

# **Panorama Estates Neighborhood Newsletter** A Publication of the Panorama Estates Association

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#### PANORAMA ESTATES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM, OCTOBER 10TH, 2020

Due to the pandemic, our 2020 Annual Meeting was held via Zoom on Saturday, October 10, --2020 from 3-5 pm. --President Mary Jo Ghory called the meeting to order shortly after 3pm.

--A quorum was verified, and neighbors introduced themselves.

--Invited speakers included representatives of the Tucson Police Department, Erin Peters, Community Service Officer (CSO) Sgt. Jerome Winsky, Officer Tom Reese. Nahrin Jahbro of the office of Pima County Supervisor Betty Villegas and Roger Pfeuffer updated us on Mission Gardens.

--President Mary Jo Ghory documented PEA's nurturing of close communication between PEA, Ward 1, and the Pima County Board of Supervisors, as well as efforts to keep Sentinel Peak Park issues front and center, and the organization of our online annual meeting and voting with the Bylaws amendment needed to do so.

--Treasurer Ellen Paige noted that 60% of neighbors are now up to date on dues, due in part to the personalized billing notice recently sent to each neighbor in their newsletter.

--Plans Reviewer Larry Chavez walked us through PEA's review process and detailed the 3 plans for new construction that passed review this year. He requested that building plans be submitted for review in PDF format if possible.

--Teller Fred Elling announced the mail-in ballot election results: Mary Jo Ghory, Ellen Paige, Jill Hofer, Amit Sande, and Nathan Hall were re-elected to the PEA Board, and the Bylaw amendment to hold Virtual Meetings passed with the required 2/3 of ballots.

--Mary Jo Ghory detailed that the Monday closure of Sentinel Peak Park to motor-driven vehicles was extended for 6 months, and an important neighborhood survey providing feedback to COT was sent out

--Mail theft was discussed; the Postal Inspector Investigation results are pending, and many neighbors are installing locking mailboxes or simply not mailing from their mailboxes due to concerns about mail theft.

New Business:

--Curtis Yingling raised concerns about potential floodwater runoff damage; PEA will raise the issue with Ward 1. For a complete copy of the minutes of the Annual Meeting, go to

http://docs.neighborhoodlink.com/resources/529262294/2020-10-

10\_Annual\_Meeting\_Minutes\_Approved.pdf?AWSAccessKeyId=AKIAJODKKJAWTTFD34BQ&Expires=161089 6345&Signature=JaOYaz8ufHqAU438Agez3qvW3Mg%3D

#### SUPER HIKES NEAR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD by Ellen Paige

We all know that the incomparable Tumamoc Hill hike is just around the corner from Panorama Estates, but you may be unaware of many superb hikes within 10 minutes' drive of home. Here is a sampling of some of my favorites:

1. The Loop/Santa Cruz River walk---This system now has over 131 miles of paved riverside pathways, and is popular with pedestrians, bikes, and runners. Well-marked and flat, it offers hikes from an easy stroll to a challenging long hike. There are multiple access points, but to get started, you can go east on St. Mary's Road and turn left on Riverside Drive, the last road west of I-10. The parking lot is one quarter of a mile along on your right and has a beautiful children's playground. The trail, landscaped with native trees and plants, is a great way to see the Santa Cruz River, which now contains continually flowing water which attracts waterbirds and other wildlife. (photo courtesy of Mary Jo Ghory).



2. The David Yetman Trail---Go west on St. Mary's Road/Anklam to Camino de Oeste. Turn left on Camino de Oeste and follow the road all the way to the end (it becomes a dirt road). From the trailhead parking lot, the trail winds along a wash between beautiful cactus-studded, red rock canyon walls; it occasionally steps up the canyon wall but overall is an easy hike. For a longer hike, take the left fork to Starr Pass resort, or the right fork to the lower parking lot at Gate's Pass.

3.Feliz Paseos Park---For a paved hiking trail with well-labelled desert botanical specimens, water fountains and a covered ramada for picnics, this park can't be beat. Wheelchair accessible, this beautiful trail is perfect for less-mobile individuals, young or old, as well as anyone wanting to learn about desert plants in their natural environment. To get there, take St. Mary's/Anklam west, and turn right on Camino de Oeste---the parking lot entrance is about a quarter mile along on your right.



