

Sycamore Springs

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COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Big Kudos to . . . Barbara Stills-Wood



Barbara Stills-Wood (right) and other volunteers at the community clean-up project break briefly for refreshments

Barbara Stills-Wood of the Sycamore Creek Subdivision and member of the Community Affairs Committee spearheaded the effort for a great turnout to our first community-wide cleanup on Saturday, June 19th. Despite the 5:30 am start, quite a few neighbors came out to enjoy coffee and muffins with trash bags in hand. All proceeded to fan out in groups and pick up just about everything

not native to the desert! Lessons learned were to wear boots, jeans and gloves for the next pickup as cactus needles seemed to get stuck everywhere.

Thank you to all who helped out, not only in picking up and bagging the trash, but also in using vehicles to cart off the bags and larger items to the dumpsters. Look forward to seeing you at the next cleanup.

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Our Community Directory and You!

In case you haven't heard, we are assembling an inventory of residents' photographs to use in a Sycamore Springs Homeowners' Association Directory of members. We have been taking digital photos of members at various SSHOA events, including the Election of the Board of Directors in March, and at the recent Star Party at the Andrews' on July 24. We now have photos of 24 of our 100+/- resident couples. We would like to increase this inventory of photos prior to publishing a directory of all our neighbors. We feel this Directory will be an invaluable

reference document for both contacting and getting to know your neighbors.

Tom Andrews at 9240 East Sycamore Springs Trail (751-3774) has been heading up this effort. If Tom has already taken your (and your partner/spouse's) photo, thanks for your cooperation. If he has not, please contact him to arrange an appointment when he can snap a very casual photo of you for the Directory. Let's finish and distribute this directory so we can better get to know each other!

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More kudos to

Tom & Julie Andrews

Tom is the current VP of our HOA Board and an amateur astronomer. Jewel served as Chairperson of the Advisory Committee during the transition period between the developer-run board and our current board. They hosted a Stargazing Party on Saturday, July 24 at their home in Sycamore Springs. Though we didn't



get to stargaze due to the monsoon clouds, folks met and got to know each other better, sampled a great buffet and talked about the stars. Thank you to all that attended and brought your favorite dishes to share. And a big thank you to the Andrews who are looking forward to putting together another stargazing party where we can actually see the stars!

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Bonnett to promote sense of community and hospitality

Brent A. Bonnett, recently elected Chairman of the Sycamore Springs Trail Homeowners Association, comes to our organization with a wealth of experience. He currently owns and operates a manufacturing company and has served in that capacity as the General Manager/Vice President for the past 10 years and 25 years in all. Over the past two years he has served as, Vice-President of the Willcox Chamber of Commerce, President of the Hazel Fund serving the homeless, President of the Willcox Little League Baseball, President/Vice-President and Secretary of Gideons of Mount Graham, Vice-President of Willcox Pop-Warner Association, and President of the Tucson Quarter Midgets.

Brent's vision for Sycamore Springs/Sycamore Creek is for us to be the stand-out among communities in the Tucson area. He wants us to be the community that sets the standard in taking pride in its appearances, and to be the beacon for developing an attitude of working together for the good of all its members. Brent's desire is for us as a community to develop and display the best of that "good old southern hospitality" for all of those who enter our gates.

Brent and his wife Rosemary proudly have three boys (the three Amigos as he calls them) Brent Jr., age 24, Branden, age 22, and Brice, age 16 (a Junior at Cienega HS).

One of the Brent family's most memorable experiences since moving into Sycamore Springs occurred when he and his son Brice took a test drive down our neighborhood road in their newly-built NASCAR late model.

Obviously, there is no better way to meet your neighbors than to bring a newly-built NASCAR directly to their front porch and watch them wonder "what the?".

Brent and his family are very involved in stock car racing, and they are proud to share that their son Branden is currently in North Carolina working with Penske in developing a Busch team for which he will drive. Brice races here at Tucson Raceway Park as the youngest driver on the track and is doing very well for his first year.

Under Brent's leadership, we as a community will have as our first, a most productive year.

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Better Late than Never . . .

The due date on the return of a survey mailed to you in August regarding your input on recreational vehicles and other "toys" was September 6, 2004. If by chance you missed it, don't hesitate to send it as soon as possible anyway. The Board is hoping that with the input from the survey, they can better define how to handle this community issue. Remember: Majority rules.

Friday, September 24th

Sycamore Springs HOA Board meeting at 7:30AM (yes, as in morning) at the American Legion on Houghton Road.

Saturday, October 9th

Sycamore Springs HOA Barbeque! I know, I know, we keep postponing it. But details will be forthcoming. Plan to bring your family and favorite dish to share!

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“Like a Good Neighbor” by CHRIS LEACH

I think we can all agree that we moved out to Sycamore Creek and Sycamore Springs to enjoy the space from both city and neighbors. But we also chose a gated community that would guarantee some neighborly feeling rather than buying 100 acres all to our individual selves! So where am I going with this? As we go about our daily lives, I would ask that we keep in mind our neighbors when we are out and about.

For example, a number of us in the community have ATVs. These are fun but please bear in mind both the dust and noise pollution that they generate if used close to your neighbors' homes. Speed can also be an issue if used on the streets as

we now have a number of kids about. Another example, a good neighbor came to the last HOA Board meeting and voiced a list of concerns he observed from his daily walks. A point he brought up was noticing cars after hours using the dirt roads to the south of our subdivision to gain access into our community and apparently checking out homes. His concern for our neighborhood is much appreciated and steps will be taken to ensure our community well being.

We have a great community in the making as more people move into our neighborhood. Let's make a point of looking out for each other, with respect and courtesy uppermost in our minds.

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SCHOOL BUSES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD . . .

Distance, weather, construction vehicles and workers. Reasons to request your schools to have their buses drop off your children within the gated community and closer to home. If your pleas have fallen on deaf ears, take heart. For someone, something worked. Several neighbors have spotted a Vail School District bus dropping off a teen at the south end of the Sycamore Springs subdivision. So it can be

done! If there is an issue as to where the bus can turn around, the aforementioned bus used a convenient turnaround spot on the main road toward the south end.

PETITION DRIVE

George Christakos is heading a community petition drive to have the cattleguard outside of Sycamore Springs subdivision gate on Sahuarita Road removed. Anyone interested in helping out please contact George at 762-8670.

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