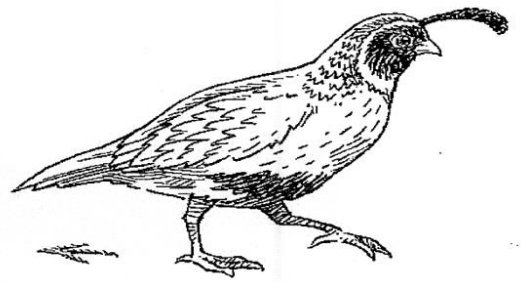


Quail Trail



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From the President's Corner

by Georgia Sparks

A weed by any other name . . . is still a weed. And they seem to be everywhere! Whether you choose to cut, pull, or spray, dozens of landscaping companies—and even some young people off school for the summer months—would happily spruce up our yards for a reasonable fee. In my attempt to define what a weed is, I came up with this: if I did not plant it, and it is growing where I do not want it, it is probably a weed.

Many of our residents have birdbaths and feeders so they may enjoy the varieties of birds and other small wildlife in our area. Unfortunately, we have had reports of cats roaming the neighborhoods and killing birds and small rabbits. Small pets make easy targets for coyotes, javelinas, and bobcats that also roam our neighborhood. In consideration of our fellow neighbors, and for safety's sake, responsible pet owners should control roaming cats.

If stray cats enter your yard, residents can try several things that may keep cats away (Courtesy of the City of Chandler):

- Spray concentrated orange juice or hang orange or lemon peels in areas where cats are spraying. They are put off by the citrus scent.
- Similarly, some people advocate coffee grounds, blood meal, cayenne pepper, lavender oil, lemon grass oil, peppermint oil, eucalyptus oil, or citronella oil. (Don't use citronella-scented lamp or torch oil, as these are flammable.)
- Get a motion-detecting device that turns on a sprinkler or bright light in response to motion in your yard or garden.
- Squirt a hose at cats either when they come by or they squat. Just shock the cat; don't knock it over. Some people think a squirt gun works best.
- Many commercial cat repellants are available in garden stores, pet shops, and online. Read directions carefully, and be sure to wear gloves for chemical sprays.
- Some non-chemical repellants emit an ultrasonic electric pulse that many cats find annoying.

President's Update:

The Cliff Rose Board of Directors has entered into an agreement with HOAMCO to handle compliance for our community. With nearly 400 homes built, our seven-member Board feels that we are unable to adequately perform all the necessary functions. More information will be available at our Annual Meeting on September 24.

Here are a few facts:

- This is a month-to-month agreement with a thirty-day cancellation policy.
- We will have bi-weekly (every other week) inspections by a compliance officer.
- If rules violations are noted, HOAMCO will be responsible for mailing letters to homeowners advising them of the violation and a time frame to correct the non-compliance.
- In addition, we are expanding our Board from seven to nine members. The two new directors will be dedicated compliance positions.

We are hopeful that we will need HOAMCO only on a temporary basis. If you have concerns or questions, please email

ContactCliffRose@gmail.com.

Homeowner Survey Results

Results are in on votes to change our rules and regulations allowing homeowners to paint garage doors a contrasting color to the body of their house (subject to ACC approval). Residents voted seventy-three in favor of the new rule and seven against.

Cliff Rose Annual Meeting

by Linda Wolf, Resident

The Cliff Rose Annual HOA Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm., with a potluck dinner starting at 5:30. The meeting will be held in the "Meals-on-Wheels" dining room at the Rowle P. Simmons Community Center on Rosser Street.

Annual Meeting (continued)

This meeting is for each member of the HOA, and it is a time to learn about what your Board of Directors has been doing for you this past year. This is also a time for you to ask the Board some questions that have been on your mind.

You will have the opportunity to meet some new neighbors and to renew acquaintances with long-time neighbors. We have a "social time" along with a potluck. This will be a time to enjoy good food brought by your fellow HOA members and to enjoy visiting with each other. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. Also, please bring your own table settings and utensils. The board will provide main dishes. Coffee, soft drinks, and wine will be provided for your enjoyment.

Your ballot is another item to remember. The ballot is important, and HOA members should either mail it, drop it by the Savage Model home at the corner of Rosser Street and Blooming Hills, or bring it to the Annual Meeting. Your vote matters.

Editor note: Ballots will be mailed in late August. This year we have four outgoing officers and two new positions opening up, so many opportunities exist to become a Board member. Candidates do not run for specific positions; instead, the Board appoints officers from among those who get elected to the Board.

