



Carino Canyon Newsletter

April 2009

Dear Carino Canyon Neighbors

This is the continuation in our series of community newsletters. We got some good feedback so far and I hope you'll continue to offer suggestions for improvement.

We would love to get more input on our "Who's Who in the 'Hood?'" section. So keep those cards and letters coming.

Maybe you would like to include a safety tip or green living tip. Anything

that you think would be of interest to the community.

Again, thanks for your input and future support!



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Valley Home Market



We are keenly aware that the market value of our homes has declined in the last couple of

years. By as much as 35% according to local news sources. But according to valley real estate experts, we may be nearing bottom. Housing is becoming more affordable for many people and the

job situation in the valley is not as bad as other parts of the country. Combined with the influx of people who continue to move to the valley, many believe that the Phoenix area should be turning around soon.

You can see more on this topic by clicking [here](#).

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Quarterly Board Meetings

The quarterly board meetings are scheduled as follows. During these meetings, the Board will meet to conduct general business meetings on:

- Sunday, Apr. 19, 2009
- Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009

These meetings will be open to all residents, subject to Robert's Rules of Order

(to which we must adhere). Non-Board members are invited to attend and observe, however, non-Board member participation will be limited to 3 minutes.

Please call one of the board members for the time and place of the quarterly meetings. See last page for board members.



Solar Energy for Your Home

The cost of Photo-voltaic (PV) systems for residential solar power are coming down. Currently, the cost of installation for a “grid-tied” systems runs about \$6.50 per DC watt. With the

current incentives, the actual cost per watt is closer to \$3 per DC watt. With Federal and State tax credits, the total cost is approaching \$2.00 per installed watt. That brings an 8,000 watt system down to about \$16,000. An 8,000

watt system will nearly drive your entire house during the peak parts of summer days.

Estimates vary. But, latest figures indicate that at current prices, you may be able to recover the investment cost within 6 to 8 years with solar power. And, there are estimates that for every installed watt of solar PV power installed, your home increases in value by \$3. So, an 8,000 watt system can add around \$24,000 to your property’s value. Home owners who are interested may want to check out AZSolar.com

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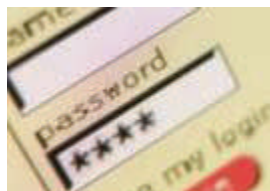
Law Targets License Plate Frames that Obscure Arizona

If you have a license plate frame on your car, check to ensure that the frame does not obscure the word, “Arizona”, from view. As of January 1st, you could be subject to a fine of \$135. Given that Arizona has about 60 different styles of

plates, some officials state that eliminating objects that obscure the state name will help officials differentiate between in-state and out-of-state vehicles.

Aren’t you glad our law makers are making productive use of their time.

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Password Security

- Do you use the same password for years?
- Do you use words found in the dictionary as passwords?
- Do you use the same password for more than one computer account?

If you answered yes to any of these, you should be concerned about online safety.

Click [here](#) for good article about password guidelines.

Keeping track of password can be very onerous.

[RoboForm](#) is an excellent product (\$30) with free try-and-buy for generating and securely storing your online passwords.



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We have a Google Group

Google Groups is all about helping users connect with people, access information, and communicate effectively over email and on the web. We have our Carino Canyon Google Group. We all encourage you to go to our Google Group web site and sign up. It is

free and it is cool. And we all know the importance of being cool.

Click [here](#) to go see our Carino Canyon Google Group. Instruction for accessing are over there, but if you need any help, contact Steve Bisel.

SAFETY TIPS



Brush Fire Safety

Brush fire season starts in mid-April and continues through September.

According to the Scottsdale Fire Department, you should create a

well-maintained, live vegetation zone to prevent damage to structures in case of wild land fires. This "defensible space" acts as a fire break, and should contain only small brush and groundcover **to prevent a continuous path of flammable materials leading to inhabited structures.**

This consists of:

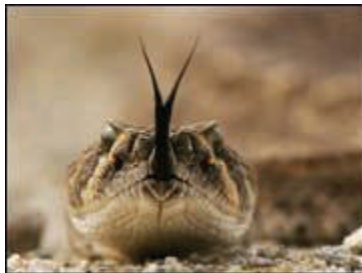
1. Maintain a 15-ft zone around your home; remove perennial grasses & thin overgrown bushes; remove dead branches or branches touching the ground.

2. Remove dead vegetation that is down on the ground from an additional 15-ft for maximum protection (30-ft total).
3. Clear an additional 5 feet beyond walls and fences of live vegetation and additional 15 feet of dead and downed vegetation.

What does this mean to you? If your home is on the outside perimeter of our development, you should go outside your view fence and clear a zone so that you have no less than 15 feet from your home and an additional 5 feet beyond your view fence of cleared vegetation.

