

# Sycamore Springs News

November 2006

## Board Meeting Highlights

SSHOA Meeting was called to order by President Tom Andrews on November 20, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the American Legion. The September 18, 2006 SSHOA Board of directors Meeting minutes were approved as read.

### REPORTS:

1. President: Tom Andrews stated the board study session held in Oct was good and they got a lot done. Also he reminded everyone that the annual board elections will be held in March 2007. Nominations for board member positions will be due to him prior to the January HOA meeting.
2. Vice President: Al Johnson stated that a traffic research team based in Phoenix conducted a 2-day study of traffic speeding on Sycamore Ridge Trail. They found that 85% of vehicles are traveling an average of 32mph or less. The board concluded that at this time they will continue to monitor traffic for speeding on Sycamore Ridge Trail, but will not install speed bumps. Additionally, extra speed limit signs may be posted for both northbound and southbound traffic.
3. Treasurer: Mario Vassallo provided a copy of his report for posting on the HOA website. Log-on to view the details @ [www.SSHOA.INFO](http://www.SSHOA.INFO).
4. Architectural Control Committee: Al Johnson reported only one plan submitted and approved this last month.
5. Community Affairs: Joyce Thomas (for Linda Elling) stated the annual home Christmas decorating contest judging will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup>. If you want to participate please leave your lights on and dogs in as the judges may want to get out of the vehicle and walk around to get a better look at your displays. Winners for the contest will be announced at the SSHOA Holiday Fiesta on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of Will and Alison Mead. All should have received an invitation by now. Please RSVP to the Mead's at 207-0930 or @ [wmead7@msn.com](mailto:wmead7@msn.com) by Dec 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Linda Elling is working on community activities for 2007.
  - Congratulations to John and Tina Roberts who became husband and wife November 18<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas
6. Website: Bob Dahms maintains the SSHOA website and keeps the news up to date including but not limited to classified ads. Log-on @ [www.SSHOA.INFO](http://www.SSHOA.INFO) and see what is new.
7. SSHOA Manager: Amelie Anderson stated it was proposed that management write-off minor late fees owed by homeowners basically because previous management had failed to notify owners of monies due at that time, which generated minor increased late fees. The motion was voted on and approved.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Erosion Control Phase II: Lots of input and ideas are still surfacing on this topic. The bottom line is we are still researching the best options for the money and this will continue to be a topic of discussion at our monthly meetings.
- Real Estate Signs: Basically everyone agreed they are an eyesore and hindrance to viewing oncoming traffic on Sahuarita Road. The board is exploring ways to restrict the location of such signs, or create a "common" FOR SALE sign with individual handbills for different houses.
- Gate Upgrades: There are tentative plans to install flagstone signs at both gates nearer to Sahuarita Road for better visibility. They may include solar powered lights for night. A picture of the proposed signs can be seen on the HOA website. (Attached as page 3)
- Sycamore Ridge Trail Upgrade: Before and after pictures were passed around showing the vast difference in weeds along the roadside between this year and 2006 due to erosion control efforts in a small 'test' area. Discussions continue on expanding this effort.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Landscaping: Tom Andrews has been researching the possibility of a group landscape maintenance contract. If you are interested in learning more about this or participating please call Tom at [751-3774](tel:751-3774) or [TRAndrews@aol.com](mailto:TRAndrews@aol.com) with your name and phone number.
- Roof Resealing: Additionally Tom is trying to coordinate a group roof reseal project; again if you are interested in participating, contact Tom and let him know.

- Outdoor Bulletin Board: Tom would like to know the interest of residents who would like to see an outdoor bulletin board put up near the gate. This board would have news articles and also be a place for such signs as “lost or missing dog/cat.” The board would be maintained by a designated “keeper” who would approve, post and remove notices proposed by residents..
- Bus Stop: Keith Solsky brought up that the bus stop is seriously inadequate for our children. He stated the children have no place that is safe from traffic to wait for the bus. The board agreed and will look at options for making this a safer place for our children.

## Newsworthy

### Messages from the meeting attendees:

- Children seen playing on the gates continues to be a problem. For your children’s own safety, please tell them not to play on the gates as they are very heavy steel and if a child fell beneath one, he or she could be seriously injured.
- Some homeowners are being bothered by dogs who bark constantly when left outside and/or dogs left to roam outside unattended. If you are a dog owner please be responsible and keep your dogs from disturbing the peace with incessant barking. Additionally, do not let them roam the community unattended.
- Several voiced concern about “off-road” vehicle noise. Residents who wish to use off-road vehicles need to look in the SSHOA for guidance so as not to violate the rules of the association. Additionally, all residents should be neighbor friendly and not disturb your neighbor’s peace for hours on end with off-road vehicles. Tom stated that violations of the HOA rules should be reported to Cadden Management who would work to resolve the issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next Meeting is tentatively set for December 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the American Legion. Tom Andrews encourages all members to attend and share your ideas for making our community a better place to live.

## Community Calendar

- SSHOA Book ClubSSHOA Club: The Book Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 11:30. Anyone interested in joining, please call Linda at 762-1387 or [Lindaelling@cox.net](mailto:Lindaelling@cox.net). New comers always welcome.
- Second Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest: Entering this contest is easy: Just decorate your home with holiday lights and glitter! Members of the Community Affairs Committee will do the judging and prizes will be awarded to the three top scoring homes. Homes will be given points by each of the five judges for “originality” and “design”. The judges will be going around the community the evening of December 12, so don’t be surprised to see a strange car in your driveway. The winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the Sycamore Springs Holiday Fiesta.
- 2006 Sycamore Springs Holiday Fiesta Dinner: December 15, 2006 – 6:30 pm  
This year’s holiday dinner gathering will be hosted by the Community Affairs Committee and will be held at the home of Will and Alison Mead. The menu will feature a variety of delectable Mexican dishes complete with Margarita and Sangria punch and assorted desserts. Muy Bueno!!
- Heard through the Grapevine: A Bunco group is forming and will meet monthly beginning in January. For information, call or email Linda at 762-1387 or [linda-elling@cox.net](mailto:linda-elling@cox.net)

## Community Reminders

2007 HOA Annual Assessment: The first installment of the 2007 annual dues assessment is only one month away! There will be no increase in dues for 2007 thanks to the good financial management of the HOA Board and especially Mario Vasallo, treasurer.

