



WELCOME TO **OCTOBER** 2021

COUNTRY ROADS COURIER

NEWSLETTER OF COUNTRY ROADS

An Age 55 and over Homeowner Community

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

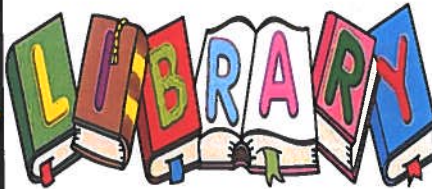
Happy Fall....

How will we best enjoy CR and Yuma as Covid continues? Each of us can do our part.

- * Follow the CDC and CR Virus Precautions -updated & posted following each BOD meeting
- * Follow individual club/sport & social group precautions
- * Get vaccinated
- * Wear a mask and social distance
- * Enjoy great Yuma weather... exercise & hold gatherings outdoors
- * Continue to E-mail the BOD and Activities with ideas for how, when and where to safely enjoy common areas
- * Join board/committee meetings
- * Watch for updates
- * Volunteering

2021 remains Challenging... TOGETHER we will make it SAFE & FUN

Pat Tuckwell
President CRRVV



As you all know, your library was closed for a year during COVID. We have now been opened since May and hoping to be able to stay open. Since we were closed for so long, we are in need of current year magazines. People have been donating books throughout the summer, so our shelves are full.

When you donate books, please remember that we can't take old, dusty paperbacks, any books that have been wet, no health books since they go out of date so quickly, no catalogues and no movies on VCR tapes (we just have CD's).

The carpeting, couches and chairs have been cleaned during the summer, so everything smells fresh after the long closure. Welcome home and enjoy our library this season!

Vickie Warren #1189



NEW RESIDENT WELCOME & ORIENTATION MEETING NOVEMBER 4TH

Welcome!!! Our Marketing Committee provides a meeting each month to welcome new residents (owners and renters) and provide important information about living at Country Roads. This meeting also provides you the opportunity to meet our Board President and Community Manager. You will learn a lot about our community and have the opportunity to ask any question you may have. PLEASE plan to attend. Refreshments are provided and the meeting will last only an hour. Meeting are the first Thursday of the month at 1 pm in the ballroom. SEE YOU THERE!!!



My wife said, "Did you eat my chocolate eclair in the fridge?"
I said, "No. I ate it in the living room."





EDITOR'S MESSAGE

please send your articles to:

denmyrn41@gmail.com

The articles must be submitted by the 10th of each month for publication the following month. Please forward in Microsoft Word if possible. Give me a call if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Myrna Mattson #679
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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE CR MANAGER AND THE COURIER EDITOR TO COURIER CONTRIBUTORS

Please keep in mind that the purpose of the Country Roads RV Village Newsletter is to connect and inform our Residents of current events and announcements. We appreciate your submission and are looking for articles and content that align with this mission.

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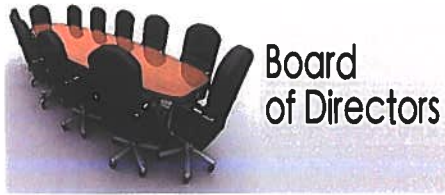
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Include Name, Lot number and contact information in case of questions

Article will not repeat monthly, monthly resubmission is required

News and Announcements must be current with month of publication (Example: Articles submitted in January are for February's publication.



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OUR CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Billiards
- B.I.N.G.O.
- Bridge
- Can/Am Friendship
- Catholic Fellowship
- Ceramics
- Choral/Drama
- Church Choir
- Clogging
- Computers
- Country Red Roses Red Hatters
- Country Roads Community Church
- Craft Fair
- Dance
- Diabetes Support
- Fitness Club
- Four Wheelers
- Guys and Gals Golf
- Hand Appliqué Sew & Stitch
- Health
- Horse Shoe
- Knit n' Stitch
- Lapidary/Rock Hunting
- Line Dancing
- Mahjonn
- Material Girls
- Men's Fellowship
- Painting
- Paper Crafting
- Pickleball
- Pinochle
- Pinochle (2 Deck/7 Card)
- Poker: Dealers Choice/Hold'em
- Pottery
- Quilting
- Relay for Life
- Sewing
- Singles Social
- Shuffleboard
- Swimming Aerobics
- Tennis
- T.O.P.S.
- Water Aerobics
- Volleyball: Water/Sand
- Women's Fellowship
- Woodcarving
- Woodshop
- Writer's
- Zumba Gold



WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

This is a new monthly column where a Country Roads person is highlighted so everyone can get to know some of those busy volunteers seen smiling around our park, helping wherever they are needed. We feel like one big family here or at the very least like someone in Mr. Rogers' neighborhood. So put on your shoes, smile, wave and see if you can spot our favorite neighbor of the month.



