



Panorama Estates Neighborhood Newsletter

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PEA ANNUAL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 13, 2018

In the midst of an unusually cold, heavy rain, Panorama neighbors gathered under the shelter of Ellen Paige and Fred Elling's carport for the 61st annual Panorama Estates Association meeting. Despite the chill and damp, over 32 neighbors socialized and shared hot pizza and cookies, until PEA president Mary Jo Ghory called the meeting to order at 3pm.

The meeting began with a very interesting report from the Living Streets Alliance, a Tucson group working to improve walkability (and bike-ability) of Tucson Streets.

Mr. Carlos de la Torre of Tucson Environmental Services gave us an update on the new Brush and Bulky model, which now combines the B&B pick-up with other services such as filling potholes, trimming median vegetation, and cleaning rights-of-way (see related article, this issue).

Tucson Police Department Officer Rizzo reported to us on the recent bicycle fatality on A-Mountain---sadly, Officer Rizzo was first on the scene of that tragedy, where a bicyclist was killed by a severely intoxicated driver. Officer Rizzo noted that the number of TPD officers has dropped from 1200 to 800 in past years, due to budget cuts; police patrol resources are stretched very thin. Even so, Officer Rizzo displayed a real concern for what is happening on A-Mountain. Happily, he noted that Community Service Officers are now being trained, to watch over the activities in Sentinel Peak Park, especially the parking lots where the consumption of alcohol and drugs often occurs. Officer Rizzo reminded us to call 911 for any concerns, from crime to illegal parking.

President Mary Jo Ghory gave a recap of the accomplishments of the past year. Treasurer Ellen Paige reviewed the years' income and expenses, and noted that PEA has purchased Directors and Owners insurance.

Plans Review Liaison Larry Chavez reviewed new requests for buildings in the neighborhood. Open discussion included concerns about possible increases in the annual dues, due to the D&O insurance.

New Board members were elected.

At 5pm, just as the meeting adjourned, the sun broke through the clouds---of course!



BUFFELGRASS UPDATE

Many thanks to our neighbors who have removed buffelgrass from their yards and roadsides. Following our buffelgrass protocol, Panorama Estates Association will begin reporting to the City of Tucson (COT) any neighbor whose property is infested with buffelgrass, weeds, trash, dead trees, etc. COT has a stepwise protocol to compel property owners to clean up their property. Prior to reporting any neighbor, we will be sending a letter to those who have infestations in their yards. If you have buffelgrass or weeds on your property, but are not able to clear it yourself, please contact any PEA Board member. PEA does have a worker who may be hired by the homeowner. Also, there is a limited fund of donated money for buffelgrass removal. Please make sure your property is free of this dangerous fire hazard! On a related note, Beat Back Buffelgrass this year takes place during the last week of January and first week of February. Contact them for free guidance on proper technique for buffelgrass removal.



FAREWELL--- AND WELCOME!

We wished our longtime neighbor Doug Horner a fond farewell in October 2018, as he moved back to his hometown of Butler, PA.

And we wish our new neighbors, Sam and Alicia Klein, a hearty welcome! They closed on the home at 237 S. Bella Vista in January 2019.

PLANNED NEW CONSTRUCTION IN PANORAMA ESTATES

---Rick and Yuko Smith have begun excavation for a new sewer line and site for their planned residence on Lots 50 and 51 (103 S. Panorama). Their plans were reviewed and approved in August 2018 by Larry Chavez AIA, PEA's architectural plans review specialist. PEA wishes the best of luck to Rick and Yuko as they construct their new home.

---Dr. Manuel Bedoya's new home plans for his Panorama Lot #54 were reviewed by Larry Chavez in compliance with our CC&R's. As of the publication of this newsletter, there was no firm date for initiation of construction.

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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!

LIVING STREETS ALLIANCE

By Ellen Paige

With the recent bicycle fatality on A-Mountain, it seems like all eyes have been on the safety of Sentinel Peak Road. This shared public road is used by bicyclists and pedestrians as well as automobiles--- sometimes with dire consequences.

Living Streets Alliance is a non-profit Tucson group whose mission is the humanization of our roads, to foster a safer sharing between cars, pedestrians and bicycles. Living Streets Alliance promotes the Living Streets concept that has swept the US in recent years, from New York City to Los Angeles, and from Florida to Texas to California. These simple techniques have been proven to have a big safety impact, at a surprisingly affordable price.

To learn more about these important new concepts, please see their website at www.livingstreetsalliance.org.



BRUSH AND BULKY IS BULKING UP!

This year, Brush and Bulky pick-up in our neighborhood will be the weeks of 3/18/2019 and 9/16/2019. This popular service has now been expanded to simultaneously include other City of Tucson services into one blitzkrieg neighborhood clean-up including:

- Brush and Bulky pick-up
- Pothole repair
- Remove illegally dumped materials
- Trim median trees
- Repair and replace street signs
- Remove graffiti
- Remove vegetation and trash from public rights-of-way, alleys and easements.

We will no longer receive the door hanger reminder cards from COT; however please download the free Recycle Coach app or go online to view schedules: tucsonaz.gov/es/recycle-coachmy-waste



PROJECTS ADDRESS SENTINEL PEAK ROAD SAFETY, FLOODING

Since October, a group of concerned Panorama Estates neighbors have been working on a proposal to address traffic safety and flooding on Sentinel Peak Road. The plan addresses Cuesta and the portion of Sentinel Peak Road that passes through our neighborhood. The plan includes landscaped retention basins for infiltration of storm water runoff, as well as traffic calming measures such as a traffic circle and chicane (bump-out) at the intersection of Sentinel Peak Road and Cedar, as well as better lane demarcation/ re-striping, and improved signage. The plan incorporates the "Complete Streets" concept, which strives to make public roadways safely useable by pedestrians and bicyclists, as well as automobiles. The plan is being taken through a review process at the City of Tucson. The plan received a warm reception when presented to both Menlo Park and Sentinel Shadows Neighborhood Associations, and so far the City of Tucson has been very supportive. The group is seeking grant money to fund their project.

To view the proposal, follow this link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/17121rJF75R53IMAH8S8PLQ6s2kpDq9kZjd_fIUbzCg10/edit?usp=sharing

Simultaneously, a group from Sentinel Shadows, headed by Michael Chehak, has been working with the City of Tucson to improve road safety on Sentinel Peak Road, with their concentration on the upper road and the Park itself. The recent death of a bicyclist in the Park renewed efforts to slow traffic and decrease drug and alcohol usage in the Park. Working with the Ward 1 and the City of Tucson, Parks and Recreation, and Tucson Police, the Sentinel Shadows group has expedited a traffic safety study by the City Planners Office. Public hearings and online polling will begin in March. Also, to discourage drug and alcohol use, the Parks and Recreation Dept. has implemented a pilot program to put trained Safety Officers in Sentinel Peak Park, as well as solar-powered security cameras, especially in the upper parking lot area. Additionally, the Park may be closed to automobiles on a trial basis.

Watch for an online survey seeking opinions of local residents, as well as public hearings regarding the above proposals. Stay tuned for the results, and please participate in the study.