

# Sycamore Springs

Association  
**NEWS**  
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## ANNUAL MEETING SET— *New board member to be elected*

The annual meeting of the Sycamore Springs Homeowners' Association has been set for Monday, February 21, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the American Legion Post 109 on South Houghton (this schedule is in keeping with the new policy whereby ALL Association Board and other meetings will be held at Post 109 on the THIRD Monday of each month at 7 PM, unless otherwise announced). One of the major items of business at the meeting will be the election of ONE new member of the Association's

Board of Directors. In accordance with the association bylaws, and due to only one position being elected, nominations will be accepted ONLY from the floor at the annual meeting.

Members are encouraged to attend this meeting and participate in this election process. In addition, members are welcome to attend the January 17th Board meeting at the Legion, and express their own candidacy, or make statements in favor of any other potential candidates.



### Association Web Site

The board is considering establishment of an information web site where members can find past newsletters, check documents like design guidelines/bylaws/etc. and download forms like those submitted to Architectural Review Committee. If anyone has any specific recommendations on content, please contact Bob Dahms (762-1692 or [bdahms@mac.com](mailto:bdahms@mac.com)) who is working on this project for us.

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## Community hike planned for early spring

**B**e on the lookout for information in the next newsletter for our first Annual Spring Hike to the Sycamore Springs!! Yes, there is a reason for our community's name and it's not too far away! Rumor has it that's it's not a difficult hike but we'll get more information and details out to you soon. We're thinking

about offering a boxed lunch after the hike from the Road Runner with individuals prepaying prior to the day of the hike. Plans are still in the making so any thoughts on this subject are welcome!! Please contact Chris at either 762-1097 or hleach1411@aol.com.

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### SEEKING INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS TO FORM BOOK CLUB!

**F**irst we'd like to determine the level of interest in our community before going any further, so please contact Chris Leach at 762-1097 or at hleach1411@aol.com by Friday, January 14th. Look forward to hearing from you!

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## Some thoughts to ponder if . . . you have pets that you like to let roam

**I** was once one of those myself! I loved to let Sparky walk unleashed. Giving him a sense of freedom and trusting that he would stay close by was very gratifying. Boy, did I come to regret it--both emotionally and financially.

You probably are expecting a story with coyotes--nope. The event involved javelinas--those cute hairy pecuniaries that live on our washes around here. Though this happened in the Catalina foothills, I suspect that both the reaction of my dog and of the javelinas are typical regardless of place.

Out we were in our daily walk when all of the sudden Sparky starts running forward and barking madly. Didn't have a clue what was going on until he was in the middle of a javelina pack. I will never want to hear again those sounds that emanated from him as he got mauled by the mother javelinas. Thank goodness there were no

males with tusks as I'm sure he would not have survived the encounter. Typical mother reaction--endorphins kicked in--and without a thought I went charging into the melee, yelling at the top of my lungs. The javelinas dispersed but not before they gored poor Sparky. He went running pellmell back home crying like I had never heard him cry. When I finally caught up with him at our home, he was whimpering and had blood all over the place. And that javelina smell....

The good news is that he survived. The bad news is that between a month of intense care (he reinfected his wounds once), the impact on my financial wallet from the vet fees plus the major guilt associated with being his mom, I was a basket case. Lesson to be learned--it behooves for both the pets' sake as well as ours to be very careful with where we let them roam on their own. Especially given the space and natural habitat that we so enjoy here in Sycamore Springs.

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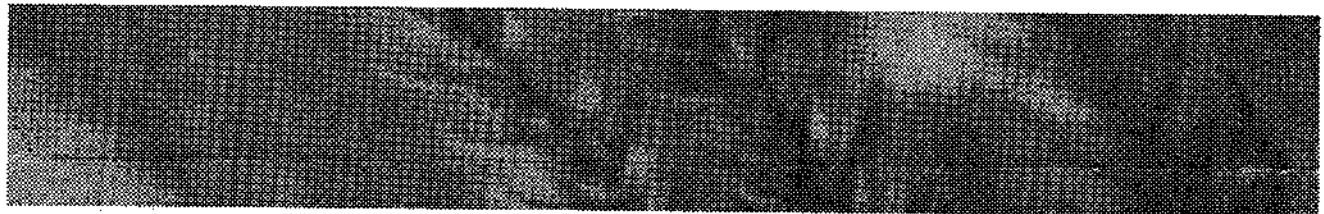
***Thanks & Acknowledgements!*** *by Sam Santistevan*

**A**s chair of the Landscape Committee, I wanted to express my thanks to Jeff Summers of Cadden Community Management for the assistance he provided to our committee. I would also like to acknowledge Bob Dahms for finding and organizing the new boulders at the entrance gates to our neighborhood. Bob truly exemplifies the spirit of community as most of the community knows. There as damage (from an unknown vehicle) to the east gate control box. In an effort to prevent this type of damage from reoccurring, we

placed large boulders around the key pad at both gate entrances. We also placed other boulders to stop people from driving around the gates.