Editors Note: I couldn't have started with anyone better. I asked her to write her story. Thankfully this is the first issue of the year when I have space to print it all because the article truly gives the reader the real flavor as well as important information about our wonderful Country Roads. Please read it in it's entirety. M Mattson

My adventures in CR started in 1998 when my parents had their first visit to CR. In 1999, they did like so many and bought a park model. I flew down to help them move and met their neighbors. My parents came down every season until 2005 when my dad passed away. Mom still wanted to be in CR, so my brother and I took turns driving her down and back home. Being a good daughter, I would call my mom every evening on my way home from work. And so often she would answer her phone with "Hi Honey. Would like to talk to you, but my Canadian neighbors are having happy hour. My appies are getting cold. Talk to you tomorrow." (cont...)

Whoa... was I excited for her or mad at them for stealing my mom? Mom passed away July 2008 and left me the home in CR. In November of that year, I had an opportunity to retire from ATT after 35 years. On one of my trips south to clean out the house, I had a chat with a good friend of my mom, Nancy Southard. She asked me this: "Valeri, you are 55 years old, are you sure you want to sell your home and live down here with all these "old" people?" I went home to Lodi, where I had lived 30 years and raised my boys. I looked down my street...no one was walking or riding a bike or golf cart. No pickleball noises, no popping of beer cans... none of my friends played golf or went to dances and spaghetti dinners. Do I want to live with all these old people...yes, you bet I do. So, Jan 2009, my CR journey began. The first few years in CR I met so many wonderful people. A lot of my neighbors and now great friends are from Canada.

In 2015, a neighbor suggested I run for the board, thank you Mary and Tom. With the support of great people, I was elected to the HOA Board. Wow...did my learning curve expand. I learned so much about how CR runs. I learned so much about the people who live in CR. I learned so much about me and what I could handle. As a board member, your time is never really yours. Residents come up to you at events and dances and knock on your door asking questions and voicing concerns. You get letters taped to your front door. I honestly feel I did a good job listening and responding to their concerns. During my board time a lot of changes happened. The Yuma fire Marshall came into our ballroom and told us our ballroom was a fire hazard. We had to remove the wall coverings, drapes, and lights. Was everyone happy with what the board decided, nope. Did we survive, yep. When I started on the board, we had our own manager. (...continued)

We struggled thru finding a management company to lead us, eventually finding the one we are currently using. We also went thru a couple of in-house managers. We had confrontations in the ballroom meetings. Again, I used the professional skills I learned in my working years on how to deal with people. But a very special friend would tell you the time I knocked on her door at 10 AM, after a very stressful meeting, and asked if she had any cold beers. I was the President of the board for one season I encouraged the use of an agenda and followed the Roberts Rules of Order. I started the summer meeting as I felt we are a 12-month park. I instigated the current Webinar meetings that are still being successfully used. My last year on the board I was Vice Pres. During that time, we spent a lot of effort on the water retention issues and dare I say Pickleball. After my tenure on the board, I was asked to coordinate the café volunteers and head the monthly craft show, the biggest one in Yuma. The teams I established did special dinners and successful breakfast and lunches in the café and ballroom. That was a good experience that I did for 2 years, until a health issue slowed me down. I met so many residents that love CR and wanted to volunteer their time to make our Village the great place it is. My health is ok now and I'm currently involved as a volunteer with the golf club. I did not do this alone... there is a village of people that helped and supported me. You will probably see me at a lot of events in the park, helping set up or clean up and enjoying the "cold drink" in my hand. I hope to see you there too.





Marketing

FINALLY!!!!!! The “new” season is upon us and so many neighbors are returning to Country Roads this month. I know I am excited about this year and looking forward to seeing everyone I’ve been missing and meeting so many new residents who have moved into our wonderful Park.

Marketing’s goal is to promote Country Roads to the Yuma community and beyond. Our committee has enthusiastic members who love Country Roads and enjoy sharing information about our Park to others. The Marketing Committee will be active this year and is planning several events that showcase our #1 community here in the southwest. We would LOVE to have new members share their enthusiasm about living in CR and bring new ideas to the group about how to promote our Park to everyone in the US and Canada. Our meetings are on the second and fourth Mondays in the afternoon. Check the calendar for time and place—first meeting will be November 9th.

