

# THE NEW SSHOA NEWSLETTER

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## BOD Elections Edition

### Candidate 1: Barbara Still



Barbara currently serves on the Board. She brings knowledge and experience to our HOA having served on two other HOA Boards as President and Treasurer for more than 12 years. Barbara moved to Tucson in 1999 from Seattle, WA where she worked as a United Air Lines Flight Attendant for several years. Having survived a major

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### From the President's desk

Geoffrey Mann, President

The Association will shortly forward to you a neighborhood questionnaire/survey asking your opinion on a myriad of matters. Prior to us sending out this survey, however, we would like to hear your ideas, if any, of subjects that come to your mind (that we have not included) that you think might be relevant to a neighborhood survey.

The topics we have come up with so far are as follows: 1.) Questions pertaining to exterior lighting, such as, shielded vs. non-shielded lights; timed turn on/off vs. activation via switch; maximum wattage of bulbs; any other ideas you/we may come up with prior to the survey. 2.) Moving of the Sycamore Springs gate and the costs thereof vs. annual expenditures over time to keep the gate at its present location. 3.) The Association contracting for weekly trash pickup vs. individual contracts. 4.) Lot clearing vs. natural vegetation and Association C, C, & R's. 5.) Use and possible improvement of some of the Association's common areas. 6.) Reduction of Board of Director's terms. 7.) Number of households with internet service and the number accessing the Association's website. 8.) Your idea(s).

It will probably take a month or two to compile the questionnaire and to get it out to you. If you would like to present us with any ideas, could you please contact me within a couple of weeks of the posting on our website of this month's newsletter? You may email me at [icemann427@msn.com](mailto:icemann427@msn.com) Thank you!

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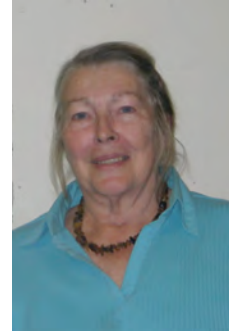
airline crash, she changed careers and went to work for Nordstrom's and spent 18 years in the cosmetic department. Barbara moved into Sycamore Springs in March of 2003 making her one of our longest residents. She has served on the Community Affairs Committee since it's beginning in 2004 and has volunteered on numerous community projects. Her vision for this term is to work at upgrading both the Sycamore Springs and Sycamore Creek gate areas. With all her experience, Barbara will certainly provide good leadership and guidance

## Candidate 2: Gary Rawie



Gary is a member of the ACC Committee. Gary comes to us with experience having served as a HOA board member and officer while living in Alaska, where prior to retirement, he and his wife, Dorothy, owned and operated a year round resort. They have been residents of Sycamore Creek since 2005 and previously lived at Heritage Highlands, in Marana, for three years. Gary and Dorothy spent 23 years in Alaska, and during that time, Gary also worked for an insurance company and later, as a partner for Professional Adjusters of Alaska. Gary says he accepted this position primarily because he was asked by one of our HOA board members. He also says, "I feel that all residents should volunteer to assist their community association in some capacity when they can." Gary enjoys golfing, computer work, music, and gardening. He and Dorothy are members of the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society and both enjoy traveling in their 5<sup>th</sup> wheel.

## Candidate 3: Joyce Thomas



Joyce currently resides at 9201 E Sycamore Springs Trail. Joyce brings many years of experience to the community. She has been involved with the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society, as the Treasurer with the Community Affairs Committee, as a member of the Tucson Zoological Society, and as a member of the American Legion Post 109. Joyce believes that running for the Board is important for these reasons.

1. Homeowners are given a broader choice of candidates. (2 openings – 3 or more candidates)
2. Bring more understanding and information between the Board and Homeowners.
3. Help to conserve the desert, prevent the destruction of native plants and animals by homeowners and outsiders.
4. Work to amend and redo the present Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, and Easements, Bylaws, and Design Guidelines to close loopholes, and replace with easy to understand rules votes on by the majority of Homeowners.
5. Spend our reserves more wisely.
6. Prevent vehicles of all kind from racing in our common areas and roads
7. Provide more action and less talk.

## Fireworks are illegal

Fireworks are illegal and anytime that your peace is disturbed within your community you have a right to call 911 to complain. Our call load will determine how quick our response will be. But, you always have the right to call us to report illegal activity.

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## Candidate 4: Ken Mortara

My wife, Deanna, and I moved to Sycamore Springs last September; we had been looking at various areas in greater Tucson for over a year. We knew we had found the right house when we walked through the front door and a quick drive around Sycamore Springs assured us that we had found the right community.

The quality of the neighborhood is extremely important to both of us and we recognize that maintaining that quality is largely a function of the activities of the Board. And, only with the active involvement of members of the community can the Association thrive. Who else has a personal and vested interest? That is why I am standing for election to the Board of Directors.

We are business owners and moved our offices to Tucson in 2004. For ten years, I served as the president of the homeowners association for a small condo association in Seaside Park, NJ. I prepared the budgets, collected the quarterly fees, took care of insurance, permits, and state and local filings, negotiated with vendors, argued with the town, and a myriad of other things that go with overall administration. I finally passed the baton when we sold our unit and moved to Arizona. I hold an engineering degree and an MBA.

I believe my experience would be an asset to the Board and the community.

*Ken and Deanna live at 9075 E. Sycamore Springs Trail*

**Make sure you submit  
your vote in this year's  
Board of Directors  
Election**

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## Community Affairs Committee

Linda Elling

### HOA Annual Meeting and Chili Feed March 17, 2008

It's our annual Chili Feed once again. We will have several pots of chili plus cheeses, peppers, breads, dessert, and beverages. Plan to arrive at the American Legion at 6:30 to enjoy the fiery feast. The annual meeting will start at 7:00 pm. We will send out reminders to all and please don't forget to vote!

### Sycamore Springs Art Show April 6, 2008

Our last art show back in 2006 was such a hit, we are planning another day of wine, cheese and, oh yes, **art**. This year's show will be on Sunday, April 6 beginning at 3:00 pm., at the home of Will and Alison Mead, 16667 S Graythorn View Place. There will be eight artists displaying their artwork; everything from jewelry and scarves to prints and original art. So put this event on your calendar now, it's a lot of fun!

### Clean-up Week – beginning April 7, 2008

Instead of having our usual Sycamore Springs Clean-up Day, we have decided to try a **Clean-up week** and ask all residents during that week to go out and pick up trash and litter on their property. In addition to clean-up week, we have scheduled a work party on April 12 at 7:00am to pick up trash in the common area between Sycamore Springs and Sycamore Creek. If you would like to participate, plan to be at the cul-de-sac in Sycamore Creek at 7:00am. We will have coffee and pastries at Barbara Still's house afterward.

Please call or email Linda Elling, 762-1387 or Linda-elling@cox.net if you questions regarding any of the events.

**We encourage you to submit articles of  
interest to the editor by mail:**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**MARCH 17, 2008**

SSHOA ANNUAL MEETING

PLACE: AMERICAN LEGION TIME: 6:30PM

**APRIL 6, 2008**

SYCAMORE SPRINGS ART SHOW TIME: 3:00PM

**APRIL 7-13, 2008**

CLEAN UP WEEK

**APRIL 21, 2008**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

PLACE: AMERICAN LEGION TIME: 7:00PM

Mark your calendars

SSHOA Annual  
Meeting  
March 17, 2008

Fiery feast starts at  
6:30pm

*(includes chili plus cheeses, peppers,  
breads, dessert, and beverages)*

Meeting starts at  
7:00pm

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