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SPRING FESTIVAL!

April 9th, 2016

11AM – 2PM



To celebrate the beginning of Spring,
you are invited to the Rancho Valencia Spring
Festival! There will be bouncing castles, face

painting, balloon animals, a petting zoo... and much more! There will even be raffle prizes! Meet with the people working for you from Platinum Management, Vet Sec, and Ventana Landscaping along with representatives from the Sheriff's Department and the Littletown Rec Center. Burgers and hot dogs cooked by American Flying Buffalo.

No better way to bring in the season. So come out and join the fun!!



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY.org
TAKE A BOOK • RETURN A BOOK

Coming soon to Rancho Valencia... Little Free Library!

A Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" free book exchange. Anyone may take a book or bring a book to share. You can donate books by just adding it to the one-of-a-kind wooden book shelf. Yet another reason to be proud of calling Rancho Valencia home.

What are Dark Skies?

Introduced in 1972 by professional astronomers, the Dark Skies ordinance was created as a way to conserve energy and preserve the clarity of the desert sky while supporting local observatories, employing over 4,000 people in Southern Arizona. Studies show that without the Dark Skies, it could disorient migrating birds and disrupt bat feeding behavior. It can even upset our own sleeping patterns and hormone production. With Tucson growing bigger every year, astronomers have described the new night skies over urban areas to be a "dull and starless orange", leading companies to relocate to Flagstaff. The Dark Skies ordinance is often updated to reflect our current times but every bit helps.

Do your part in keeping the Tucson skies beautiful and clear. Here are some tips:

- * Avoid the use of flood lights.
- * Use a shield or guard on exterior lights.
- * Make sure outdoor lights are angled at no greater than 45 degrees from the ground.
- * Have as few outdoor lights as possible. Tucson actually prohibits more than 5 outdoor lights per residence.
- * If you plan on installing an outdoor light, please be sure to submit an ARC form.

SPRING FEVER!

Another Winter has come and gone. Spring is here to make everything more enjoyable! Before you make any picnic, brunch, or gardening plans, please keep some things in mind while you plot your fun:



- Whether it's a hammock or patio cover, please remember to submit any changes or additions to your home prior to starting any work. Submit a completed ARC form along with any proposed changes to be done to the Architectural Review Committee. Contact Nando @ PMI for any assistance.

- It's time for the greens to flourish, flowers to bloom, and leaves to rejuvenate bare trees. However, with that comes all the weeds and nuisances that can distract from the beauty in a well maintained community. Please be sure to use pre-emergent spray to prevent any future weeds. Did you know that boiling water kills existing weeds?



- Having a get-together always seems to guarantee a good time. With limited parking space at homes, please be sure to plan ahead. On street parking within the community is allowed as long as no driveways or mailboxes are being blocked. Parking on curb strips, sidewalks, or on the front or side yards are prohibited. Keep this in mind if any vehicle needs to remain overnight, as parking on curbs is never a good idea.

D-I-Y

Are your drains running slow? All you need to do is mix 1/2 cup of salt & 1/2 cup of baking soda and pour them down the drain. Follow that with 1 cup of distilled vinegar and let it sit for 15 minutes. While you wait, boil a quart of water. Once your time is up, pour that hot water down the drain. This will dissolve hair and grease while making the drain run smoothly



New for 2016! RanchoValencia.org

We are in the process of making things a whole lot easier for you with RanchoValencia.org. This website is full of useful information vital to you and your family. Access association documents, submit ARC forms, and read the latest community news. Need to get a hold of a utility? Just look at the home page for their contact number.

Everything you need at the click of a button! Visit RanchoValencia.org today!

Want to know what is happening in your neighborhood? Here's a way you can do. Go to www.nextdoor.com. It's an ideal way to connect to other residents that live in your neighborhood. This is a private neighborhoods website to share information including public safety issues, community events, lost pets, local activities, and services. Tucson Police Department will also be able to post information such as safety tips and more importantly crime alerts to Nextdoor websites within the city. For example: If there have been burglaries within a neighborhood or surrounding neighborhood, they would be able to inform you as well as give you tips on how to stay safe. It's free for residents and it's only accessible to residents who verify that they live in the neighborhood.



The Pigeon Solution!

Since we could remember, pigeons have been a constant nuisance. Leaving their mark on anything in their range, it can be difficult ridding your home of these "flying rats". Finally, there is a solution! PiGNX Caulking Gel is one of the very first bio-pesticide for pigeons. How does it work? The natural, active ingredients used in PiGNX works in two major ways. First, PiGNX's formulation actually makes pigeons leave as a result of physical contact with the gel. Pigeons do not like the sensation induced by the gel. As a result the pigeons seek safety immediately else where. Second, the odor that is given off is very uncomfortable to the smell of the pigeons. PiGNX reacts with the bird's sense of smell, touch and instinct. They think they are walking on "Hot Lava" and leave in fear of a "fire". For more information on this and other products, contact your local pest control company and see what options work best for you.

