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PANORAMA IN THE TIME OF PANDEMIC

by Ellen Paige

Note: All of these observations are based on direct experiences, both mine and my neighbors'.

After we entered into lockdown around March 15th, Panorama Estates neighbors really showed their resilience.

Early on, PEA President Mary Jo Ghory sent out an email urging neighbors to check on each other and offering PEA's assistance if needed.

Many of us reached out to elderly, or high risk, or solitary neighbors, offering to pick up groceries or run to the pharmacy, or just talk.

Some neighbors began sewing facemasks; they delivered them locally to the Pima County Health Department, Banner Health, St. Mary's Hospital, and the Tucson Community Food Bank; they mailed them to the Navajo Nation and to the Congo.

Some neighbors donated money to charities or non-profits.

Some opened their rental properties for the use of doctors needing a place to self-isolate while they cared for COVID patients.

Some of us got out our shovels and rakes, and put in a vegetable garden, or started a compost pile and invited neighbors to contribute their kitchen scraps and yard trimmings.

One family moved in during the pandemic, a long-planned relocation for a new job here. Despite the lockdown, they made contact with neighbors and became a welcome part of the community.

Others tackled long delayed household projects, from cleaning out closets and sorting through boxes of family photos and estate records, to painting, remodeling and yard maintenance.

Neighbors started cooking more at home, often sharing their excess culinary creations with neighbors (from a safe distance).

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We ordered carryout from our local restaurants and pizzerias, knowing they needed our help, and appreciating how much we loved those places and the people who made and served the food there. People started wearing masks, walking regularly, saying hi to neighbors they passed.

Tumamoc closed, and A-Mountain got more use by pedestrians, bicyclists, and families with strollers, dogs and small kids in tow.

We started doing yoga via Zoom, cocktail parties via video conference, and Facetiming grandkids and far-flung relatives.

We read books, wrote our memoirs, started to paint, wrote poetry and short stories.

We worked on master's degrees, law degrees, and taught classes online.

We all consumed information about coronavirus, trying to maintain our equilibrium and navigate a new reality.

We were brought, sometimes against our will, to a deeper appreciation for our spouses, friends, roommates, children, parents, country and world.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: PANORAMA ESTATES ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 10TH

Our next Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, October 10th, 2020, from 3 to 5 pm.

We hope to be able to meet together on Lazy Place, but that of course will depend on official guidelines at that time.

Safety first---if we can't meet physically, we will plan to meet virtually via Zoom or another similar online platform.

Please stay tuned--we will be mailing a reminder with meeting details and proxy form at a future date closer to the actual meeting.



MAIL THEFT IN PANORAMA ESTATES

Many Panorama residents have had mail stolen from their mailboxes in the past, and some have had outgoing checks stolen, washed and deposited for larger amounts of money.

Many have opened PO boxes out of concern for security.

The local Postal Inspector is requesting any information about mail theft in our neighborhood.

Any information, no matter how small, would be helpful.

Call David Bullard Jr., US Postal Inspection Service, Tucson Domicile, Telephone 520-388-5060.

*****If you call, please reference case #MPD 2002-0386*****

Several neighbors have already conveyed their information.

We sincerely hope that the Postal Inspector will put together a case against those criminals who are stealing our mail.



LIGHT POLLUTION NEWS

In their May 2020 meeting (held remotely), the PEA Board discussed the ongoing U-Haul light pollution with Ward 1 representative, Jasmine Rucker.

In October 2019, 14 PEA neighbors signed a petition of concern regarding the bright light emanating from the U-Haul facility at Speedway and I-10.

That light, which shines upward, has been noticed by many in our neighborhood, and violates the Dark Sky Ordinance. Ward 1 supports our concerns and promises to explore ways to address the issue with U-Haul, which was previously not open to discussing the concerns of PEA neighbors. Stay tuned...

FRIENDS OF SENTINEL GATEWAY UPDATE

After completing the small traffic circle at Cuesta and Cedar, Friends of Sentinel Gateway are looking ahead towards continuing work on their proposal.

The new Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Program is a \$3 million initiative passed by Mayor and Council in February 2020, with the goal of installing GSI on Tucson streets, in accordance with Complete Streets principals (see [Tucson.gov/gsi](https://tucson.gov/gsi)).

The goals of the GSI Program are essentially identical to the goals of Friends of Sentinel Gateway and include traffic calming and use of stormwater to irrigate landscaping.

Friends of Sentinel Gateway's proposal recently received a positive initial reception from the GSI Program, which will begin capital allocations this summer.

In addition, Ward 1 has promised to introduce FOSG project to their standing meetings with Tucson Water and Tucson Department of Transportation.

MEET YOUR NEW WARD 1 REPRESENTATIVES



The Panorama Estates Association would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Ward 1 Representatives, who took office late in 2019. Lane Santa Cruz PhD is our new Councilperson. Lane is a native Tucsonan who earned her PhD in Education at the University of Arizona, where she then served as an educator. She was also a former Ward 1 Council Aide. Lane lives with her husband (also an educator) and their four young children.

Jasmine Rucker MS is the Ward 1 Director of Planning and Community Development. Jasmine earned her master's degree in Regional Planning at Portland State University. She brings over five years of experience in project management, community engagement and intercultural communication.



TUCSON SURVEY NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/newsnet/take-move-tucson-survey>

By making their public meetings impossible, the pandemic has dealt a gut punch to Move Tucson's collection of information for development of the 30-year Transportation Plan for Tucson.

You can still have a big impact on the future of Tucson by filling out of the Move Tucson survey online. Please go to MoveTucson.org and add your comments, likes or dislikes to the interactive map---you can comment on any areas of Tucson.

Are there traffic problems you feel need changing?

Are there areas where you would like to improve the experience of pedestrians, bicyclists, equestrians?

You can use your imagination---this is a big chance to add any comments---and make your ideas count!

SENTINEL PEAK PARK UPDATE

The new ramada, interpretive signs and paths near the upper parking lot have been completed (see tucsonaz.gov/parks/SentinelPeakPark).

>It has been six months since the start of the Road Safety Pilot Program, which modified the Park hours on Sentinel Peak, including closing the Park to automobile traffic on Mondays. The program has been extended for six more months.

With the closure of Tumamoc, the use of Sentinel Peak Park by walkers, bicyclists and motorists has increased. Out of concern for social distancing, Tucson Police Department has dispersed at least two large gatherings in the parking lots, one with over 200 people.

Many people continue even now to use the Park while not wearing masks, despite the increasing numbers of people there.

NEXT BRUSH AND BULKY PICK UP IS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21st

Get all of your items to the curb for pick up by Monday morning, September 21st, 2020. This is a great chance to finish clean-up of all those COVID house and garden projects.

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PLANNING TO BUILD IN PANORAMA ESTATES?

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