You can see more information on guidelines by clicking [here](#).

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Surge in Fatal Arizona Snake Bites

2008 saw a rise in deaths in Arizona due to snake bites. According to the Phoenix Herpetological Society, people unfamiliar with rattlesnake activity is the key reason.

Our community is on the edge of the desert and we get lots of snakes here.

So ... what to do? First, don't get bitten. You won't like that. Seriously, the AZ Herpetological Association gives these recommendations:

- If you observe a snake, leave it alone. Keep your distance. Don't try to kill it.
- The majority of venomous snake bites occur when someone provokes or attempts to handle the animal.
- If the snake is in a residential area, try to identify the snake (from a safe distance). If it appears that it may go back into the desert, then leave it alone. If not, call the AHA Hotline at 480-894-1625. We have more info at our web site. Click [here](#).

If you do get bitten, follow these rules:

- **Do's:**
 - Remain calm
 - Remove jewelry
 - Immobilize the extremity and keep below the heart
 - Decrease activity if possible
 - Get medical help
- **Don'ts:**
 - Do not apply ice
 - Do not make incision to suck out venom
 - Do not apply tourniquet
 - Do not administer alcohol or drugs

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Who's Who in the Hood

Learn about your neighbors and support group.

Send contributions to Kathy Fuller (kfuller@efineliving.com)



Heidi Dalhof—Community Manager

I grew up in Switzerland and have a degree in banking. I have literally lived around the world, Bermuda, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, Florida (twice), Cairo, Colorado & Arizona (twice). In 2001 I became an American Citizen. While living in Palm Beach County, Florida I became a certified Community Manager, where I went through three hurricanes. That was one of the reasons why my husband and I moved back to Arizona, the second reason was that our daughter got married and we wanted to be close to her, especially now that she is expecting our first grandchild. She is a graduate from UofA and is now a nurse in the pediatric unit at St. Joseph's Hospital.

We have one son in the military (Army) who just return from his third deployment from Iraq and is going through the Special Forces program at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. After that he will be sent to Afghanistan.

My husband and I enjoy hiking, traveling and good food (he is a master chef).

I am the Community Manager for Carino Canyon and welcome contact with all the residents.

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Kathy Fuller

As one of the first home buyers in Carino Canyon, I've lived here for 13.5 years. My husband, Barry, and I came from Maryland where we owned and operated a chain of optometric offices. We have two children who now have children of their own. Our parents and children are all back on the East Coast so we visit frequently.

When we purchased our home in 1995, the buying experience with Shea Homes was so enjoyable, that I decided to become a Realtor and go to work for them. I spent many days in the models at Carino Canyon. I also worked in Shea's other Scottsdale community, Saguaro Canyon, for several months. But, I ultimately got "cabin fever" and decided sitting in one place all day just wasn't for me. So, I began my practice in general real estate with Pinnacle Peak Realty, which later was acquired by Coldwell Banker, which then spun off to become Equitable Real Estate which then became a Sotheby's affiliate and then merged with Russ Lyon Realty. So, after 13 years, I am now with Russ Lyon Sotheby's International Realty! (phew!!!)

I love animals and have two cats, two birds and wish I had time for a dog or two. I am somewhat of a do-it-yourselfer and enjoy working in and around my home. I enjoy artistic projects but don't have too much time to indulge in them.

At any rate, I've truly enjoyed living in Carino Canyon and being a Realtor in Scottsdale. As a member of the Board of our Homeowner's Association, I've enjoyed meeting neighbors and am committed to the well being of our neighborhood.



Green Living Tip – Reduce the Amount of Paper Mail You Receive

Many banks, utilities and other companies have paperless billing options. Sign up for these and you'll get your monthly state-

ments via email. You can also pay many bills online, which reduces the need for stamps and envelopes.

With this green tip, soon the only mail you'll have is the "junk" mail. You can also contact these companies and ask to be re-

moved from their mailing lists.

To opt out of Yellow / White Pages delivery go to:

www.YellowPageGoesGreen.org

then click on "Opt Out."



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We welcome your comments and your submissions to our newsletter. Please let us know how we are doing.

Thanks for your ongoing interest in this lovely community.

John Coyne, President

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Kathy Fuller, Secretary and Newsletter Editor

Steve Bisel, Chairman of the Architectural Committee & Website Coordinator

We need your e-mail address

To reduce printing, postage and handling costs, we only publish this newsletter in electronic form on our web site. We would like to have your e-mail address so we can notify you when it is available to read.

Please go to our web site and register as a user.

http://www.carinocanyon.org/user_registration.php

If you prefer, please send me an e-mail so I can add you to our e-mail list. We will not be using your e-mail for anything other than Carino Canyon related business.

Thanks,

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We're on the web!

