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What's New

Annual Meeting

Wednesday March 31st

S.E. Regional Library

6:30pm – 9:00pm

Elect a new HOA board member

Learn about nearby zoning and construction

Steps you can take to protect your home

(representatives from the Town of Gilbert: neighborhood services,
planning and zoning and police will be speaking)

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- ❖ The board has approved construction of Gilbert Ranch entrance signs for Eagle Creek and the Quail Run entrance, near the tennis courts. The look and design will be similar to the existing entrance signs off of Val Vista / Toledo and Williamsfield / Rome.

Spring activity Saturday May 1st

Volunteers needed ~ email info@gilbertranch.com



Pictures taken from the Holiday Scavenger Hunt in December 2003

Water Update

- ✓ Last year water leaks cost your HOA over \$10,000 in lost savings. If you see standing water or any type of water waste, please report it immediately at 480-345-0046 or info@gilbertranch.com!!

The following chart will help you schedule the frequency and timing of your sprinkler and drip systems and will help you save water, time, and money.

Fall and Spring Landscape Watering Guidelines

How much & how often Water to the outer edge of the plant's canopy and to the depth indicated. Watering frequency will vary depending on season, plant type, weather and soil.		Seasonal frequency - Days between watering		
		Fall Oct - Dec	Winter Dec - Mar	Water this deeply (Typical root depth)
Trees	Desert Adapted	14-30 days	30-60 days	24-36 inches
	High Water Use	7-12 days	14-30 days	24-36 inches
Shrubs	Desert Adapted	14-30 days	30-45 days	18-24 inches
	High Water Use	7-10 days	10-14 days	18-24 inches
Groundcovers & Vines	Desert Adapted	14-30 days	21-45 days	8-12 inches
	High Water Use	7-10 days	10-14 days	8-12 inches
Cacti & Succulents		21-45 days	if needed	8-12 inches
Annuals		3-7 days	5-10 days	8-12 inches
Warm Season Grass		6-21 days	15-30 days	8-12 inches
Cool Season Grass		3-10 days	7-14 days	6-10 inches

These guidelines are for established plants (1 year for shrubs, 3 years for trees). Additional water is needed for new plantings or unusually hot or dry weather. Less water is needed during cool or rainy weather. Drip run times are typically 2 hours or more for each watering.

Gilbert Ranch HOA Board

- Nelson Llumiquinga, President
- Dan Hilton, Vice-President
- Jon Bartlett, Treasurer
- Vicki MacLay, Secretary
- Bill Montgomery, Member at Large

Committees

- Architectural
- Landscaping
- Newsletter/Communications
- Social/Public Relations
- Street Parking
- Service

F.Y.I.**The Roof Rats are coming...**

Roof rats have been sited in Mesa and it is only a matter of time before they appear in Gilbert.



Want to find out more about roof rats? Visit:

<http://ag.arizona.edu/urbanipm/rodents/roofrat.pdf>
<http://www.paceley.net/n2n/GeneralInfo.html>

Rat Proofing tips:

1. Keep garbage containers tightly covered.
2. Store bulk foods in sealed, rat-proof container.
3. Do not leave pet food out, especially overnight.
4. Promptly pick up any fallen fruit from citrus trees, etc.
5. Harvest your citrus crops promptly and completely



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**Board Meeting Schedule
for 2004**

Located at Ashland Ranch
Elementary

- **March 31**
- **April 7**
- **May 5**
- **June 2**
- **July (No Meeting)**
- **August 4**
- **September 1**
- **October 6**
- **November 3**
- **December (No Meeting)**

Community

“United We Stand” Flag Service Fundraiser

On major holidays the Boy Scouts of Troop 290 will set up and display the American Flag at your home. At the end of the day they will retrieve it and store it until next the holiday! The Scouts of Troop 290 purchase the flag, store it, take care of it and replace it when necessary.

Holidays that the Flags will be posted:

Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Patriot’s Day (9/11), Veterans Day, Presidents Day, and Columbus Day.

The cost for this service is \$35 per year with a one-time start-up fee of \$15. The service is renewable annually. The money raised through this service helps send Boy Scouts to camp and buy equipment for the Troop. Thanks for your support.

To sign up, contact: Eric Allen 480-792-6818 or David Kurr 480-855-7705

Prevent Crime in Gilbert Ranch

- Keep your garage door closed
- Call the Town of Gilbert Police Department to request a free security survey at (480) 503-6500
- When on vacation, notify the police at (480) 503-6500 or do it online at <http://www.ci.gilbert.az.us/eservices/police/form-vacation.cfm>

L Latches and Locks
 O Outdoor Lighting and Landscaping
 C Clearly Visible Property Identifiers
 K Keeping Garage Door Closed
 E Entry Peep Viewers
 M Metal Security Screens/Doors
 O Operation Identification
 U Use of Security Bar
 T Timers

<http://www.ci.gilbert.az.us/police/prevention/lockemout.html>

- **Watch out for your neighbors!!**

Property Crime Map: <http://www.ci.gilbert.az.us/police/analysisprop.html>

Notes of Interest:

The HOA Board has not raised the assessments since 1998.

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