BUT, we WILL be active before the first meeting. Starring the middle of October we plan to have the Welcome Office/Center open and greeting all who enter. Our office is staffed with volunteer Ambassadors who enjoy sharing all the wonderful advantages there

are about living at Country Roads. AND we are always looking for more enthusiastic, positive individuals to join our group. If you are interested in being an Ambassador please contact me and learn about this program. Additionally there will be an orientation/refresher meeting for ambassadors after the middle of October. Watch the BLAST for more information about this meeting.

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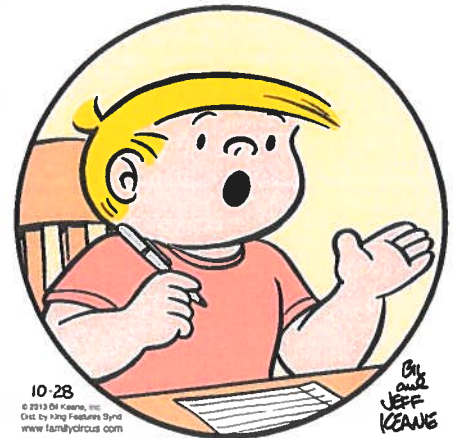


Whole Food Plant-Based Lifestyle Group

New group starting! If you’ve heard about the healthy lifestyle called Whole Food Plant-Based (WFPB) living, now’s the time to come learn how to do it for yourself! There is a new group beginning here at Country Roads, and the first monthly meeting will be in the Mojave Room from 10 AM - 12 noon on November 2nd. This will be an introductory meeting to learn about WFPB Living, and to start us all moving forward towards better health and immunity, at each person’s individual pace

Whole Food Plant-Based eating is not any “-ism” (not vegetarianism, not veganism, not pescatorianism, or flexitarianism or any other label) -- it is choosing to eat mostly foods that are whole, plant-strong, unprocessed, and low in SOS (Sugar, Oil and Salt). Whole, plant-based foods will give you the phytochemicals, antioxidants and fiber you need to fight chronic diseases and take care of your all-important microbiome. It’s also a very healthy and balanced way to lose weight, with no bad side effects, no monthly program costs or expensive special foods. We will share our story about how it’s helped us, and if you’re on the WFPB journey already, we’d like to hear your story too. Let’s take small steps together to improve our health this year! The goal: To make the rest of our life the best of our life!

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. Lot 1147
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By and with JEFF KEANE
“Daddy, which comes first, autumn or fall?”





FROM THE POOL ROOM



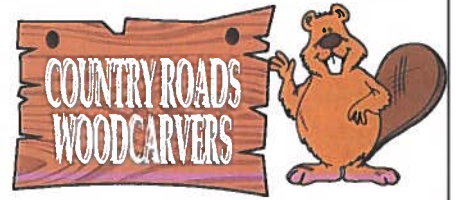
Welcome back to Yuma's Best RV Park. The Billiards Club organizes and conducts billiard room activities and maintains and improves the room and equipment. In addition to keeping the tables and equipment clean and orderly, the Club organizes weekly tournaments and Interpark League play. The weekly in-house activities include free pool lessons, Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles 8-ball tournaments, and special 8-Ball and 9-Ball competitions. These usually begin in November.

Women and men of all skill levels are encouraged to join the Club and participate in Club activities. Our membership fee is \$10.00 per year, and includes free participation in our weekly tournaments (non-members pay \$1.00 to join the weekly tournaments) free admission to our year-end banquet and to the special members-only tournament that follows the banquet, so it is definitely worth joining the club. To join, fill out the required information on the preprinted envelope provided near the snooker table, insert \$10.00 (cash) into the envelope, and deposit it into the lock box on the wall. Afterwards, find Terry Moser or me to get your official Billiard Club sticker.

Gerry McNab
Billiards Club President



Beginning as usual the lapidary and silversmithing club will be open as much as rules allow, while following all safety protocols. There are some new tools planned, as well as repaired/updated existing tools. Stop in to NOT hear the bearings in the -no longer- "Howling Grinder". And feel the smooth cutting feel of the new slab saw. All kinds of classes are in the planning stages so stop by as soon as you get down to the park. Open Tuesday through Thursday at 9 am beginning early November. A great time to be had by all!



