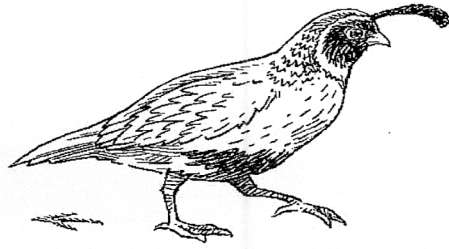


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Newsletter of the Cliff Rose Homeowners Association  
Summer, 2004

## President's Comments

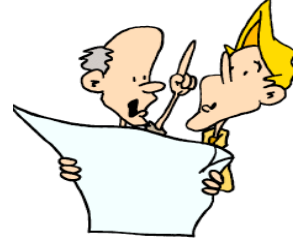
*Gene Covell, President*

Hello Friends - in August (I know, it's still three months away) you'll receive an announcement of the September Cliff Rose Annual Meeting. Enclosed in the packet you will also find ballots and proxies. The ballots are for voting for Board members and the proxies to use in the event that you cannot attend the Annual meeting. It's important that you vote either in person at the Annual Meeting or by proxy. All homeowners should try to take the time to vote.

Cliff Rose is one of the best places to live in the City of Prescott. I would like to encourage you to step up and volunteer to be a Board or Committee member. Helping to keep our community the kind of place that initially attracted us here is a rewarding experience. It's better to light one little candle than to curse the darkness.

The last two years have seen more of your neighbors volunteering as committee members. They are unseen and unsung heroes. You are welcome to contact a Board member to help out either as an elected Board member or in any other way. You'll be glad you did.

God bless everyone and have a great summer.



## Architectural Control Committee Report

by Fred C. Kircher, Chairman

Several new houses are being completed in the older sections of Cliff Rose. We have also been coordinating CRHOA building restrictions and guidelines with an owner and a builder prior to their architects' completing plans for two new homes. Early coordination is a pleasure, for it assures that structures will meet Cliff Rose standards.

Lately, most requests have been for fence approvals. Did you ever wonder why when a side yard is fenced, that a fence of solid material must be used? Paddie Braden, long-time HOA-involved resident, noted that people tend to use the area to store trash receptacles, wheelbarrows, garden tools, supplies, building materials, etc. This can look bad from the street. Requiring the front fence to be of a solid material allows such side yard usage without creating an eyesore in the neighborhood.

Thank you Terry Savage and the sales office for agreeing to the removal of the old Cliff Rose Development Sales sign and flags in the common area along Blooming Hills Drive. It had become an eyesore. The residents on the north side of our hill are glad its gone.

### Cliff Rose Newsletter Committee

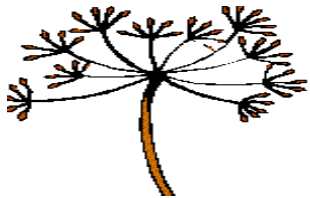
Linda Cramer, Chair  
Wayne Cramer, HOA Director  
Annie Carr, Committee Member  
Peggy Johnson, Committee Member  
Linda Wolf, Editor, HOA Director

### Cliff Rose Calendar

7/4 - CRHOA 4th of July potluck picnic, 1:30 - 6:00  
at Granite Park  
9/11 - CRHOA Annual Meeting

## Cliff Rose Board of Directors

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## Silent Invaders in Our Backyards

by Charles Vismeg, Cliff Rose Home Owner

An undesirable natural process is taking place both on public and privately owned land, a silent process that poses an increasing economic and ecological threat to land managers in Arizona. The threat is the spread of noxious invasive weeds.

The definition of what constitute "weeds" depends on our personal concept of what are annoying, useless plants. The dictionary supports that by defining a weed as "an undesirable plant growing wild on cultivated ground to the disadvantage of crop, lawn or flower bed".

What makes these plants (weeds) "noxious invaders"? They are harmful to existing native vegetation and by their nature they exponentially spread on the land, crowding out and replacing native plants. Native plants in Arizona (and other states) are not equipped to compete with these stronger newcomers. Some of the newcomers possess properties that enable them to release chemicals in the soil that are poisonous to the native plant, while others may deplete nutrients in their vicinity to starve the native plant. The more resourceful, stronger species wins when it comes to competing for living space.

An example of the vitality of invasive plants is the Russian thistle (*Salsola kali* var. *tenuifolia*, commonly known as Russian Tumweed). It is a prolific seeder and it spreads at a rapid pace. The plant was accidentally introduced in the 1860's when shipments of grains were delivered to North Dakota from

from Russia. The plant has harmful properties such as being host for sugar beet leafhopper, which carries the virus that causes curly top in beets. It is also a source of blight in tomatoes, spinach and beans. We often see a similar thistle in the Cliff Rose area. It is a tall thorny plant with a purple flower on top.

By the time the invasive process is noticeable, it is usually too late to do much about it. Whether we are aware of this process or not, it affects the farmer, rancher, camper, hunter, fisherman, the wilderness advocate and environmentalist. Invasive plants threaten the quality of natural resources on both public and private land, and are likely to cost a heavy penalty in tax dollars - unless something is done, now.

