



Sycamore Springs News

February 2006

Board Meeting Highlights

The Board meeting opened with a special report from Eric McGar concerning our erosion problems. He and Jeff Mann toured the neighborhood shortly after last year's monsoon and compiled a report listing the areas affected by water erosion. There were several sites needing repair from water damage, including areas along many of the roads and **all** of the culverts. They identified some areas that did not have any drainage provisions at all. Additionally, there was little or no protection from water traveling down washes into the streets. Many of the recommendations for repair include re-grading along roads, installing concrete curbs to prevent water from undercutting the asphalt, adding rip rap to several areas along the roads and culverts, and directing water from the road way into proper drainage areas. The Board will review the report and create a Master Plan, concentrating on those areas needing immediate attention.

If your property has been affected by water damage or if you have concerns about water drainage and erosion, please contact Tom Andrews at www.sshoa.info.

President's Report: Tom Andrews reported that there have been no other candidates for the two Board positions that will be voted on at this month's Annual Meeting scheduled for March 20. Both he and Sam Santistevan will be on the ballot for re-election.

The Board plans to concentrate on developing a master plan for erosion control/repair and getting the street seal coating project completed. They are continuing to monitor RV, Boat, and Trailer storage.

Treasurer's Report: All is well with our Operating Budget and Reserve Accounts according to Mario Vasallo. He tells us that there will be some extra money available for road and erosion repairs. A round of applause goes to Mario for moving our Reserve Account money into a money market fund that is actually giving a decent yield of 3.5%.

Architectural Control Committee: Two design modification requests were reviewed and approved this past month. One issue that came up during the Open Forum was a request to put up a flag pole which was approved by the ACC. A pole height of 20 feet was approved by the committee. This resident was concerned that if everyone were allowed to put up a flag pole and raise a flag that it would detract from the overall beauty of the area. There is also the

issue of noisy flags during strong winds. Plus, what types of flags would be approved. The objection was noted by committee chair, Al Johnson. The ACC committee is made up of four individuals: Al Johnson, Mario Vassalo, Nancy Frazier, and Lana Howard. According to Al, the committee strives to approve all design modification requests while trying to stay within the guidelines of the CC&R's. which is a tough job, but one that the committee takes very seriously. There must unanimous approval before the request is approved.

Landscape/Maintenance Sam Santistevan reported that he is still waiting to get bids for signs at each gate.

Community Affairs Committee: The first big event of the year is the **Chili Feed** being planned in conjunction with the Annual Meeting set for March 20 at 7:00 pm. Linda Elling said that several women will be bringing Chili and encouraged everyone to come and enjoy! She also mentioned that the date for the **Art, Wine, and Cheese Affair** has changed to April 20 from 4:00 until 8:00 pm. The event is hosted by Alex and Mary Argueta, 16781 S. Sycamore Ridge Trail. Please call 886-5999 to RSVP. Mary and her "artsy" friends have agreed to donate 10% of any items they sell to the Community Affairs Committee. This is a great time to see local Tucson artwork and visit with some very talented artists.

Finally, the Community Affairs Committee is still trying to organize a Desert Garden Tour to be held in May. Anyone who is interested in being a part of this tour is asked to call Linda at 762-1387 or email at linda-elling@cox.net. Three homes are on the list so far.

Web News: Bob Dahms reported at the meeting that he has installed a counter on the home page that will give useful info on the number of people visiting the site. He is also improving navigation on the Bulletin Board. Contact him to advertise your business or items for sale www.sshoa.info.

Cadden Management: Amelie Anderson gave an update on the street sweeper problems/issues and will schedule a meeting with the company's Manager. She reported that 18 homes have opted to get their driveways seal coated by Bates Paving. Bates will be contacting each home to make final arrangements. In the meantime Amelie said to send payment to her: a check made out to Bates Paving.

3rd Annual Board Meeting and Chili Feed: Monday, 7:00 pm March 20, 2006 at the American Legion. Come and enjoy some Chili, visit with neighbors and cast your vote for new HOA Board officers.

Newsworthy

Cactus Sale: March 5, 10:00am at the Hacienda del Sol. Lots of barrels and other local cactus for great prices. Call James or Joyce at 762-8025 for more info.

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE

Everyone will be receiving a ballot in the mail for this year's HOA Board elections. You may cast your ballot either by mail or in person at the Annual Meeting scheduled for March 20, 7:00pm at the American Legion.

PROHIBITED:

The discharge of firearms anywhere, anytime in our Community!!

Community Calendar

Book Club: Book Club meets the first Wednesday of every month at 11:30am. Anyone interested in joining the group, please call Linda Elling at 762-1387 or email linda-elling@cox.net. New comers always welcome.

The SS HOA Annual Meeting and Chili Feed – March 20, 2006. Mark your calendars and bring your appetite!

Art, Wine, and Cheese Affair: April 22, 4:00-8:00pm. RSVP: 886-5999.

Community Reminders

Street Seal Coating: No date has been set to begin the project, but will probably happen toward the later part of March.

Neighborhood Courtesies and Comments

A reminder to everyone operating a motor vehicle (auto, ATV, motor cycle, motor bike etc.): **The speed limit is 25 mph! Where's the fire?**

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