Cliff Rose Food Drive

by Mary Downey, Resident

Our semi-annual neighborhood food drive will be on August 27, the last Saturday in August. All donations go to the Prescott Community Cupboard. Food donations should be placed at your mailbox area on the morning of August 27th. Volunteers will pick the bags up at 1:00 pm that day.

Suggestions for most-needed items are: powdered milk, **canned** soups, meats, vegetables, fruit, beans; also macaroni and cheese boxes, pasta, tomato sauce, peanut butter and jelly. Costco is a great way to provide these items. First Wednesdays of the month are Senior Day at Fry's and other grocery stores with a 10% discount on all purchases--a great way to stock up! Our February drive brought in 600 pounds of food donations. Thank you to ALL who donated. In the past, our food drives have brought in over 800 and 900 pounds.

Families who receive this food are in great need and are approved to receive these donations. Volunteers at Prescott Community Cupboard are not paid, and all monetary support is used for purchasing meat and other perishable items or for operating expenses. This organization provides a much-needed service in our community. Please donate what you can to help them. Cliff Rose volunteers collect the bags of food and deliver

them to the Prescott Community Cupboard. This is the least we can do to help in this process. Please pass the word on to your neighbors.

As a reminder, please watch for hot-pink flyers in the mailbox windows a week ahead of time. Thank you again for making Cliff Rose the proud community that we live in.

Annual HOA Garage Sale

Carolyn Fletcher, Social Committee



Our Cliff Rose annual garage sale is scheduled for Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

For new homeowners, the sale is held at your residence. The HOA puts an ad in *The Daily Courier* and puts "for sale" signs on the main roads into Cliff Rose. You can put your own sign on your property for buyers to see, but please DO NOT put anything on city signs or stop signs.

We usually have thirty or more residents take part, and the sale brings many people into our area. Friday is trash day, so be sure that trash trucks can get to your cans. For additional information, call Carolyn Fletcher at (928) 458-5050.

Political Signs

by Jeanne Morrison, Acting Secretary

This election year the primary election takes place on August 30, and the general election is November 8. Because of the closeness of these elections, our rules allow for political signs from now until ten days after the general election. Please remember that total sign area permitted on any lot cannot exceed thirty-two square feet, and kindly remove your signs promptly after the election. Thanks for your cooperation.

Rules & Regulations 3.1.5. Political Signs: The display of political signs shall be limited to a period of seventy-one (71) days before the day of an election for which the signs pertain. (A.R.S. 33-1808) The total sign area permitted on any lot cannot exceed thirty-two (32) square feet. The signs may be free standing. Signs shall be removed within ten (10) days after the primary, general or special election. (See the Prescott City Zoning Code, Section 6/12, F, 4.)

Holiday Luncheon and Raffle

by Nancy Brown, Resident

Ladies, mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 13, and join us at the Prescott Centennial Center at Antelope Hills, 1989 Clubhouse Drive. Doors open at 11:00 am with lunch at 12:00 noon.

This year we're having a "South of the Border" buffet at a cost of \$21.50, including tax and gratuity. The buffet includes garden greens with tangy ranch dressing, cheese enchiladas, mini burritos, chicken fajitas with flour tortillas, peppers and onions, refried beans, and Spanish rice. Assorted desserts, coffee, tea, fountain sodas and water are included in the cost. A cash bar will also be available.



Raffle prizes will be awarded during the luncheon, as well as a silent auction. Raffle tickets are \$5 each with all proceeds from the event donated to Stepping Stones. Last year we donated \$2,281 thanks to the help of our local merchants and Cliff Rose residents who provided items for our raffle. We'll also have a drawing at the Cliff Rose Annual HOA meeting on September 24 (see page one). Tickets are \$5 each and will be drawn that night.

Reservations may be made at any upcoming breakfast or call Nancy Brown at 778-0916 or Gail Duarte at 227-2539. The luncheon is open to all ladies in Cliff Rose and your friends as well. Make checks payable to Gail Duarte or you can pay cash in the amount of \$21.50. Deadline for reservations is December 5.

MAKE PLANS NOW AND GET IN ON THE FUN!!

