



Sep. 19 - BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Tom Andrews thanked Board Member Al Johnson for his work on the lighting at the entrance to Sycamore Springs. Al spent several hours on a recent Saturday, along with an electrician friend, cleaning contacts and replacing bulbs, and now all of the lighting at that entrance is operational. In addition, Al and Vice President Brent Bonnett moved the sign to the right side of the entrance to make it more visible. Secretary Sam Santistevan reported that a bicycle rack has been installed at the SS entry, and another is available for installation at the SC entry. Sam is awaiting a design proposal for an improved sign at SS which would be visible from Sahuarita Road. Eric McGar reported the Erosion Control Committee had walked the site and made five pages of notes on areas that may need some repairs. They will transpose these notes onto a site plan for future reference and action. Treasurer Mario Vassallo reported that the new Finance Committee had met twice since the last Board meeting, and had recommended to the Board that approximately \$75,000 of the Association's reserve assets (assets held for future planned road and other repairs) be invested in a variety of financial instruments to increase the income earned by them. These new investments will provide the association nearly \$2,000/yr. in additional revenue. The Committee also recommended consolidating the association's 4 different financial accounts into two. Finally, the Committee reviewed and revised the draft 2006 budget proposed by Cadden and recommended it be approved by the full Board, which it was in the amount of \$ 82,850. Tom thanked Mario and the entire Finance Committee for their significant efforts on this important subject.

Finally, there was discussion about other activities and events underway in the area, and Tom suggested that one of our own member residents be designated as our focal point and liaison with other area community groups, especially the Santa Rita Foothills Homeowners Association. Since Shirley Laubli is already an active member of that group, she volunteered and was accepted to be SSHOA's official representative to the SRFHA as well as our focal point of development and other activities in the Corona De Tucson Area.



Next Board Meeting:

October 17, 2005 - 7:00 pm at the American Legion.
Please come and share your thoughts and comments.
Halloween Treats will be served!

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Volunteer Opportunities!

Nominating Committee and Board Position

The HOA Board is seeking two individuals who will be part of the nominating committee. The role of the committee is to locate individuals willing to run for HOA Board positions. There are two Board positions up for election in 2006. Anyone interested in serving on this committee, please let Tom Andrews know at www.sshoa.info. If you are interested in running for one of the Board positions, please see the By-laws for a description of duties and responsibilities. This is a great opportunity to assist our community as we grow and develop.



Road Sign Placement

Who is willing to help develop a plan for putting in road signs??? The HOA needs your help designing the road signs and finding the proper location for placement. Please let a board member know if you are interested in helping in this effort. **THANKS!**

Community Calendar



Holiday House Decorating Contest

Gather your ideas and make plans now for your Holiday Decorations. Homes participating in the contest should have their decorations up by **December 3**. We will have "official judges" and prizes!

Bunco

We have four people signed up for Bunco and need four more players. You do not need to know how to play to join. Contact Community Affairs at www.sshoa.info if interested.





Book Club

October 5, 2005 at 11.30 am.

The Book Club will be meeting at Linda Elling's house:
16592 S. Graythorn View Place.

Everyone welcome! Please bring a salad to share.
This months book is **Night Fall** by Nelson DeMille.

Community-Wide Garage Sale - October 15, 2005

It is time to start collecting your items for the garage sale-it is just three short weeks away!
The gates will open at 7:00am sharp on Saturday October 15. We will be advertising in the AZ Daily Star and the Green Valley News. We are also putting out road signs. Balloons will be available for participating homes. Please let Linda Elling know soon if you plan to participate, linda-elling@cox.net We are asking for a \$5 donation from each house to help off-set the cost of advertising.



Halloween-October 31st

Are you handing out Treats for Halloween?? The Community Affairs Committee is giving out balloons for your mailbox so Trick or Treaters will be sure to stop by. You can pick up your balloons at the October HOA Board Meeting, on October 17 at 7:00PM, at the American Legion.



Hiking Group - October 9

The first hike of the season is set for October 9 at 8:00am. Please meet at Jerry & Linda Elling's house, 16592 S. Graythorn View Pl at 8:00 am. We will be hiking the Douglas Springs Trail in Saguaro National Park. The hike is 5.6 miles with gentle increase in elevation. Please bring water, lunch/snacks, hats, sunscreen, binoculars/bird books, etc. etc. Call 762-1387 for more info.



Holiday Progressive Dinner - December 3

Plan now to attend this festive Holiday gathering, with lots of great food and Holiday cheer. There will be three homes participating, each serving an assortment of Holiday Appetizers. More Details are forthcoming.

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Common Neighborly Courtesies & Community Comments

Would you like to put something in the Newsletter?

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