



I hope this note finds everyone feeling well and in good spirits. Spring is still in the morning air, but is already preparing to make way for summer. The sun is shining bright, as is the light at the end of this long tunnel we have been in for a little over a year now.

Based on recent reports and observations, I believe it is important to remind everyone to properly dispose of all garbage, tree trimmings, and landscape material. Too often, this material is found behind rear walls, in washes, common areas and other places. Depositing waste on another's property, whether public or private, is a criminal violation of the law. Please make sure you properly dispose of all waste, as the cost to do it right is substantially less than the potential fines for getting caught doing it wrong.

We have also recently come across signs of people setting out food for wildlife in a couple of areas, so I want to remind everyone that this is a violation of the law. Arizona Revised Statute 13-2927 makes it unlawful to feed wildlife or attract wildlife into an area, with very few exceptions. Whatever your intentions, please remember that feeding wildlife ultimately causes harm to the animal and their natural habitat while increasing potential risk to residents and domestic animals in the area.

With regards to domestic animals, although we strongly encourage responsible pet ownership, we also realize that accidents do happen and there may be a time when your pet gets loose outside the property. When this happens, the best way to ensure your pet is safely returned to you is to license your dogs and microchip your dogs and cats. To assist with this, we will once again be hosting a free microchip clinic for dogs and cats on Sunday, June 27th between 9:00-11:00 a.m. The clinic will be at Ora Mae Harn District Park, near the Community Center. An appointment is not required. Please keep your eyes open for the event flier or call Marana Animal Services at (520) 382-8020 for additional information.

Take care, stay safe and healthy, and enjoy all southern Arizona has to offer over the next couple of months. Should you have any questions, concerns, or topics you would like covered in the future, please feel free to contact Code Enforcement at codeenforcement@maranaaz.gov or (520) 382-2520 or Animal Services at animalservices@maranaaz.gov or (520) 382-8020.

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