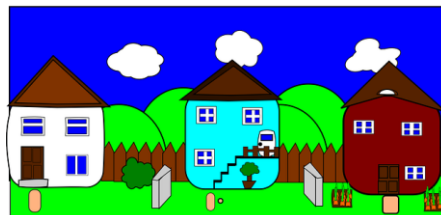


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PANORAMA ESTATES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 10TH, 2015

Neighbors gathered on Lazy Place for the 58th Annual Meeting of the Panorama Estates Association. President Mary Jo Ghory confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:20 pm. Our speakers included Barbara Warren MD of Physicians for Social Responsibility, who spoke on emergency preparedness on the neighborhood level (see related article), followed by Roger Pfeuffer, who spoke on the history of Mission Gardens (see related article). The meeting proceeded with Officers' reports from President Mary Jo Ghory, Treasurer Ellen Paige, and from our Plans Review specialist, architect Larry Chavez. New Board members were elected, and included Jill Hofer, Alan Hull, Mary Jo Ghory, Ellen Paige and Jane Shovlin. New business included discussion regarding parking problems on Lazy Place, and overgrown median strips on Bella Vista. The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm, and neighbors lingered to enjoy pizza and each other's company on a very lovely afternoon. Present at the meeting included: Serena Baker, Hal Bardach, Ernie de la Vara, Alan and Carmen Hull, Andrew Greenhill, Michael Schneider, Norman and Adrea Richmond, John Foley, Minnie Almander, Steve and Linda Speer, Patrick and Jodi Cavanaugh, Mary Jo Ghory, Jill Hofer, Larry Chavez, Jane and Guy Shovlin, Fred Elling, Ellen Paige, Candace Charvoz (by proxy) and Andy Frank (by proxy).

Homeowner Association Dues

Annual dues for Panorama Estates Association are mandatory as per our bylaws. \$20 per lot/per year. Dues may be paid any time by cash, or check; made out to Panorama Estates Association, and can be mailed to Ellen Paige PEA Treasurer, 52 North Lazy Place, Tucson, AZ 85745. To contact Ellen, email her at echopapa72@hotmail.com, or you may leave a message for her at 623-6689.

ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN ON BELLA VISTA

On December 30, 2015 at 4 pm in broad daylight, two youths driving a red car attempted to burglarize the home of Doug Horner at 237 S. Bella Vista Drive (at the corner of Bella Vista and Sentinel Peak Road). On youth waited in the car, while the other took a crowbar to the locks on Doug's main entry door. Doug was away at the time, but fortunately Johnny Evans, who rents the casita in the back, heard the commotion and confronted the two would-be thieves, who fled the scene. The door lock was damaged, but the house was not entered, and nothing was stolen. The incident was reported to TPD.

DR. BARBARA WARREN ON NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Our annual meeting speaker, Barbara Warren MD of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR), described how a lack of social cohesiveness, as well as social isolation, contribute to poor outcomes during climate disasters such as floods, fires, excessive heat and severe cold. On the neighborhood level, emergency preparedness, and simply "looking out for your neighbor" can mean the difference between life and death in extreme climate situations. PSR is studying how to build resilient neighborhoods using modeling and disaster scenarios, and is offering a workshop on the hows and whys of sheltering at home. For more information, see their "Citizens' Guide for Readiness for Climate Extremes in the Desert Southwest" on their website: www.psr.org/azclimate.

BRUSH AND BULKY PICK-UP SCHEDULE CHANGES

Dates for the 2016 semi-annual Brush and Bulky pick-up for Panorama Estates have been changed to **March 28th, 2016, and September 26th, 2016**. This arrangement avoids our usual July 4th pick-up; probably a good thing since dry brush and fireworks are a poor mix. Our recent additional neighborhood roll-offs January 11--15, 2016 were under-utilized, most likely because of the previous week's record breaking drenching rain and cold! PEA will monitor the neighborhood response to the City Brush and Bulky pick-ups, prior to scheduling our next neighborhood roll-offs. If you need additional brush and bulky pick-up, keep in mind that the City of Tucson will pick up on an individual basis for a reasonable fee.

