

# SCOTSDALE SCOOP

The Scotsdale Homeowners' Association Newsletter
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## Why Do We Have A Homeowners' Association?

This is a question that many have perhaps wondered. Well, the purpose of the association is to represent the interests of all Scotsdale homeowners. Without a homeowners' association, an individual resident would be required to seek their own recourse, at their own expense, if a neighbor were to violate the deed restrictions. With or without a homeowners' association, the deed restrictions remain in effect.

But, your homeowners' association doesn't just run around trying to enforce the restrictions. Your association also tries to promote fun neighborhood activities including block parties, holiday contests, picnics, neighborhood-wide garage sales and other activities. If you have an idea for our neighborhood, contact a board member.

#### Homeowners' Association Membership and Annual Dues

The SHA ended its 2001 fiscal year on July 31st with the highest membership level in five years. We are glad that our neighbors are interested in being involved and maintaining the quality of our neighborhood. As we begin our 2002 fiscal year, it is time to pay those annual dues. Just as in 1986, the annual dues are \$10. These dues are very small in comparison with our nearby neighborhoods (some are as high as \$150 per month). Please, take a moment to mail your dues in to the association. Our mailing address is on the back of the newsletter.

#### **Deed Restrictions**

Just a reminder, we are a deed restricted community. If you do not have a copy of the deed restrictions, you may download or print a copy from our website or contact any board member to get your copy. Also, remember, if you are selling your house, or renting to new tenants, be sure you provide all prospective buyers or renters with a copy (we'll even provide you with a stack of copies to distribute).

# **Utility Sheds**

The homeowners' association board has received many inquiries related to utility sheds. Although Article I: Item 5 of the deed restrictions prohibits the use of sheds, the board had reached the following decision: If you want to erect a shed, please check with your neighbors (including those behind you) and get their blessings. Then, ensure your shed cannot be seen from the street. Finally, the board recommends using Rubbermaid style sheds that won't deteriorate.

#### **Next Association Meeting**

The next association meeting will be held on Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of Pat Lusher (517 MacLeod Terrace). The meeting will begin at 7pm.

# New Neighbors?

Are you new to the neighborhood? Do you have any new neighbors? Please let a board member know so we can properly welcome our new neighbors and introduce them to the rest of our community.

## Recipe of the Month

Do you have a favorite recipe that you'd be willing to share with your neighbors? If so please send it to us (regular mail or e-mail).

# This month's recipe -- Beer Muffins

Combine 3 cups of self-rising flour, 3 tablespoons of sugar and one can/bottle of beer. Add to muffin tins and bake for 15 min. at 350°. An easy, quick way to make dinner muffins.

# Deed Restriction of the Month

### Article I: Item 9 – Vehicles

No vehicle shall be parked in the Subdivision except on a paved street or driveway, or in a garage. Boats, trailers, campers, motorcycles and recreational vehicles must be concealed from public view at all times.

#### Have You Seen Our Website?

We have launched a website at http://www.scotsdale.org to serve our neighbors. If you have any ideas for additions to the site, please submit them to the webmaster.

Currently, the site includes news items, past newsletters, deed restrictions and a classified ads section. If you have anything you are looking to sell, any services you'd like to offer to your neighbors (such as babysitting, house cleaning, etc.), or any announcements, please submit and ad to the webmaster.



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