

## PALOMINO VALLEY GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

### DIRT ROAD DRIVING ETIQUETTE

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A recent head-on collision on a PVGID-maintained road and a number of comments from residents about unsafe driving habits, has prompted the PVGID's Board of Trustees to publish this notice.

Unpaved roads are different from paved roads and a different type of driving etiquette must be used when driving on them. Here are a few guidelines that may keep you and others safe while driving on our dirt roads here in Palomino Valley.

#### PLEASE SLOW DOWN!

The *posted*, recommended speed limit is **35 miles per hour** on most of the Valley roads (some roads are posted at 25 mph). The faster you drive, the easier it is to lose control. Slow down so you can react to loose gravel, sandy soils, potholes, etc. All of these can cause you to lose control and have a wreck. Flash flooding, heavy rain, and snow turn dirt into mud, and roads become slippery. Allow yourself some extra time when roads are muddy, so you can drive slowly enough to navigate around and avoid standing water, washouts, and deep ruts.

#### LOOK OUT FOR HORSEBACK RIDERS, CATTLE, AND WILD ANIMALS

A lot of people have horses and ride them on the Valley roads. Horses can spook easily and may veer into the path of a car. When approaching a horseback rider, slow down and give them as much space as possible - don't honk your horn!

Horseback riders: Please move to the shoulder of the road and allow vehicles to safely pass you and your horse.

Thank you for doing your part to make travelling on our Valley roads safer for everyone.

The PVGID maintains over 95 miles of roads and may not always be aware of hazardous road conditions. To notify the PVGID of road maintenance needs, please send an email to [palvalgid@gmail.com](mailto:palvalgid@gmail.com). Please include "Road Maintenance Request" in the subject line, and include the name of the road, the approximate location, and a brief description of the problem. These requests will be compiled every week into a report, and prioritized at the Road Subcommittee's weekly meeting.

Urgent requests: The [palvalgid@gmail.com](mailto:palvalgid@gmail.com) email account is not necessarily monitored on a daily basis. To notify the PVGID of an urgent problem, please call the Operations Manager at 775-848-6788.