

**Ray Ranch Estates HOA
Newsletter Winter 2023**

Happy Holidays! It has been a busy year so far for Ray Ranch Estates. Several successful community events have occurred and the HOA is continuing to work on other projects.

Community Events: There have been two additional community events since our last newsletter and one more upcoming opportunity to get to know our neighbors.

The Social Committee held a "Hoe Down" fun fall event on October 21st featuring live music by Moon Dog, line dancing with an instructor and Tom's BBQ food truck. The evening was made extra special by the visit of VIP's Kevin Hartke, the Mayor of our own City of Chandler, and Council Members OD Harris and Jane Poston. We even had a ladder fire truck and the policemen who patrol our neighborhood. Many thanks to Dr. Bill Crawford for inviting these very important guests. We would like to thank Chet Jaehnig for always allowing us the use of his tables & chairs for these events.

Garage Sale Nov 4. Another epic garage sale promoted by Debbie Hoffman. Thank you for participating and we hope you got rid of some of your things in time for the holidays.

Mark your Calendars for a
Special night of Music and Lights at Christmas on Orchid Lane
Saturday, Dec 2 at 6:30-9:00 pm.

If you missed the Hoe Down then you don't want to miss this special night for Ray Ranch. Santa *and* the Grinch will both be available for photos - sponsored by Kim & Larry Espinoza. We will have an incredible orchestra and singer organized by our own Craig Erwin of Orchid Lane. There will be hot chocolate, coffee and popcorn for purchase and even a face painter. All Ray Ranch neighbors, friends and family are invited. So bring your chair, maybe a blanket and celebrate the Holidays with us at "The Christmas House". A very big thank you to all the neighbors on Orchid Lane & others who put up their amazing light displays every year for the enjoyment of everyone. It is something we look forward to and has become part of our families' tradition. Please remember to bring a can or two for the United Food bank if you can.

A big thank you to the Social Committee members Debbie Hoffman, Kim Espinoza, Melinda Papadeas, Shawna Bergsma and their families for all the work they do to put this together.

Landscaping: We have set up a Landscape Committee chaired by new Board member Doug Stites. He is currently gathering neighbors to serve on it. More information about their plans will be coming soon.

We have lost so many beautiful neighborhood trees because of the extremely hot and dry summer. We've had to remove at least 5 large dead trees from the greenbelt. Many of those were Pine trees which do not do well here in the desert. Our goal is to save as many trees as possible and to replace those that have died with a more sustainable tree for the desert.

We have information on our website: www.rayranchestates.org under **resources**, an SRP link about trees. You can also check out the top 5 mistakes people make with trees at www.dffm.az.gov.

One type of tree that appears to handle the extreme heat/cold is the red push pistache. They are a favorite with landscapers, growing like a big lollipop without needing much trimming and providing good shade. Give them a year or so to start and then they will take off. There's several at various stages in our neighborhood and we have planted three in the drainage area by the railroad. Please remember *our Design Review Guidelines require each front yard to have at least one tree.*

Steve Lopez of Neway Landscaping, our neighborhood Landscaper is available for tree trimming and removal. His number is 480-577-9242

Speed Hump on Post: The speed hump on Post road has been brought to the attention of the City of Chandler Street and Planning. Board member Dr. Bill Crawford has gotten a commitment from the city to do another study to determine if the speed hump is warranted. It appears that this will not happen until late 2024 or early 2025. We will continue to follow up as it is of big concern to our residents.

Requesting a Property Design change: The Design Change Request Form is an online fillable form. This will make it easier to request a change, create an electronic record and to expedite the process. Go to our website: www.Rayranchestates.org.

select tab **HOA Information.**
look for **Property Improvement Application.**
Simply fill out the form and submit.

Thank you! A *big* thank you to all of you, our members who so diligently strive to abide by the guidelines set up in the CC&R's and make our neighborhood such a great place to live! We appreciate all of your efforts!

The Ray Ranch Estates Board of Directors were elected in October 2023.

We welcome Kristin Rezler and Doug Stites to the Board. Remember the Board acts in an Advisory capacity abiding by the CC&R's and Architectural Guidelines documents.

Board president	John Warren
Vice President	Dr. Bill Crawford
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