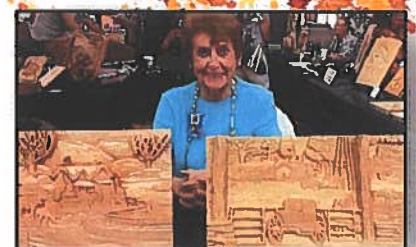
Welcome new and seasoned carvers, wood burners, goaders, etc. If we don't do it we know where to send you to get it done. We are just around the corner from the "Welcome Office" next to the mail boxes and our shingle hangs up above our door. You will find us in the room Mondays and Fridays 9 am til noon and in the afternoons from 1:00 til 2:30 starting Monday, November 1st. The annual fee for the season is \$10. The first visit is free. Come see how you like us.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays the Rock and Lapidary Club share our room and they too are very helpful if you find yourself in the need of directions.

You can't find a more ready made group of friends anywhere in the park than right here under our hanging shingle so come on by.

President,
Myrna Mattson
Lot 679

R.I.P. BOBBI CORBIN
OUR BELOVED
WOODCARVER





LADIES OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

Please join in the fun of the first luncheon of the season!!

It will be held on Friday, October 8th at the Black Bear Diner.

We will meet at noon

I hope to start with the white elephants again in November. Also, I will stagger the days so everyone has a chance to come.

I ask that you sign up in the activities office by 1:00 on Thursday the 7th so I am able to let the restaurant know the number they can expect.

I will ask if anyone is able to provide a ride to someone needing one, check the box on the sign up sheet. Then, meet at the flagpole at 11:30.

Looking forward to seeing you as we kick off what we all are hoping will be a fun season!



After a one year hiatus from Men's Fellowship last season due to COVID, we are hopeful to have a normal season this winter.

Start date will be November 10, in the Aztec/Inca rooms. Come, be encouraged, enjoy the fellowship.

Jerry
Opp
#1147



CALLING ALL NEIGHBORS

Hello Country Roads neighbors!

The season is about to start again and the Country Roads Church has a ministry called Compassionate Neighbors.

This is just a note to remind everyone that we are here to help our neighbors in need. Whether you just need some company, a trip to the store or an appointment, a meal or two, or ?, we are here to help.

We also offer wellness checks for singles and/or widows/widowers. Just let us know what you need and we'll try to make it happen.

Now, you don't have to be a member of our little church but we'd love to have you if you are interested.

Our organizational meeting for volunteers will probably be around the first week of November. We'll put more info in the next Courier. If you have a need or would like to volunteer, you can call Diana Barela at 775-750-9129 or Judy Downing at 928-287-2287.

God Bless.



COUNTRY ROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH



We are pleased to announce that Pastor Jack Jackson will be leading Country Roads Community Church this season. Pastor Jack has previously been known in Yuma as leader of the "Cowboy Church" with his down to earth style and country flair. He will be working closely with our previous music directors and church board to bring a diverse service that should appeal to everyone. Please join us to welcome him at our first service of the season on Nov. 7 at 10 am. At this time we are scheduled to continue Sunday services each week in the ballroom at 10AM.

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COUNTRY ROADS ELECTION 2022

Hello Country Roads Residents,
Fall is just around the corner and with that comes some important points to you from the election committee.

There will be two (2) open positions on the board of directors

Resumes for candidates running for those positions will be due first part of January

Any homeowner in good standing is eligible to run for the board of directors

When you check in be sure **YOU TELL** them in the office your mailing address. They do not change it automatically when you check in. Please be sure the office has your correct mailing address. This will help to ensure that you receive your ballot in a timely manner.

Electronic voting is available through the City Property website homeowner portal. Several of you used that method for last year's election. We hope more of you will utilize it this year.

Something New! **IF** you want to pick up your ballot, rather than having it mailed, there will be a form for you to fill out and sign that tells us you want to pick up your ballot

More details to follow in later months,
Deloros Shemwell, Election Chairman 928-314-4920,
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The next Country Roads Veterans Group coffee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 0800 hours (8 am) in the Aztec Room. Please bring your own first cup of coffee or beverage and a second cup of coffee will be provided. Light pastries will be served. Meetings usually last for about one hour.

Thereafter, meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month through the month of April 2022. For further information please email Bert Rice at bert07@comcast.net or call 410 507-3366. We look forward to seeing and visiting with you on November 11, 2021 (Veterans Day). We hope you have had a safe summer!