## **BLUE BARREL NEWS**

Starting February 1, 2021, glass bottle and jars will no longer be accepted for recycling in the blue barrels. COT will implement a community-wide glass recycling project that keeps glass for reuse locally, reducing both processing costs and environmental impact.

BRUSH AND BULKY PICK UP - March 1, 2021

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

City of Tucson will sponsor a free collection of Household Hazardous waste at Pima Community East – 3/13/21 and Downtown Campus 4-10-21 from 8-12pm. See schedule for additional dates and sites. https://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/gov/HHW\_2021\_Schedule\_1.pdf

## **NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME LISTINGS**

https://www.neighsupport.net/topics-2/crime-and-disorder/police-incident-listings/

**MOVE TUCSON** - Preparing a city-wide transportation master plan. Check out their website for the upcoming virtual open house. <u>https://movetucson.org/voh/</u>

# PANORAMA IN THE TIME OF COVID----VACCINATIONS ARE HERE! by Ellen Paige MD

There is a light at the end of the tunnel as we work our way through this devastating pandemic, and more and more of us are getting vaccinated against the SARS COV2 virus. However, it's important to keep several points in mind.

- 1. Vaccination gives good protection against the virus. By protection, we mean that, after vaccination, your chances of becoming seriously ill, of going to the hospital, or of dying are greatly decreased, sometimes by as much as 95%.
- 2. Even after a person is vaccinated, they can still become infected with the virus, and they can pass that virus to another unvaccinated person, who could then become ill. The vaccinated person, when infected, will probably have an asymptomatic infection, meaning that even though the virus is in their airway, they will have no symptoms, or mild symptoms only, and will most likely not even be aware that they are infected.
- 3. For these reasons, it is especially important that we continue to wear a mask, social distance, and keep up precautions (hand hygiene etc.) even AFTER we are vaccinated. We do this to avoid inadvertently infecting other individuals who may not be vaccinated yet, and so have no protection and could become ill or even die.
- 4. We will have to continue to wear a facemask and keep up our precautions until a major proportion of our entire country is vaccinated, and the SARS COV2 virus can no longer easily find a vulnerable host, and so become less and less common, and so less and less of a threat.
- 5. At this time, we do not know if we will have to get booster shots in the future, or if the vaccinations we are getting now in 2021 will protect us forever. That knowledge will come with study of the virus, so stay tuned to our public health authorities for further announcements about the need for booster shots in future.

There is much reason for optimism now, but we do need to maintain our vigilance for a while longer. For up-todate information on the virus, please visit the CDC website at <u>CDC.gov</u>.



USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (all are area code 520)

Code Enforcement	791-5843
<b>Building Permits</b>	791-5550
Graffiti Removal	792-CITY (2489)
Water Emergency	791-4133
Pima Animal Care	724-5900
TPD Red-Tag Unit	837-7318
Trash Pick up	791-3171
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### Survey

The City of Tucson is seeking input on priorities for both city government and community-wide climate and environmental sustainability actions.

https://www.opentownhall.com/portals/310/Issue\_1 0299/survey\_responses/new?cookies=required

### WHATS ON YOUR PEA WEBSITE?

The Panorama Estates Association website contains minutes of all Annual meetings, our CC&R's, Bylaws, a Neighborhood Map with lot numbers, and a newsletter archive. To access the PEA website---- http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Panorama\_Estates\_-\_Tucson



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## **TRASHY DIVAS**

Connie Brannock bikes up "A" mountain with her wife and friends and got tired of complaining about the trash they would see. She decided to form a group, contact Tucson Clean and Beautiful and officially adopted "A" Mountain. **Now on the first Monday of each month** the Trashy Divas can be seen filling up garbage bags. The group started in September 2019.



# **2021 PEA BOARD MEMBERS**

panoramaestatesneighborhood@gmail.com Mary Jo Ghory, President Nathan Hall, Vice President Amit Pande, Secretary Ellen Paige, Treasurer Jill Hofer – Member-at-Large Larry Chavez - Plans Review Liaison



# 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! panoramaestatesneighborhood@gmail.com