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# RANCHO SANTA FE

## *Upcoming Meeting >>>*

### *Board of Directors Meetings*

**Board of Directors meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Rancho Santa Fe Elementary School in the Media Center. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm. No meetings are held in June or July. The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for:**

**April 16, 2014**

**All homeowners are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend but would like to stay informed visit [www.WeAreVision.com](http://www.WeAreVision.com) to read approved meeting minutes.**

## *Speeding*

Beautiful weather is upon us That means BBQs, outdoor games, and lazy days in the sunshine. It also means our neighborhood children will be riding bikes and playing outside. Please consider this when driving through our neighborhood. Be sure to slow down and use extreme caution when turning corners and driving past other vehicles parked in the street, which can hinder your ability to see children. We encourage you to keep vehicles parked in your garage or driveway to allow for better visibility of pedestrians and children out enjoying the weather.

## *Side Gates*

As of April 15th, all side gates that are discolored, rusted or otherwise in disrepair will be cited by the HOA. We are giving notice as a courtesy to new owners that might not be aware.

As you drive or walk around your neighborhood, you can't help but notice how time and weather has taken a toll on our once attractive cedar and wrought iron gates. Don't wait until you get a reminder from the HOA about its appearance. For a relatively few dollars and a Saturday, you can restore you gate back to its original condition.

1. Measure the length and width of your slats and pick up the needed number along with a can of black, gloss, rust-proofing spray paint and a can of waterproofing wood sealant such as Thompson's of Behr's at your local home improvement store.
2. Remove the old slats and scrape, sand and wash off the wrought iron in preparation for painting.
3. Starting at one end, cut the new slats to the correct length leaving one-eighth inch at each end to allow for expansion. Number each slat on the top edge of each.
4. Use an eighth inch spacer at the base of each slat and mark at the appropriate place for each drill hole. Mark each slat separately since the holes will not be in the exact same place on each board.
5. Place the slat on a flat surface with a piece of scrap wood under the location of each hole. Drill all holes on each numbered slat.
6. Mask off the walls around the gate frame and make certain you cover the sidewalk before spraying the wrought iron frame. It is better to apply several light coats allowing sufficient drying time before each coat.



## Street Parking

Homeowner/Resident vehicles are to be parked in their garage and driveways. Many homeowners have been approved for a driveway extension to accommodate an extra vehicle. If that is not an option for your household there are approved parking areas within the community. Please contact Vision Community Management or visit our community's website at [www.wearevision.com](http://www.wearevision.com) for the approved locations.

Are you behind on your HOA assessments? Have you lost your job or had other financial problems and now are unable to pay your dues? Don't wait until you accrue a large amount of debt and your case is forwarded to the legal department. Once it is in litigation, the amount you owe will quickly grow, due to legal fees.

Avoid this, and contact our property management company, Vision Community Management at 480-759-4945 and set up a payment plan. Not only can it save you a lot of money in the long run, but also help you maintain your credit. So please, don't wait, make that call.

### Enclosed is your billing statement for the 2nd quarter of your 2014 assessment.

**NO COUPONS:** In order to preserve Association funds during economic hardship, coupon books were not mailed for your 2014 HOA assessments. Instead, statements will be mailed prior to each assessment due date.

**ONLINE PAYMENT:** One-time eCheck and Credit Card transactions can be made online. Information contained in your billing statement is required to complete an online transaction.

**MAIL PAYMENT:** Checks and money orders can be mailed with your statement stub and should be made payable to Rancho Santa Fe with your account # listed in the memo area of the check.

**AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL:** Payments can be deducted from your checking or savings account automatically via ACH. There is no fee to sign up. Visit [www.wearevision.com](http://www.wearevision.com) and click on "Pay HOA Fees" for more information. Some of the benefits of automated payments include: peace of mind knowing that your payments are scheduled and time savings from no longer needing to mail payment.

Questions regarding assessments can be directed to your Community Accountant, 480-759-4945 or by emailing [ranchosantafe@wearevision.com](mailto:ranchosantafe@wearevision.com)



Bulk trash collection starts on the **SECOND MONDAY** of every month. Uncontained trash should not be taken out any earlier than the preceding **SATURDAY** afternoon to avoid a violation letter.

If there has been a holiday, regular garbage and recycling will be picked up the day after the scheduled pick up. An easy way to remember is to look at the calendar, pickup moves one (1) spot to the right.

For more information please refer to the City of Avondale's website at [www.avondale.org](http://www.avondale.org) and click on **PUBLIC WORKS**.

- ✓ 3 cubic yard limit
- ✓ No tires
- ✓ Place in street (please keep bulk off private property and sidewalk)
- ✓ Any box or container will be removed as bulk trash
- ✓ Box and bag small items for easy pick-up
- ✓ No sod, dirt, rocks, bricks, tile or similar material will be collected
- ✓ Brush or long wood needs to be cut to 4 feet in length and not in excess of 6 inches in diameter



## Renters

Each Owner is responsible for informing their tenants of the community's rules and regulations. You may find them online by visiting [www.wearevision.com](http://www.wearevision.com). If you are currently renting your home and would like your tenants to receive copies of any violation notices please email [ranchosantafe@wearevision.com](mailto:ranchosantafe@wearevision.com) to make a formal request. Keeping our residents informed will ensure our neighborhood is a level above the rest!