Next time a stranger talks to me when I am alone, I will just look at him shocked and just whisper quietly "You can see me?"



Saturday Morning Line Dancing Classes

Our hope is to return to the ballroom as usual for Saturday morning line dancing classes this year, although COVID did not deter us from the joy of line dancing last year! We just moved out to the patio and took precautions as required. Stay tuned for more information, but please mark your calendars for our first class on Saturday November 6th. Beginners and intermediate levels offered. Looking forward to seeing you back on the dance floor soon!

JoAnn Opp
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☆ CHILDHOOD INJURIES

- fell off your bike
- fell out of a tree
- twisted your ankle ☆

☆ ADULT INJURIES

- slept wrong ☆
- sat down too long ☆
- sneezed ☆

K E T O Anyone?

KETO CLUB

Wearing a mask does protect you from Covid but does it protect you from unwanted weight gain? If you relate...

Keto Club 101 & 102

Wednesday, Nov. 3rd

10:00AM

Mojave Room.

Contact person: Judy #775

Text or call: 208-412-9845



Hope everyone had a good summer with lots of good golf stories to share with your friends in CR. We are anxiously awaiting the border to open so more of our Canadian friends can join us this season!!! As of this writing, we are pushing forward with positive hopes and plans.

Our season for the golf club is Nov 1st thru March 28. During that time, we will have weekly meetings every Monday at 8AM in the Ballroom (hopefully). Prior to the meetings start, you will have the opportunity to join the club. Once a member you can sign up for multiple courses to play throughout the week. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and fellow golfers.

Here is a list of some of our pending events....

Turkey Shoot/Gift card 11/15-11/19

Can/Am Tournament 1/17-1/21 { USA golfers vs Canadian golfers }

Can/Am BBQ 1-29

Valentines /Gift Card 2/7-2/11

Wind-Up Tournament W 3/7-3/11

Wind-Up Season Banquet 3/13

Closing meeting March 28th.

If you use Facebook, we have our very own FB page. Please join us on Country Roads Guys & Gals Golf Club. We post tee times and course results on it. It's a closed site and only open to CR golfers.

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Throughout the season, we schedule games at Yuma Golf & Country Club and other course in our area. We look forward to meeting our new neighbors. All are invited, no matter of your skill level.

Thinking PAR
Valeri Shoemaker
Secretary



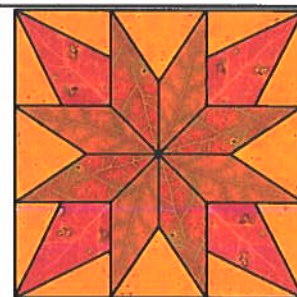
I wish that I had written down some of the stories that my Mom and Grandmother told me, what were my ancestors like? What were their hobbies, how tall were they? What do I have in common with them? I would like to hear some of their stories, come join us , and not deprive your children and grandchildren, of their memories.

We laugh, we cry, mostly we reminisce and share, learn from each other and remember times in our lives. Come join us on Thursday mornings at ten o'clock in the Mohave room, and let Your creative juices start flowing as you (Put down the bones) for posterity.

The first gathering of the season will be in the Mohave Room on Thursday November 4th from 10 am til noon and every Thursday thereafter. The topic for the first week can be "Quarantine", "The Good Old Days 2019" or something related to the madness of the Covid 19' or whatever you want it to.

Newbie are welcome

Myrna Mattson Lot 679



COUNTRY ROADS QUILTING CLUB

Greetings from your summer quilters.

Hope everyone had a good summer and are ready for fall. We are hopeful that our Canadian friends will be able to migrate south this winter and join us this fall. We managed to keep our crew together this summer. We had a core group of 7 who enjoyed fellowship and quilting and, of course, eating!! We are looking forward to renewing our friendships. Please bring some of your summer quilting projects so we can all ooh and aah

Our first meeting will be Nov 1 at 9am in the Coronado room. We don't have any projects planned for that Monday, but our social committee has promised something special to enhance our fellowship.

Several people have asked about a Quilt Show this season.. My response to that question is the last year's crystal ball that was cracked and this year---it has shattered---which means that we'll play it by ear. With the world situation, we must remain fluid and adaptable..I think we can plan towards that goal, but must have plans B thru Z available.

Please join us on Nov 1 and see what happens

Barb Draffin Lot 695