Light Pollution

Linda Jones, Editor

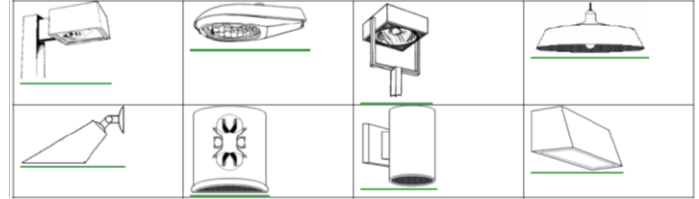
Recently, a well-known, active Cliff Rose resident wrote to say since nice weather is here, many people enjoy sitting out in the cool air to view the evening sky, but more outside lights are being left on and are obscuring the stars. The writer also said, "I thought Arizona had a night sky ordinance and our homeowners CC&Rs have a bulb brightness and covering regulation."

After doing a little research on this matter, I found that our contributor is on the mark. Yavapai County does, indeed, have a Dark Sky Ordinance (section 603) that can be viewed in its entirety at www.yavapai.us.

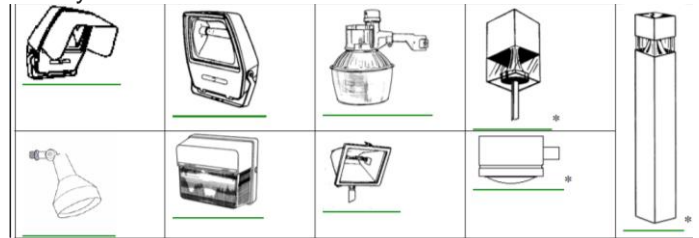
On Wednesday, September 2, 2015, Yavapai County Land Use and Planning Manager, Dave Williams, wrote an

article in the *Verde Independent* newspaper. He said that when "Inspectors examine lighting on properties, they ask themselves a few simple questions to determine whether or not the lighting is compliant." These questions include

"Is the light bulb visible?" That means that the **BULB** cannot be seen when looking at the fixture from above or when viewed directly from the side. The ordinance shows these as being acceptable outside fixtures:



The lights below are not considered as acceptable under county law:



"How is the light aimed? If the light is aimed downward to keep all of the light on an owner's property, then the light fixture is most likely compliant." If the light spills onto an adjacent property, this is a violation entitled light trespass.

"How many lights . . . are on a property?" The total should not exceed 20,000 lumens. For energy star bulbs, 40 watts equals approximately 450 lumens, and a 60 watt bulb equals 800 lumens. HOA rules state that outdoor bulbs must be 25 watt frosted bulbs or 4 watt fluorescent maximum for front yards or for pole lighting. Anything over that must be on a motion sensor.

More information is available online or by phoning the Land Use and Planning Staff at (928) 771-3214. Complaints can be made at (928) 771-3464.

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Ron Downey, RV Lot Administrator	928-776-1909
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If you know any new residents who would like to meet their Cliff Rose neighbors and join in on our activities, you might want to take them to a Cliff Rose breakfast (see below). The membership of some of the activities listed below may already be filled. If so, new neighbors can ask to be put on a waiting list.

Cliff Rose Activity Calendar

Activity	Day-of-Week	Time of Day	Contact	Phone
Book Club	2nd Friday of the month	9:30 am	Linda Wolf	771-2432
Bridge Club	1st & 3rd Friday	1:00 pm	Nancy Brown	778-0916
Bunco 1	4th Monday	1:00 pm	Elberta Fritz	771-9787
Bunco 2	4th Thursday	1:00 pm	Barbara Charlesworth	776-9702
Dominos 1	1st Monday	1:00 pm	Laura Kass	443-5276
Dominos 2	3rd Tuesday	1:00 pm	Kasey Hayne	776-0680
Hiking Spring/Summer	Thursdays May 1 - Oct. 1	7:00 am	Gail/Rudy Duarte	227-2539
Hiking - Fall/Winter	Thursdays Oct. 2 - April 30	8:00 am	Gail/Rudy Duarte	227-2539
Men's Poker	Alternate Wednesdays	6:30 pm	Bob Hayne	776-0680
Quilting Group	3rd Wednesday	9:30 am	Mary Scherer	445-4247
Women's Breakfast	2nd Tuesday	8:30am	Nancy Brown	778-0916
Women's Lunch Bunch	3rd Wednesday	1:00 pm	Judy Wilson-Nieson and Sally Picklesimer	776-9241 458-5888
Women's Poker	Alternate Wednesdays	6:30 pm	Elberta Fritz	771-9787

Please contact Linda Jones, (928) 515-4949 or email quailtrail@outlook.com to make changes to this calendar.