

NEWSLETTER

IRONWOOD OWNERS ASSOCIATION II

April 2009



A Message from the President

Another year is well on its way! Our Annual Meeting was held on March 20th with the largest attendance in several years! Thanks to all who came and participated.

The economic woes of the nation's economy have been felt within our Association. These are definitely not the best of times. At this time the Association has incurred two foreclosures and three more are looming. As a result, the assessments for these properties have not been collected which impacts the Association's ability to meet its financial obligations. The Board is keeping a close eye on expenditures and hopes to stay within budget even with the shortfall.

The Board would like to encourage all homeowners to upgrade their homes. This can be done by remodeling, driveway improvements, or landscape changes. Please contact Desert Resort Management if you plan on doing any Architectural or Landscape Changes.—
Wes Fritts, President

Virginia Graeme Baker Safety Act

On December 19th, 2007 the President signed into law the Virginia Graeme Baker Safety Act. This law required all public pools and spas to have the drains upgraded to meet new safety codes by December 19, 2008.



The new law was made known to Property Management Companies in the third quarter of 2008 when they were informed all condominium pools were included in this Act. The Board scrambled to look at options and prevent having to close the pools.

There were very few options and none were in-expensive. The Board picked the only option that would not require follow-up expenses in future maintenance or pool upgrades. Bids were received and the work was completed before the December 19th deadline.

The Board thanks the company selected for an excellent job. Our pools are all in compliance with federal and California safety codes and are in great shape!
Del Funkhouser, V. President

GARAGE DOORS



Many of the units within our Association have installed garage doors. In some cases a one car garage door with a wall through the middle of the carport or a partial wall and a gate. Starting in 2008 the City of Palm Desert began using the California Building Code (CBC) instead of the Unified Building Code (UBC). The new building code requires a footing under the new wall. This means the carport floor has to be cut or removed and replaced. Consequently this triples the cost of the job.

I recently took a set of plans to the City without the footing pleading with the person at the Planning Department that the Association encourages these upgrades and that the wall was not a load bearing wall and, if required, the owner would not do the installation.

The City accepted and approved the plans. I submitted an additional set of plans and they, too, were approved.

If any owners are interested in a garage door installation, contact me and I will be happy to give you the specific requirements.— Del Funkhouser, V.P.

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PAVERS



As the driveways and walkways age within the association many owners have taken the opportunity to replace their driveways and walkways with pavers. This replacement enhances the home and the community.

Ironwood Community Association is again working with Farley Paving to bring a discount for paver installation to the owners in Ironwood. For information regarding this paver program please contact Jodi Gaylord at Desert Resort Management: 760.346.1161 ext. 141 or by e-mail: jgaylord@drminternet.com

DESERT LANDSCAPING



The Ironwood Community Association Landscaping Committee recommends drought-tolerant trees and shrubs for the common areas and individual homeowner land improvements. This is also recommended by the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) and the City of Palm Desert, as desert landscaping requires 75% less irrigation than the traditional landscaping and can significantly reduce water runoff.

Due to the high water use and excessive runoff on Dalea Lane, the Ironwood II Board of Directors has approved six properties to be changed to desert landscaping: 73-516, 73-481, 73-466, 73-460, 73-420, and 73-416. This should be done in the near future. If you are impressed with these changes and would like your location to be considered for desert landscaping, please contact Jodi Gaylord, Desert Resort Management, at (760) 346.1161 ext. 141.—Ernie Hawks,



PAINTING PROGRAM

Many Ironwood II owners have expressed an interest in the new house colors showing up throughout Ironwood. The Board of Directors is considering accelerating the painting of Ironwood II and may implement a painting program for 2011 providing funds are available.



BURRTEC TRASH PICKUP AND RECYCLING

At this time Ironwood I and II are not part of the recycling program within Ironwood. The in-ground trash containers prevent Burrtec from using their rolling, hard plastic trash containers that are used for trash and recycling.

Locations for dropping off of your recyclables are: the fire station on Mesa View and at The Living Desert.

Please respect your neighboring HOAs and do not deposit your recyclables in their trash and recyclable containers or trash areas.



Please congratulate Doug Versteeg on his election to the Board of Directors. Doug will be a great asset to the Board. We welcome his knowledge and look forward to his contributions.