Some statistical data illustrates how the problem of invasive plants is growing. The rate of the spread of invasive plants is about 200 acres per hour on federal lands in the West, invading approximately 17 million acres. They have quadrupled their range from 1985 to 1995. Statistics do not include nonfederal lands, where the problem may be more acute and may not even be recognized.

Small infestations occur all the time on our private lots and backyards. These infestations can be remedied relatively easily by knowing which plants belong to the family of noxious invaders, and eliminating them at the time you see them. Many university weed scientists believe that small infestations are like time bombs, primed to explode with the right combination of environmental conditions. They will likely cause widespread ecological damage in Arizona as they have done in neighboring states.

The Arizona Department of Agriculture can provide listings of noxious invasive weeds for those who request them. The website can be accessed at <http://agriculture.state.az.us/>



## Maintenance Committee Report

by Wayne Cramer, Chair Maintenance

Based on previous years' experience in other states, the summer of 2004 could be the "big year" for West Nile Virus in Arizona. That is something your Board learned in a recent briefing by Yavapai County Community Health Services. Standing water, whether in a bird bath, a pail in the backyard, or any other outdoor container, can provide the perfect medium for mosquitoes to reproduce. It is the responsibility of each Cliff Rose homeowner to ensure that no such breeding grounds exist on their property.

Your maintenance committee is taking appropriate action

with the Cliff Rose pond located at North Savage Lane. While we cannot make the pond "go away", we have contracted with *Tropicare Landscaping* to remove all brush and weeds from our portion of the pond perimeter. We are also researching the best method for treating the pond with an environmentally safe chemical that will destroy mosquito larvae before they become airborne.

Our pond is currently home to ducks and numerous birds. It is also a riparian habitat that is home to a variety of marsh grasses, trees and bushes. Our goal is to make it a safe place to enjoy during the summer months. Take a walk in that direction and experience nature "in your own back yard".



### *Paddy Braden's Report*

**1) Adult Center** - On May 13th. Planning & Zoning voted to approve rezoning of the northeast corner of Blooming Hills Drive and Rosser Street for the Adult Center. Some concerns discussed have been: exterior lighting, parking areas, drainage, fencing/berms & landscaping.

**2) Cloudstone Development** -The rezoning request is for 3 story condominiums on the SW corner of Blooming Hills Dr. and Rosser St. A revised plan was submitted May 13th to P & Z. The commission was pleased with the grading plan and the changes made by the developer since the April meeting. The 176 spaces perimeter parking will be replaced with 125 spaces underground. Concerns re: traffic, exterior lighting and landscaping were expressed. The rezoning request will be voted on at the May 27th meeting. The condos will sell in the \$290,000 to 300,000s range. They will not be rentals.

**3) Blooming Hills Estates** - The Canavest and Carrington homes are being built in the open area behind homes on Boardwalk. There are still parcels of land in the vicinity of Blooming Hills and Rosser that may be rezoned from residential to Neighborhood Oriented Business that could include multifamily development.

**4) Rosser Street traffic calming** - City Public Works is working on plans to re-stripe the Cliff Rose side of Rosser Street. Initially, the striping will include left turn lanes with arrows and bicycle lanes. A median on the lower part of Rosser will be constructed at a later date.

**5) Justice Center** - County and City may partner on the building of a Justice Center to be located off the Prescott Lakes Parkway connector, south of Hwy. 89. The Center would include a Juvenile Detention facility, Courts and a Jail.

## *Dining out and About*

*Peggy Johnson, Newsletter Committee*

Jay, my resident expert in the art of good eating, and I had lunch at the 3 month new Bistro style Caffe St. Michael, located in the 103 year old Hotel St. Michael. The lunch was obviously prepared by an excellent cook. The Hotel itself is lovingly restored with modern amenities and the historic aura remains intact.

The Hotel serves breakfast (complementary to guests), lunch and dinner. The breakfast menu for non-guests is complete with eggs any style. The cost for breakfast runs from \$2.50 to \$6.95.

Burgers, sandwiches, soup and full lunch plates are offered from \$5.95 to \$12.95. We ordered meals that were also offered on the dinner menu, thus tasting two meals at once. Jay chose and relished the mediterranean lamb, (\$8.95 for both lunch and dinner). This included the vegetable of the day, green beans, and basmati rice. The large pieces of glazed lamb along with zucchini, onion and bell pepper were simmered in marsala wine. I ordered broiled stuffed portobello mushroom. The rich artichoke/spinach stuffing sprinkled with parmesan was served with a very good roasted red pepper sauce. My meal was \$8.95 (dinner is \$9.95). Both of these dishes were plenty all by themselves. We, however, also ordered a greek salad which we shared (the cost for both lunch and dinner is \$7.95). I had carrot cake for dessert and Jay enjoyed the panacotti with creme anglaise. The coffee choices are french roast, espresso, cappuccino, latte and mocha, ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$3.00.

Our server was delighted to hear that we enjoyed our meal. Hotel St. Michael is situated on the corner of Gurley and Whiskey Row, looking out at the activities in the heart of Prescott. Hours are 7:00 am to 9:00 pm daily.



**This review is not an endorsement; it is informational only for your dining pleasure.**