

Cortina Newsletter

1st Quarter 2019

www.cortinahoa.com

Next Board Meeting

Thursday, January 10th

7:00 PM

Cortina Board Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at Cortina Elementary unless otherwise notated. Please always check the community website for updates as meeting times and locations may change.



Overwatering Lawns

Everyone wants a green lawn. How do we get a green lawn? Many of us assume that for our grass to be greener we need to water it more often, but that is often not the case. In our community we are having many residents over water their lawns. Overwatering lawns can in actuality, be worse than underwatering your lawn.



When a lawn is overwatered, it can drown the roots and it restricts oxygen from reaching the roots. Overwatering your lawn will also often result in weeds. Overwatering your lawn will also result in excess runoff.

The excess runoff is not only a waste of water, but it can cause damage to the boulevard area and your neighbors' property.

Please take a look at the watering schedule for your lawn and ensure you are not overwatering your lawn. If you are unsure what the appropriate amount of watering is for your lawn, we encourage you to please research it.

Visa Convenience Fee



May residents of Cortina Homeowner's Association have taken advantage of the convenient payment option to pay online. The service that our community uses to make that option available charges a fee for every transaction.

In the past the board of directors has elected to have the association pay the convenience fees so that homeowners did not have to pay the additional fee for making their online payment.

However, as more and more homeowners have taken advantage of this payment method the cost burden has become significant for the community. As much as the association wants to make it as easy as possible for you to make the payment, it has become too expensive for the community to continue paying the fee.

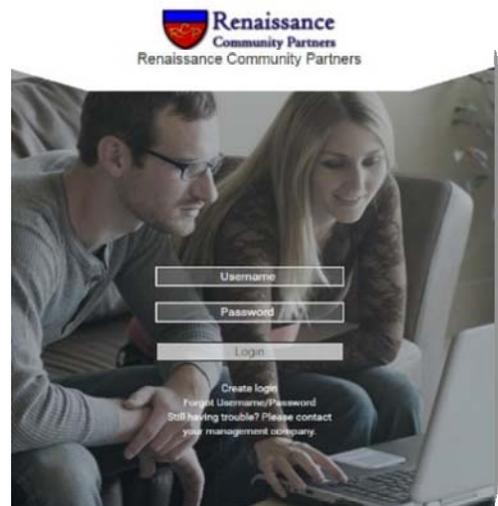
As a result, the board has elected to have the convenience fee now be passed onto the homeowners who are utilizing this service. You will notice now when you make your online payment there is a nominal fee that will be added to your assessment payment.

If you have any questions regarding this change feel free to contact Renaissance. As always, we appreciate you partnering with us to keep Cortina great.

Portal not Paylease

The online payment system Paylease has been discontinued, if you wish to continue paying online you will need to sign up for Homeowner Portal – the new system. To sign up for Homeowner Portal you will need to visit www.cortinahoa.com and Click the bubble that reads “Click Here for Homeowner Portal”. There are instructional videos and instructions on how to use portal.

If you have questions regarding portal that cannot be answered by the instructional videos call Renaissance at 480-813-6788.



Upcoming Events

HOA Event:

Town Event:



Santa

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
4-6PM AT RYAN PARK

Bring Your Camera!
MR & MRS CLAUSE
WILL BE THERE FOR INDIVIDUAL
PICTURES WITH THE KIDS AND
OTHER FESTIVE ACTIVITIES!

FREE EVENT FOR CORTINA RESIDENTS
HOSTED BY THE HOA

The poster features a large red cursive 'Santa' at the top. Below it, the date and time are listed. A photo shows Santa Claus sitting on a couch with two children. The bottom of the poster has a black and white striped border.



The Queen Creek Family Resource Center Hosts

The 10th Annual

**Queen Creek Kids' Christmas
Car Show & Toy Drive**

Desert Mountain Park
22201 S. Hawes Rd. Queen Creek, AZ 85142
Saturday, December 8, 2018
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

www.theamcmachine.com

Queen Creek USD #95
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Queen Creek
Businesses

The poster is decorated with a large red poinsettia and green garland at the top. It features several vintage cars and a Christmas tree at the bottom. The background is blue with white stars.

\$15 registration/donation required
for Town of Queen Creek Event

Assessment Increase

The board of directors has been working hard to keep Cortina looking beautiful and add improvements to the community such as the Splash Pad, repainting of all the fencing, and more. We are proud we have been able to improve our community without raising assessments, but due to the rising costs in electricity, water, landscaping, and the minimum wage increase the association needs to increase assessments to \$275 a quarter. The community has a solid financial footing, but this increase will prevent a future funding shortfall.

If you have further questions please feel free to contact Renaissance at 480-813-6788 or come to our January board meeting.

Commercial Vehicles

As residents of Cortina Homeowner Association, we are all concerned about keeping our property values high. In an effort to keep our property values high our community has CC&Rs that govern our association.



Recently there have been questions regarding commercial vehicles being parked in the community. The CC&Rs explicitly restrict the parking of commercial vehicles within the community.

The CC&Rs State:

“No Motor Vehicles designed or used for carrying merchandise, supplies or equipment for commercial purposes may be parked on the Common Area or on a Lot, except for the temporary parking of the Motor Vehicles of contractors, subcontractors, suppliers or vendors of the Association or the Owners, Lessees or Residents.

The Board shall have the right and power to adopt rules and regulations governing and further restricting the parking of Motor Vehicles on Lots or the Streets and implementing the provisions of this Section.”

A commercial vehicle is defined as “any motor vehicle designed or used for carrying merchandise, supplies or equipment for commercial purposes. Any passenger vehicle that has been modified from its factory condition for a commercial purpose which includes, but is not limited to racks, ladders, custom boxes. Vans without windows and seats for at least 4 passengers are considered commercial vehicles.”

Vehicle wraps with commercial logos will be allowed as long as it has not been structurally modified from a passenger vehicle for a commercial purpose.

If you have questions regarding this please contact Renaissance at 480-813-6788.

Cortina Homeowners Association

Board of Directors

- Kevin Forwalk.....President
- Chris Puckett....Vice-President
- Grace Hart.....Treasurer
- Tenneal Howard.....Secretary
- Greg St. Clair.....Director

Cortina Property Manager

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Hours: Monday – Thursday
8:00 AM – 5:30 PM



Important Phone Numbers

- Police & Fire.....911
- Maricopa County Sherriff Non-Emergency.....(602) 876-1011
- Queen Creek Fire Community Services.....503-6353
- Town of Queen Creek
503-6871