WARD I OFFICE ASSISTS IN PARKING ISSUES, MEDIAN CLEAN-UP

In response to neighbors' concerns voiced at the PEA annual meeting in October, Ward I assistant Steve Almquist helped to organized a Fire Department investigation of the parking situation on Lazy Place. As a result of the investigation, "No Parking" signs were erected on Lazy Place, designating it as a fire lane. Additionally, overgrown trees and brush encroaching on Bella Vista were handled by Tucson Department of Transportation after Steve called and had them re-open their file. By November, TDOT had trimmed the brush and trees back from the roadway. Thank you to Steve and Ward I for helping with these issues.

2016 PEA BOARD MEMBERS

Mary Jo Ghory, President 622-6419
Jane Shovlin, Vice President 820-5840
Jill Hofer, Secretary 270-3293
Ellen Paige, Treasurer 623-6689
Alan Hull, Member-at-Large
Larry Chavez, Plans Review Committee Liaison
791-0780



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!



ROGER PFEUFFER ON THE HISTORY OF THE MISSION GARDENS

At our annual meeting in October, Roger Pfeuffer of Friends of Tucson's Birthplace (FOTB) gave a fascinating presentation on the history of Mission Gardens, the unique recreation of the historic gardens at the foot of A-Mountain. In 2007 and 2008, the City of Tucson built the gardens' adobe walls with the last of the Rio Nuevo funds. FOTB was formed by local interested volunteers in 2010. A three party organization consisting of FOTB, City of Tucson, and Pima County was formed in 2011 to further work on the Mission Gardens. In order to remain viable, FOTB was required to raise a minimum of \$250,000. Well, they did, and then some: they raised \$600,000. That combined with \$1.1 million from the Rio Nuevo Settlement formed the financial foundation for Mission Gardens.

The archeological finds at Mission Gardens have essentially rewritten the archeology of the southwestern United States. Mission Gardens has completed many projects to interpret and showcase the 4100 year history of continuous agricultural cultivation on this site, the longest timespan in the United States. The earliest found examples in the US of cultivated corn, as well as pottery, come from this site.

Timeline gardens interpret the multicultural farming traditions that have existed here, including the Early Agricultural (Hohokam) 2100 BC to 1450 AD; the O'odham 1450-1692 AD; the Mexican/Father Kino 1692-1854 Gadsden Purchase; and the Territorial 1854--present, which includes Chinese, Yaqui and Statehood Gardens.



BUFFLEGRASS BASHERS AT IT AGAIN

This year's Beat Back Bufflegrass Day, January 23, 2016, found 19 Panorama neighbors and volunteers attacking the noxious weed along Sentinel Peak Road and Bella Vista Drive. Altogether, the workers worked for 3 hours and chopped 20 giant bags of bufflegrass, which was later picked-up by Parks and Recreation. Special thanks to the Bufflegrass Clearinghouse for sending us volunteers, to Mary Jo Ghory for organizing the tools, snacks and roll-call (as well as for herding cats), to Jill Hofer for photography, and to Fred Elling for the use of his very cool 1978 pick-up truck.

WHAT IS THE PANORAMA ESTATES ASSOCIATION?

Founded in 1958, the Panorama Estates Association is the smallest neighborhood association in Tucson, but works to improve and support our unique and very special neighborhood.

Here is a sample of some of the services PEA provides:

- organize and hold annual meetings, elect officers, and hold regular open Board meetings in compliance with our bylaws, and have done so continuously since 1958
- maintain a website on the Department of Neighborhood Resources, and our own Facebook page
- maintain our nonprofit status with the Arizona Corporation Commission
- work closely with Ward I on issues affecting our neighborhood, such as improvements to Sentinel Peak Park, and pedestrian safety
- foster communication with the Tucson Police Department regarding illegal parking, general security, and coordination of 4th of July traffic
- promote beautification of our neighborhood with buffleggrass removal, graffiti abatement, and roll-offs for removal of larger trash items
- support local schools, non-profits and public art with occasional small donations, as approved by our membership
- organize social events such as our Neighborhood Home Tours, and Neighborhood Parties, and welcome new neighbors with a welcome packet
- publish a semi-annual newsletter, and maintain an archive of records from the earliest days of the Association.
- respond to neighborhood complaints and questions, and promote neighborhood cohesion and harmony

The \$20 mandatory annual dues break down to 5 cents per day. All of our board members are unpaid volunteers, most while working full-time jobs. We welcome anyone to participate in the Panorama Estates Association, and thank you for all you do towards making our neighborhood such a wonderful place to live.