" program in Apache Wells. This initiative will help protect our property. Please come and learn how to make our community a safer and more secure place to live. *If you know someone who does not have e-mail, please share this information with them.*

## LAST CHANCE

If you pay the remainder of your 2010 dues by Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> by 3:00PM, your name and lot number will be entered into the drawing for the chance to receive one of over sixty gift certificates from local merchants. The values range from \$20 to \$100. The drawing will take place at the Homeowners Meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in Room A.

## DIGITAL INFORMATION SIGN

On Tuesday, February 9, from 5:30-7:00PM, prior to the Homeowners Meeting, there will be a demonstration of a digital information sign in front of the Homeowners Office. It would have endless possibilities for activities and meetings announcements, paid advertisements, paid birthday and anniversary greetings, etc. Sandra Johnson would like your opinions and questions on February 10. Call her at 981-8148.

## ROOF RATS

The sleek, slender and agile rats, measuring 13 to 18 inches long that includes a tail generally longer than their body, have been spotted here in Apache Wells. The rodents' increased presence is due in part to the abundance of mature citrus trees - one of the roof rats' favored foods. It doesn't matter if those fruits are on the tree or the ground. Hollowed out fruits are sure indicators of their presence. But pet food kept outside, barbeque grills left uncovered, bird feeders, woodpiles and in the summer - untrimmed oleander bushes, are other welcome mats for the nocturnal rodents. Untended foliage often provides shelter for rats. "The whole thing is to get rid of the habitat that attracts them in the first place,"

advised Monica Pastor, Maricopa County Extension Director. Dispose of fallen fruit, trim trees and bushes to 24 inches from your house.

### LOST and FOUND

If you have misplaced any of these items, you may claim them in the Homeowners Office: A child's parka, lady's reading glasses, man's sunglasses, 9x13 metal cake pan, square casserole/cake carrier, mauve glass casserole lid, coffee mug with "Centennial of Flight North Carolina", leather coin purse with 2 keys, single gold earring with "gems" found on Player, man's silver watch, or two full spools of curling ribbon.

### SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

Even though six days of work on the swimming pool were lost due to the rain days, construction is on schedule to be completed about the 15<sup>th</sup>. A Grand Opening celebration is being planned for March 19. Details will be made available when complete.

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Directors Board Meeting Minutes will not be published in the Round Up or sent out by email. They will continue to be posted on the official business bulletin board outside the Homeowners Office, on the bulletin board inside the office and, when approved, in the notebook in the office.

### OBITUARIES

James Kastl passed away on January 20<sup>th</sup>. No further information is available.

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