



Sycamore Springs News

December 2005

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Board Meeting Highlights

President Tom Andrews began the night's meeting by thanking the Community Affairs Committee for organizing the Progressive Dinner Night which was a big success. Tom reported that the new RV Storage Guidelines go into effect January, 2006 and he is planning another tour of the community to assure compliance. Those homes found out of compliance will be sited. Tom asked, and it was approved by the Board, that the Member Survey be tabled until after the first of the year. He also reported that the Board is still reviewing the Erosion Control Committee report. Finally, Tom confirmed that the Cadden Management contract will be re-negotiated in 2006 to include the following changes: Monthly rather than bi-monthly community drive through, Board meetings held every other month rather than monthly, and the newsletter published by Community Affairs Committee. Tom mentioned that "work sessions" will be held on the off-months as needed. Everyone is invited to the work sessions; however, the Board cannot vote or approve any business. The sessions are intended for discussion only. These changes will take place after the Annual meeting in March with the exception of the newsletter which is already being produced by the committee.

Treasurer's Report. Mario Vassallo was out of town so Amelie Anderson presented a brief treasurer's report. There was nothing new to report this month.

Architectural Control Committee. Al Johnson reported that one project was reviewed and approved. Future plans include reviewing and approving projects electronically with other committee members. This will save an enormous amount of time as projects can be reviewed when they are received by each member. If anyone is submitting a design modification request and has scanner capabilities, just scan your completed request form and send the file to Al via email LAWMANAJ@aol.com.

Then, send the hard copy to Cadden Management.

Landscape/Maintenance The work party to install 13 signs is finally happening on December 26, 2005. If you can help out, meet at the Sycamore

Springs front gate at 9:00am. Sam has rented an auger to dig the holes but he will need help hauling water, mixing concrete, shoveling, placing the signs etc. The Community Affairs Committee will have donuts and coffee.

The contract for seal coating the streets is going to be awarded to Bates who offered the best bid: \$21,000. They will also do driveways, if interested. They initially quoted prices of \$400 for Sycamore Springs and \$200 for Sycamore Creek. Tom Andrews asked that Bates quote driveways per house and not just a blanket price. The plan is to have the seal coating done in January or February. Apparently, the best time of year to do this is during the colder months. More information will be available after the contract is signed etc.

Community Affairs Committee. The Progressive Dinner held on December 3rd was a huge success. The food was fabulous and the homes were festively decorated. A hearty thank you to: the Howard's, the Kowalski's, and the Leaches. for their exquisite hospitality. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Linda Elling gave the results of the first annual home decorating contest. Although many homes this year were decorated, the four judges scored 16 homes. The homes were put in a category of Traditional, Contemporary, or Fantasy and each home was scored according to originality and design. The judging was quite close as there were so many beautifully decorated homes. Prizes went to each winner.

The winners in each category are:

Traditional – 16590 Sycamore Ridge Trail for their display of the traditional southwestern luminaries

Contemporary – 9240 Sycamore Springs Trail for their elegant detailing of their Santa Fe home

Fantasy – 16284 Sycamore Ridge Trail for their elaborate wonderland display.

Please get out this Holiday season to see these wonderfully decorated homes. Thanks to everyone, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

A chili feed is being planned for the March Annual meeting.

Web News. Our web site is eleven months old and getting better all the time! Wow, time flies!

Comments from the Community Forum-

Bob Dahms has located outdoor wall sconces that are "Star-gazer" friendly. He will post info on the web site www.sshoa.info

A homeowner mentioned that another sewage spill occurred in the common area between Sycamore Springs and Sycamore Creek. If anyone encounters a

spill, please call Pima County immediately. And, yes there are sewer lines buried in that common area.

Update on the clean up of the cul-d-sac at the end of Sycamore Springs Trail: Al Johnson is still trying to locate someone to do the cleanup work. But...it is going to happen!

Next Board Meeting: Monday, 7:00 pm, January 16, 2006. Please plan to attend.

Newsworthy

2006 Elections – There will be two SSHOA Board vacancies in 2006. The two positions up for election are President and Secretary. The length of term is three years. If anyone is interested in serving on the SSHOA Board, please send a short 'bio' including why you are interested to: Amelie Anderson at Cadden Management, 648-6730. The deadline for nominations is February 20, 2006. All the candidates will be announced at the February HOA meeting and the winners will be announced at the Annual meeting in March. A letter explaining the election process is going out in January.

VOTE COUNTERS NEEDED! Three volunteers are needed to count votes. Please Call Amelie if you would be willing to help.

Congratulations to Josh Knott



Congratulations to Steve and Paige Knott and their son, Josh who graduated this December from the University of Arizona. Josh earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Business Administration. Josh grew up in Tucson and has dreamed of being a "U of A Wildcat" since he was little. After the Holidays, Josh plans on taking a trip to Europe, a gift from his parents and grandparents. Way to go, Josh!!

Cactus Rescue - James Thomas, who is a member of the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society, is organizing a group of interested homeowners to rescue native cactus. The cost of the cactus is VERY reasonable! So, if you are looking for barrels, saguaros, and other native cactus, give him a call at 762-8025.

Qwest DSL Internet – Ron Barela who works for Qwest is trying to organize a group of homeowners who may be interested in having Qwest dsl internet service. Apparently, Qwest may consider running service out here if enough people are interested. Please contact Ron at rbarela@gainbroadband.com

Community Calendar

Book Club – Wednesday January 4, 2006 The group will meet at 11:30 at Alison Mead's home. Please call 207-0930 for details.

Street Sweeping- Street sweeping is scheduled for December 27, 2005

Work Party- 9:00am Monday, December 26, 2005. Meet at the Sycamore Springs Gate. Sam Santistevan has 13 road signs to plant. If you have some extra time on Monday, your help will be greatly appreciated! We will have coffee and donuts!

Community Reminders

HOA Dues The first installment of the 2006 HOA dues is coming in January.

The SS HOA **Annual Meeting** is March 20, 2006. Mark your calendars!

Neighborhood Courtesies and Comments

Early morning and evening walkers – Please wear light colored or reflective clothing so motorists can see you.

Pet Walkers – Please pick up after your pets.

Illegal Dumping - Anyone dumping trash or other debris anywhere in our subdivision or common areas is in violation of the CC &R's. If you see illegal dumping, please call Cadden Management 648-6730.

Selling your home? Please remind your realtor that For Sale signs can be placed on the north side of Sahuarita Road and not in the gate areas.

Deer have been spotted running across Houghton Road during the morning hours (7:30 and 8:30 am). Another homeowner spotted a bob cat!

Wishing you peace and joy this Christmas and throughout the coming year!

Please contact linda-elling@cox.net if you have questions, comments, or have something for the newsletter.