

# Sycamore Springs News

June 2007

SSHOA June meeting was called to order by President Geoffrey Mann. Geoffrey Mann stepped-up from the Vice-President position after Al Johnson resigned as President. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the American Legion Post 109. April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved as read. There was no May meeting.

## REPORTS:

1. President: Geoffrey Mann stated he would like to encourage more involvement from the community members. Geoffrey suggests that involvement makes people feel more a part of their community and he would like everyone to feel they are a valued community member. Please come out and take an active roll, we are always looking for new ideas to make our community a better place for all to live.
2. Other officers appointed by the board of directors (in new business) are as follows:  
Vice-President: Sam Santistevan  
Secretary: Mario Vassallo  
Treasurer: Tom Andrews  
Architectural Control Committee (ACC): Mario Vassallo  
Community Affairs Committee: Linda Elling  
Website Manager: Bob Dahms  
SSHOA Manager: Joseph Nastav
3. Reports were given by all the board members.
4. Unfinished Business:
  - a. Front Gate Easement—Our community will eventually have to push back gate at Sycamore Ridge Trail entrance for future widening of Sahuarita Road as set-back is supposed to be 150 feet. In the meantime we must pay a \$400 year License fee for the right to have our gate located within the Sahuarita Right-of-Way, and are required to have additional insurance (the developer, the Remington Group, has agreed and has paid the \$2,400 in past dues license fees). \$500 a year will purchase the \$5M of Insurance required. Members voted to approve expense for insurance.
  - b. Erosion Control Phase II—In-work with contractor. Work to start in about 2 weeks. In addition to placing concrete around the culverts, the Board decided to add additional funding to place stone over the concrete to make the culvert areas more attractive.
  - c. Information Board—Geoffrey proposed turning the key mail boxes near the gate around and using the backside as an information board. This would also enable those with the key mailboxes to drive right up to their mailboxes.
  - d. Real Estate Signs—Looking at all options for the best way to control the signs without leaving an eyesore at the gate entryway, and yet allow homeowners to advertise their homes for sale.
  - e. Roadway Crack Sealing—Cracks are still too small to seal. It was recommended that the cracks be \_” and is best to do in the fall. We will be re-evaluating the situation for possible completion in October.

- f. Roof Coating— Work has started on the 8 homes which signed up to have their roofs coated by BJ's Desert Roofing Co. Residents are getting a \$.15/sq ft., or 20% discount over BJ's normal price for such work. Anyone who still wishes to have such work done should contact Josh at BJ's at 358-2779 ASAP.
5. New Business:
    - a. Reappointment of Board Positions and Recruitment of Board Member—The board re-assigned positions as listed in paragraph 2.
    - b. Recruitment for SSHA Board vacancies—There are currently vacancies for the Architectural Control Committee, and for a Board Member at Large. Interested community members should contact Geoffrey Mann at (insert phone number here).
    - c. With the coming Monsoon season, the Board discussed how to ensure that sand washing across Sycamore Hollow and Tumbleweed Springs Roads could quickly be removed. It was decided that Board members would be responsible for removing such sand and dirt with their own equipment.
  6. Community Forum:
    - a. Graffiti at Gate on calling console
    - b. Calling Console directions are worn out and difficult to read—it was decided that Cadden would contact Signal Gates and ask that they have engraved plaques made and installed on both gate boxes so the instructions would be permanent. t
    - c. **Mailbox upgrade** — is anyone interested in having theirs bricked/stucco to make them all uniform? Home owners would pay for the work but, we could possibly get a discount if several wanted this done.
    - d. Community should plan accordingly for heavy rains this monsoon and be prepared to help with fall clean-up effort.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. There will **be no** meeting in July.

## Mailbox replacement – UPDATE

**The Board of Directors has found a contractor who is willing to replace a wooden-poled mailbox with a block/stuccoed one (same as those owned by Custom-by-Design and Ducati built homes). The contractor will charge \$220 for the construction of such a mailbox pillar. The actual mailbox and other optional accessories (such as house number, solar light, etc.) are not included and should be provided by the homeowner at the time of construction. Those of you who are interested should contact Mario Vassallo at 731-1250 or [mario\\_vassallo@yahoo.com](mailto:mario_vassallo@yahoo.com) by not later than August 1, 2007**

## Community Calendar

- **SSHOA Book 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). Newcomers always welcome.
- **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)

- Bridge for fun? Anyone interested in playing Bridge for fun? Contact Pamela Thompson at 762-8109 or e-mail: [JohnLTAZ@MSN.com](mailto:JohnLTAZ@MSN.com)
- Hiking around Sycamore Springs: In his new, retired lifestyle, Tom Andrews has been exploring various hiking routes around the Sycamore Springs and Sycamore Creek properties, and has identified several routes which total about 2 miles each (RT), and combine walking on roads with walking through well-defined washes. Anyone wanting a map showing these various routes should contact Tom at 751-3774/ [TRAndrews@aol.com](mailto:TRAndrews@aol.com).
- Next HOA Meeting: 20 August 2007, 7 PM @ the American Legion.