



Panorama Estates Neighborhood Newsletter

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PANORAMA ESTATES ANNUAL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 3RD 2009

Fifteen Panorama Estates homeowners (and three proxy's) met on Lazy Place to munch pizza and enjoy Italian ice. President Mary Jo Ghory confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order.

Pamela Pelletier of the Tumamoc Desert Lab gave a brief talk on ways to attract native birds, plants and wildlife into our yards. A representative from Waste Management spoke about recycling and trash pickup (see related issue this issue).

In Officers' reports, President Mary Jo Ghory noted that in 2009 PEA decided to forego a home tour to focus on giving back to the community, holding a food drive and a yard sale with all proceeds donated to the Food Bank and Women's' Shelter.

Secretary Jane Shovlin reported that our website is being redesigned by the City; Jane is our web mistress, and our newsletters, CC&R's and Bylaws are all available on the website.

Treasurer Ellen Paige noted that the treasury contains \$2551.22; another \$440 in dues was collected at the meeting.

DMAFB Liaison, Hal Bardach reported that he obtained status as a voting member of the Air Force Liaison Committee. "If you experience any heartburn regarding noise from military aircraft, please call or email me" noted Hal. (see the addresses listed below).

Under new business, Mary Jo passed a petition for people interested in participating in the "Adopt-a Street" program through Tucson Clean and Beautiful, which provides tools, trash bags etc. We supply the labor to clean up our three streets--Clausen, Bella Vista and Panorama. The cleanups will be organized at regular intervals. Please contact Mary Jo for further information. Mary Jo did the paperwork to enroll us in this program.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

---Contact Mary Jo Ghory to get involved in our Adopt-a-Street program, and help clean up our neighborhood streets. Tools provided--just bring yourself! See her contact information below.

---Plans were approved for Rusty Kothavala to rebuild his house on Lot 93 (northernmost corner of Clausen and Sentinel Peak Road). The house, which burned down in 2005, will be rebuilt on the same footprint, with no changes in height or added storeys. Best of luck to Randy on his project!

---You can pay your \$20 annual dues at any time---please mail checks made out to Panorama Estates Assn. to Ellen Paige, PEA Treasurer, 52 N. Lazy Pl. Tucson 85745.

THE LOWDOWN ON TRASH: RECYCLING 101

"Please recycle more!" begged the representative from Tucson Waste Management, who addressed our annual meeting on October 3rd. Perhaps the most entertaining talk ever given about trash was full of interesting facts---did you know---

---each of us generates 5 lbs of trash per person/per day?

---the \$14.50 garbage fee we pay since 2004 covers trash pickup, recycling, brush and bulky, purchase of new trucks, repair of old ones, and monitoring landfills for methane (methane ->heat ->fire)?

---that each garbage truck costs \$200,000; fleet maintenance another \$100,000 each year?

---that the Los Reales Landfill generated enough methane last year to generate sufficient electricity for 5000 homes? (Methane is "the smell of money"....)

---that our driver, Gilbert, picks up both our trash and our recycling, and knows our neighborhood like the back of his hand?

---that there is a plan on the table to offer "volume-based fees": decreased fees for smaller trashcans---homeowners can jettison the current 90-gallon trashcans in favor of smaller 60- or 48-gallon cans?

---that Mayor and Council recently passed an ordinance mandating all grocery stores to accept and recycle plastic bags, and that these bags are made into TREXX, a popular plastic decking material, among other things?

---that you can call or email Waste Management to order a new trashcan, if yours has tilted its last tilt or flipped its lid?

TUMAMOC LECTURE SERIES: THE SCIENCE AND HISTORY OF A DESERT ICON

This lecture series is free and open to the public. Lectures are 5:30--6:30 pm in the Desert Research Lab half way to the top of Tumamoc. A shuttle service runs from 5 pm. Space is limited, and reservations are necessary. To reserve a seat call 629-9455 or email klasky@email.arizona.edu. For more information, visit their blog: <http://tumamoc.wordpress.com>.

---November 18--Dr. Julio Betancourt "Fossil Rodent Middens in the Environmental History of American Deserts."

---January 27--Dr. Ray Turner "The Desert Lab's Research Heritage."

---February 25--Dr. Malcolm Hughes "Paleoclimate Research in the Southwest."

---March 25--Dr. Larry Venable, "Current Ecology Research on Tumamoc."

---April 21--Dr. Gary Nabhan "Tumamoc Hill as a Cultural Landscape."

---May 20--Pamela Pelletier "Reconciliation Ecology."



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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!

THE ARCHEOLOGICAL HISTORY OF TUMAMOC



by Ellen Paige

r 21, I hopped a shuttle bus and rode up to the old stone research buildings on Tumamoc, to attend a fascinating lecture: Drs. Susie and Paul Fish, husband and wife professors of archeology at the University of Arizona, spoke about the archeology of Tumamoc and A-Mountain, which of course includes our own Panorama Estates. (see related article on the Tumamoc Lecture series). What I didn't know about Tumamoc really surprised me.

Did you know that Tumamoc is a Trinchera site? These are habitation sites found throughout the SW United States and Northern Mexico. 3000 years ago, native peoples built massive walls and terraces of stacked stone, representing many thousands of man-hours of work on Tumamoc alone.

About 400 BC, Tumamoc became one of the largest of the Cienega Phase villages, which extend along what is now I-10. The Tumamoc site was home to several hundred people at a time, who chipped into the bedrock to form circular pit-houses, which were walled with stone and roofed with brush over post-holes. One of these very old pit-houses was actually found under the road up Tumamoc in 2008. Also seen are cup-shaped depressions carved into big boulders, used for grinding grains or seeds. These were pre-pottery agricultural people, who grew their crops down along the banks of the Santa Cruz River. Remains of corn, amaranth, agave and grasses have been found.

Curiously, the Tumamoc buildings are always round, unlike the rectangular Hohokam buildings of the time. The laborious excavation of their foundations into bedrock, using stone tools only, reveals a real tenacity and desire to live on Tumamoc. Why?---the lecturers speculated that the view was protective (can see enemies), and possibly spiritual as well.

Pictographs and petroglyphs on Tumamoc also suggest a strong spiritual component to life in the Tortelita Phase, which began about 500 AD. These stone images line the trails, especially on the east side. There are images of shamans carrying a staff, and on the summer solstice, triangular shafts of light point directly to the center of several spiral images.

The Tortelita phase houses are the same characteristically round shape, but are much smaller one-room pit houses, joined to other rooms by shared walls, but each with its own entryway. These Tortelita houses are often built directly on top of the older Cienega Phase houses, even utilizing the same post-holes. The Tortelita Phase people also had pottery, although it was always unpainted, unlike the red-painted Hohokam pottery. The projectile points are finer, and the inhabitants traded for shell jewelry from the Gulf of California. Additionally, six larger, rectangular structures have been found distributed among the smaller round pit-houses; these may have served as communal buildings for storage or ritual.

Sadly, the modern observatory and other structures on top of the hill destroyed some of the site; but the road lies over many ruins, possibly protecting them. Much of the area has yet to be excavated. Dr. Susie Fish called Tumamoc "a very special place, from forever til today," and she and her husband look forward to many more years of research on this iconic landmark, which just happens to stand in our own backyard.

And---did you know--"Tumamoc" is the O'odham name for a species of horned lizard that lives only in this area?

AS YOU WALK YOUR DOG, KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN!

Please remember to clean up after your pet while walking through our beautiful neighborhood. A small plastic bag works well and can be easily thrown away. We should also remind guests that walk through the neighborhood of the city ordinance to clean up after your pet.



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