

Sycamore Springs

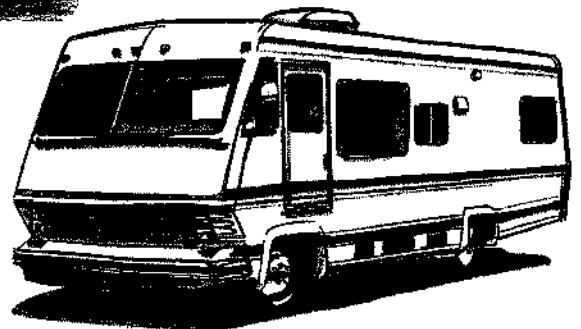
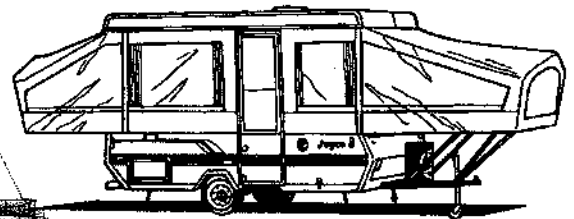
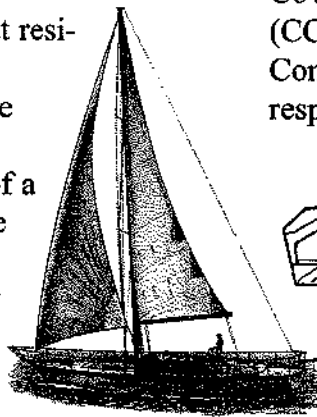
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HOT TOPIC

New rules approved for storage of boats, RVs and other "specialty vehicles"

On November 12, the SSSHOA Board of Directors approved new rules for the storage of Boats, RVs and other 'Specialty' Vehicles at residences in Sycamore Springs and Sycamore Creek. The rules are based on the results of a resident survey on the subject done in September, and allow storage of such vehicles either inside garages, or behind walls or fences which conform to the existing Design Guidelines and screen the vehicle to at least 50% of it's height (not to exceed a height of 6'). More details about the new rules, and when they will take effect, will be announced in a separate letter to all

residents which will be forthcoming soon. This rule will replace the current, ambiguous language in the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CCRs). The existing Architectural Control Committee (ACC) will be responsible for monitoring compliance.



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**The next Board of Directors meeting will be held
Friday, December 10 at 7:30am at the American Legion.
All are encouraged to attend. See you there!**

Trash Clean-Up Day in review . . .

Thank you to all the hardy souls who came out to help clean up the common areas in our community on early Saturday, November 6. Shirley and Bernie Laubli and Alex Argueta set up coffee and pastries at a midway point within the Sycamore Springs community despite winds, clouds and cold temps. Thank you, thank you, especially on behalf of all that needed that hot coffee. With the turnout relatively small, the south end and area just inside the gate of the Sycamore Springs community was focused on for the clean up endeavors. We'll be hoping for better weather and better turnout for the next one so that we can keep more of Sycamore Creek and Sycamore Springs neat and beautiful!

Traveling Treat and Company Evening—

A good time was had by all who attended an evening organized to promote neighborliness and expanded waistlines! Big kudos to the four families who opened up their homes and shared their culinary expertise:

let you divulge your secret ingredients to anyone who did not attend the party and is interested in yummy tasting ribs!

➔ Alex and Mary Argueta, you provided a gorgeous home and set up a delicious Fiesta Buffet! As evidenced by your leftovers, the chili was enjoyed and even better, that sangria was to die for! You'll have to share your recipes in the next newsletter.

➔ Herb, Chris and Catherine Leach ended the party-goers evening on a sweet note with lots of goodies—making sure that everyone would be groaning and moaning from sugar overload the next morning! Catherine, their three year old daughter, was the gracious hostess and entertainment for that portion of the evening.

➔ A very special thank you goes out to Bernie and Shirley Laubli who rescued several of the hosts and hostesses who direly needed assistance in the last hour or so prior to folks coming over to their homes. Thank you, thank you.

And on behalf of the community, a big thank you again to the families who sponsored this event—not only with their homes, time and effort, but also with their budgets. Though the Community Affairs Committee did help set up this event, the individual families involved spent their own time and financial resources to host their portion of the evening. So again, thank you.

