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JOIN US FOR PANORAMA CLEAN-UP APRIL 24TH

Come join your Panorama neighbors Saturday, April 24th at as we work together to clean up trash, dig buffleggrass and trim vegetation in our neighborhood. This cleanup, organized by PEA President Mary Jo Ghory will start at 9:30 am, and conclude around 11:30 am. We'll meet at the house of Mary Jo Ghory, 101 N. Bella Vista---that's the old stone house on the west side of the street. Come and give whatever time you can spare, and together we can really improve the appearance of our neighborhood.

Date: Saturday April 24

Time: 9:30--11:30 am

Meeting Place: 101 N. Bella Vista (park there, or across the street at the Kerry's 100 N. Bella Vista)

Bring: Hat, sunscreen, water, garden gloves, and pickaxe if you want to dig buffleggrass.

City will provide: trash bags, supplies and disposal assistance.

Work area: Silverbell Rd. (between N. Bella Vista and Cedar), Bella Vista, and more if we have time!

Contact: Ellen Paige 623-6689 with questions.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

NEIGHBOR HOSPITALIZED, UNDERGOES REHAB

Orn Huntington, 90, of 217 S. Bella Vista was hospitalized recently after a fall. Orn fractured a vertebra, and is in a body cast. Orn has left the hospital and is now at a rehab center, where he is getting stronger each day. Get-well wishes to Orn should be addressed %Ernie de la Vara, 217 S. Bella Vista Drive, Tucson AZ 85745.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Ute Gascho and her husband, Duncan Hudson, have purchased 131 S. Bella Vista, and have been preparing their new home for move-in. We want to welcome Ute, Duncan and their two children to Panorama Estates!



CITY OF TUCSON TERMINATES SUPPORT OF NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTERS

This is the final issue of the PEA newsletter that will be supported by the City of Tucson Neighborhood Services, Association President Mary Jo Ghory and newsletter editor Ellen Paige learned at a meeting recently hosted by the City, where it became very clear that the times they are a-changin'. The City of Tucson is required to balance its budget each year. 68% of each budget is already committed.

Neighborhood Services, including newsletter printing and mailing, comes from the 32% left over---the General Fund---which also pays for police and fire. The dismal reality imposed by the recession has caused decreasing state revenues, with Arizona now boasting the worst per capita budget deficit in the nation. To save money the Tucson City Manager has been removing entire programs from the budget, as these cuts can be accomplished quickly, whereas increasing revenue streams (such as raising the sales tax) takes time.

In more normal times, the City budgets \$240,000 for printing and mailing of neighborhood newsletters. But, as of January 14, 2010, the City had laid off two staff responsible for the printing and mailing of newsletters, and announced that Neighborhood Associations would be allowed to mail only one newsletter or postcard until June 30, 2010. After that, it is unlikely that the City will be able to fund any further neighborhood mailings.

We are fortunate in Panorama Estates that we have a relatively small number of households, and can afford to mail the postcards to announce our Annual meeting, as required in our Bylaws. However, with only 25--30% of our homeowners paying their \$20 annual dues, it is unclear whether we can afford the printing and postage costs to mail a quarterly newsletter to all of our homeowners and residents. For this reason the Panorama Board has decided to bill all PEA homeowners delinquent in their dues, and a letter will be mailed soon.

Our neighborhood newsletter will still be produced and posted on our website (www.neighborhoodlink.com), but how many of us will actually take the time to go online; and what about our sizeable elderly population who are not comfortable using the internet? If you value our Panorama Estates Newsletter, please let us know---and be sure to join us at our Annual Meeting in October, where we will certainly discuss whether to allocate funds to continue the paper newsletter or convert entirely to our online version, as the City would have us do.

PANORAMA OWNERS AND RESIDENTS: WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!



Keep your contact with Panorama Estates Neighborhood Association active by sending your email address to our Secretary, Jane Shovlin, at jas8453@aol.com. This will keep you in the loop with neighborhood news and announcements, upcoming events, and allow for much faster communication.



OUR MAN AT DAVIS-MONTHAN: REPORT FROM THE MILITARY COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE by Hal Bardach

The Military Community Relations Committee (MCRC) was created by Davis Monthan Air Force Base as a way to create an exchange of ideas, concerns and information with the residents of Tucson. It is comprised of representatives from DMAFB, local businesses, neighborhood associations, city and county political entities, as well as other groups impacted by DMAFB's presence in Tucson.

I represent Panorama Estates Association on this Committee. PEA is just barely on the fringe of the most impacted neighborhoods. Two areas that affect us are jet noise and safety considerations in takeoff and landing patterns. Often discussed at MCRC meeting is the Snow Bird program---not the people who winter here in Tucson, but rather the planes and crews from both US military bases and Allied forces, who train in Tucson because of our great winter weather, as well as our terrain, which is similar to that of the two wars we are now fighting.

The possibility of basing the F-35 Fighter Jets in Tucson is being discussed now, as these jets are somewhat louder than those presently training at DMAFB. Environmental Impact Studies are now under way regarding the F-35's, and DMAFB is asking for input from us, its' neighbors in the Tucson area.

As your representative to MCRC, I encourage you to contact me with your views on the above mentioned issues. I will try to objectively express any of your views at future MCRC meetings. Contact me at Halbardach@aol.com, or write to Hal Bardach, 121 S. Bella Vista Drive, Tucson, AZ 85745.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Panorama Estates Clean-Up-----Saturday, April 24, 2010, 9:30 am, meet 101 N. Bella Vista

Panorama Estates Annual Meeting---Saturday, October 9, 2010, 3 to 5 pm on Lazy Place

2010 Home Tour---Fall, 2010---Details To Be Announced

2010 PEA BOARD MEMBERS

Mary Jo Ghory, President -- 622-6419
Robin West, Vice President--- 882-8635
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PLANNING TO BUILD IN PANORAMA ESTATES?

Please contact the Panorama Estates Association Board for review well BEFORE you begin grading or construction. Cooperation of builders is crucial in this process, and greatly appreciated!

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PEA Annual Dues Coupon

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