In an effort to encourage community involvement, we will be conducting an entry gate beautification contest. If you have ideas and/or artistic talent, please submit your drawings to the Board of Directors. We would like to display the drawings at the Annual Meeting. Thanks for your help. Have a great New Year!

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***Landscape Committee focus turns to accident prevention and driving safety*** *by Bob Dahms*

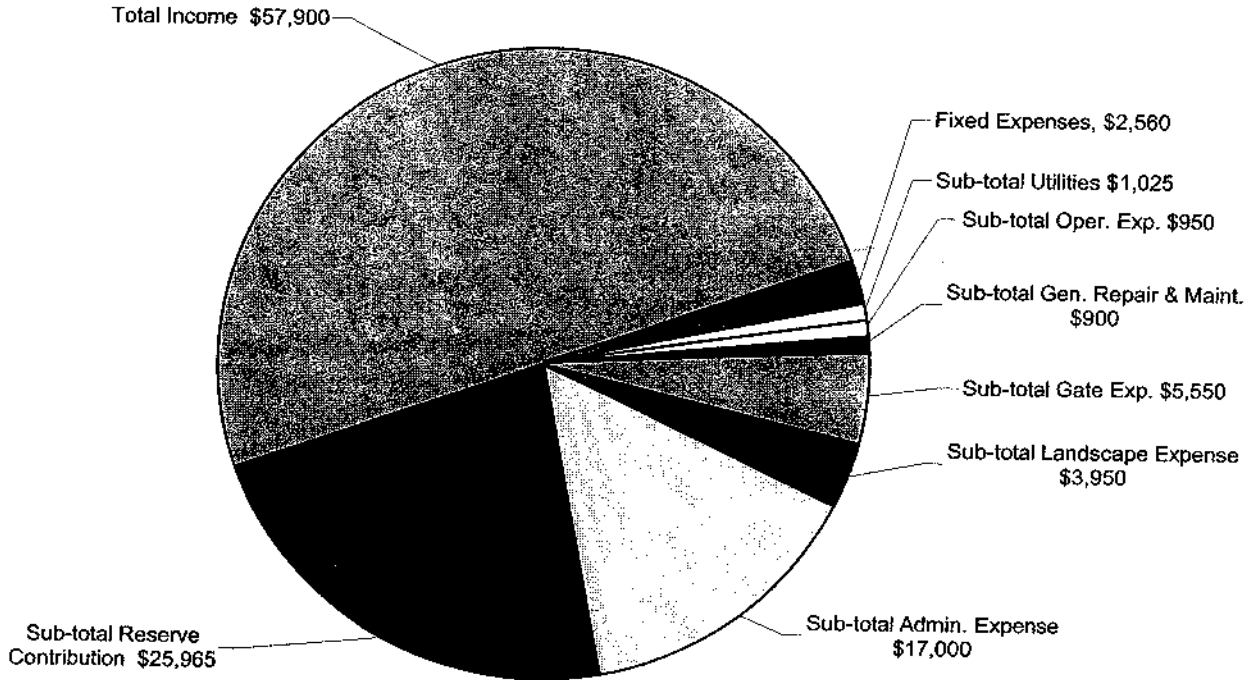
**S**ince the last newsletter, the Landscape Committee was tasked with two important activities. The first one focused on the entrance gates and is the beginning of a multiple phase project. As some are aware the Sycamore Creek (East) gate keypad was damaged by what reportedly was a truck being driven too close to the device. This put the keypad out of commission for several weeks so we could arrange for repair and a solution on how to prevent this from happening again. After studying the situation and ruling out a more expensive "relocation" option, we decided to install large boulders along side the keypad. To preclude a duplicate boulder delivery and equipment expense later on, it was deemed prudent to protect the Sycamore Springs (West) gate at the same time. Our contractor for this phase was Jose

Lopez of Landscaping and Design in Sahuarita who installed a number of additional boulders without charge to the association. Additional phases will focus on improving the appearance and sign-age at both entrance gates where the names are extremely difficult to see from Sahuarita Road at posted speeds.

The second activity was to improve the line-of-sight safety margin at one of our intersections. Two scrub mesquite trees at Sycamore Ridge and Sycamore Springs Trail, not only blocked the view of southbound traffic, but partially hid the street sign as well. Since they were within the association's road right-of-way, they have been removed. Association members are encourage to identify safety situations to the board as they arise.

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# 2005 Association budget breakdown



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