And for the rest of you folks, plan on attending yet another one of these events come spring—new homes and menus to be featured!

➔ Barbara Still-Wood (sans hubby Dennis who was on a trip on Mexico), big thank you for the wonderful food you prepared and shared. As the first stop for the evening, she set up the tone with their beautiful home and gourmet food from the Mediterranean and Middle East. Suspect the Israeli wine was one of the biggest hits!

➔ Tom and Jewel Andrews, again, we cannot begin to show enough appreciation for being host and hostess to yet another event!. The ribs and other soul inspired food was great and we'll

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Getting to know ourselves

—Jewel Andrews!

Jewel Andrews, a resident of Sycamore Springs for over 2 years, has been active in our community from it's beginning (and even before...). Jewel co-chaired the Sycamore Springs Homeowners' Advisory Committee that was established by the original developers (the Remington Group) to provide input into the management of the community even before the homeowners took over control of the Association from the Developer last March. Jewel currently is active on the Community Affairs Committee, and has co-hosted a "Stargazing Party" with her husband Tom at their home, and has also served as one of the four 'destination hostesses' in last month's "Progressive Dinner".

Jewel hails from Oklahoma City, but since marrying her husband Tom when he was in the Air Force, has traveled the world, from Southern California to Europe, to the Washington, DC area, and finally (she hopes) to Tucson, Arizona. During that time, Jewel pursued a successful career in her own right as a Human Resource

manager for the Air Force, and later, the Department of Defense. Her last position before retiring from the Federal Service was at DoD Headquarters in Washington, DC, where she managed programs assisting DoD civilian employees affected by military base closures and realignments.

Jewel lives at 9240 E. Sycamore Springs Trail with her husband Tom (who is currently the VP of the SSHOA Board), and her two Persian Himalayan cats, "Spark Plug" and "Honey Bear". She loves Tucson, Southern Arizona, the Sonora Desert, the gorgeous sunsets, and the beautiful night skies we all enjoy at Sycamore Springs. Jewel is a very outgoing person, and you will find she will not hesitate to stop and talk to whoever she meets, just to get to know you. Her wish for the community is that we all work hard to get to know each other, to grow closer as friends and 'family', and that we build on the great start we have already made, to make this the best place any of us have ever lived.

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Congratulations Michael . . .

Michael Payton, son of Hank and Donna Payton, in Sycamore Springs subdivision, will graduate this December from Prescott College with a Bachelor's of Arts in Special Education. He has been accepted to the Master's Program at the University of Arizona. Michael will be starting classes part-time in January majoring in Speech Language Pathology. He is currently employed full-time as a Special Education teacher at New West Schools, a charter school, in Benson. His long term career goal is to provide speech & language services at local hospitals.

“Tis the Season to have Parties”

With some of us planning get togethers over the holidays, particularly when the gates are closed, here's something to keep in mind. You can call Cadden Management and arrange to have a specific code for your own party that will allow your guests to open the gates without having to call you. You then print that code on your invitations and voila! No more trying to juggle telephones on top of everything else on that lovely evening of entertainment at your home. The code will expire by the following morning at the latest so we can all rest assured that any unwanted visitors at any other time cannot get in if by chance they get that code. Pretty cool, huh?

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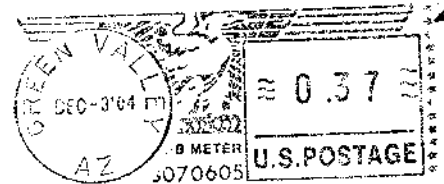
Thank you again to the American Legion for letting us borrow their premises to hold our board meetings. One great way to show our apprecia-

tion and help support their post is by going to the breakfasts, dinners and bingo that they hold weekly. Check their sign board just outside their facility for times.

Holiday Decorating

The Community Affairs Committee was originally going to sponsor a holiday outdoor decorating contest this holiday season. With quite a few folks still new to the neighborhood and time running out fast, we have opted to postpone our first official contest until Holiday Season 2005.

In the meantime, I suspect all the kids in our neighborhood, both young and old, would love to see some great holiday decorating this year. It's amazing how seeing these lights can help instill goodwill and good cheer in all of us. Plus a chuckle or two at the wittier decorating! I guess there's only one rule to abide by, have fun!



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