



Sunset Acres II HOA Newsletter

May 2020

Staying Connected with Each Other

As the pandemic continues, please also continue to check on your neighbors via safe and socially distant methods such as email, texts and phone calls. HOA Board meetings will be scheduled once Pima County libraries allow for group meetings to commence in their facilities. If you are in need of assistance from the HOA Board, please email the Board at sunsetacres2hoa@gmail.com. All governing documents and Architectural Review forms can be accessed from our website at www.sunsetacres2.com.

Neighborhood News

Rattlesnakes are out!

Several neighbors reported finding multiple snakes in their yards. Use a flashlight when you are walking outside at night. Watch out for pets!



Nesting hawks are back on Sunset Dunes Place (south end). Last year the hawks were behaving aggressively in June–August.

The Board is compiling a list of neighbor-recommended contractors for the Fall newsletter. Please email the Board at sunsetacres2hoa@gmail.com, leave a note for a Board member, or call 520-400-9942 with your “good” contractor recommendation.

Crime Statistics Meeting “Recap”

In September 2019, we were privileged to host an informational meeting presented by the Marana Police Department including their Crime Analyst and the Neighborhood Watch Team. It was reassuring to hear that Marana ranks as the 4th safest city in Arizona with no violent crimes in 2017- September 2019. It was also relayed that property crimes are the most common type of reported crime in Marana.

We learned that in terms of reported crimes, our neighborhood (which is grouped with the subdivision north of us) has very little reported criminal activity in the past three years with two cases of larceny involving a home and a backpack, respectively. We also learned that in our reporting area, which includes a portion of Silverbell Road, there were 2 DUIs and 4 accidents during this three-year period.

During the presentation, the attendees were presented with many prevention tips that we had not thought of or considered before. As we begin to resume some of our routine activities during and following the current pandemic, we wanted to share with the community these prevention tips to help to keep all of us from being targets of crime. Please turn to the next page to view **[“Tips to Avoid Being a Target of Criminal Activity.”](#)**

Tips to Avoid Being a Target of Criminal Activity

The group was presented a situational crime prevention model. Crime can be reduced by reducing the **OPPORTUNITY** individuals have to commit a crime. Criminals tend to look for the easy, quick, and rewarding opportunities in order to act. Finding ways to reduce the opportunity for crime tends to involve changes that result in the following:

INCREASING the **RISK** of being caught,

INCREASING the **EFFORT** required to commit a crime, and

DECREASING the **REWARDS** of committing the crime.

The following tips can be utilized to reduce the opportunity for crime in our neighborhood.

Doorbell surveillance cameras, alarm systems, exterior lighting, motion sensor lighting

Make your home look unpredictably occupied when you are gone for extended periods of time

Varied timers for inside lights

Timers for outside lights

Vacation Watch Programs

Neighborhood Watch Programs

Locks on exterior gates

Make it hard to execute a crime

Lock your car/house/sheds/interior garage door

Close your garage even when home, taking a walk, or working in the yard

Do not leave valuable items unattended or where anyone can plainly see them

Take garage door openers out of vehicles parked outside

Do not leave valuables in your car including prescriptions, car title, car registration, weapons, purses/wallets

Do not leave purses sitting in a shopping cart or unzipped and open while shopping

Report all suspicious activity to the Marana Police Department