



# *Happy New Year Neighbors!*

Original drawing  
By Mary Ann McClung

## **From the President**

By Sam McClung, Ed. D.

The New Year brings opportunities of hope and setting resolutions. May your 2012 bring you and your family joy.

The New Year also gives us opportunities to reflect upon the past year. As we close the book on 2011 we reflect upon the events that shaped our memories. One of those events occurred on January 8 when our Suffolk Hills neighborhood was near the center of the world's attention when shootings occurred at Safeway killing six and wounding many, including Representative Gabrielle Giffords. In the immediate aftermath, there was discussion about the lack of civil discourse in recent political campaigns. My position here is not to say the shootings were related to this, but I do support the concept of civil discourse. This one year anniversary is a good time to remember, and reconsider civil discourse as an important foundation for society. Moreover, I believe civil discourse should be practiced throughout our lives, whether it is at work, shopping, in our neighborhoods, or in our schools.

Civil discourse, in conversation, writing, or debate, involves the respect of the other participants; does not question their beliefs or judgment; avoids hostility; and includes appreciation for the other

participant's experiences. We will not agree on every issue, but it remains important to practice listening and understanding, while showing respect.

At this one year anniversary of January 8th, I would like to encourage all Suffolk Hills residents to support and practice the concept of civil discourse. Adults should also be cognizant of the need to model this behavior for our children, who watch and learn from our behaviors. We cannot be perfect, and our bodies do have a "fight or flight" reaction that is sometimes difficult to avoid. All we can do is try.

I would like to share one of my experiences ten years ago while driving to Big Bend National Park in Texas. Almost every local rancher gave me a smile and wave. It made me feel warm and welcome - total strangers making my day very positive. I have seen this in many rural locals in Arizona as well. I did and still do try to give a wave and a smile in return, if I do not think to do so first. I also try to wave at you, my neighbors, when I see you on the street.

I love the rural nature of our Suffolk Hills neighborhood. Let's remember to give each other a wave and a smile as we see each other, while driving or walking our streets. A smile from a neighbor may brighten someone's day.

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**Javelina**

By Joe Storto, Neighborhood Naturalist

As the cooler season has arrived and I have seen more groups of javelina in our neighborhood. They visit our homes and root around in our trash cans. With uncanny ability, they visit trash cans just before trash collection day.

Javelina are omnivores. Their normal diet consists of prickly pear, agaves, roots and bulbs, grass, small animals and the lush landscape plants you have planted.

Javelina are interesting in many ways. Even though they are referred to as desert pigs, they are not related to pigs because of their anatomical differences. Like pigs, they walk on their two middle toes, but the other toes on javelina may be absent. Also, their stomachs are different from pigs. Their stomachs are non-ruminating, meaning they don't rechew their food like pigs do.

On the TV program, "Survivor Man," the host was in the Sonoran Desert and commented that there were wild javelina in the area and they were very dangerous. That's a greenhorn in the desert for you! Javelina will avoid confrontation and will run rather than attack. They can, however, become aggressive if they are cornered or are protecting their young from a perceived threat.

**Javelina (continued)**

Many times, my dog and I have surprised javelina. They get excited and nervous. Since my dog and I are viewed as predators, they will scatter and run off to watch from a distance, or face us in a stand-off. When nervous, javelina will musk (use their scent gland under the tail), face their predator with a growl or bark, and clack their teeth together to make noise.

If you pay attention, you will smell javelina before you see them. The scent gland is used for many purposes: to mark herd territory and to identify each member of the herd. They will even rub on each other's scent gland so they can regroup after scattering from possible threats since they do not see well.

Javelina can be very comical and entertaining to watch. They are smart and opportunistic. They are safer in numbers and can be seen in small or large groups. If out walking and you surprise a herd of javelin, it is best to give them a wide birth, or walk in the opposite direction if you are on the same trail. If you are with a dog, keep it on a leash for its own protection. As you know, dogs will always get the worst end of a scrape with javelina.

Picture submitted by neighbor Steve Maushardt.



# SHPOA 2012 Dues and Directory Information

**USE THE RETURN ENVELOPE IN THIS NEWSLETTER TO SEND YOUR 2012 DUES CHECK FOR \$20, AND TO UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

The membership year for Suffolk Hills Property Owners Association (SHPOA) starts January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends December 31<sup>st</sup>. SHPOA membership costs only \$20 per year. Use the return envelope in this newsletter to send your 2012 dues check for \$20 and your updated directory information (below) to our Treasurer, Pamela Keyes, at 354 E. Cambridge.

Belonging to SHPOA has many benefits. Members are eligible for election to the Board of Directors. Members can take part in SHPOA committees, such as Architectural Control, Neighborhood Watch, and Quarterly Newsletter. A SHPOA member may make neighborhood improvement proposals to the Board of Directors and is automatically eligible to attend SHPOA sponsored forums/presentations or other SHPOA sponsored Community Improvement Projects. In addition, all paid SHPOA members can take advantage of the new classifieds section of our quarterly newsletter to advertise yard sales, or any items or services that might be of interest to your neighbors.

**THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON TO BECOME A MEMBER, HOWEVER, IS TO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.** SHPOA membership is the best way to connect with your neighbors and get immediate information via email that might affect you, such as neighborhood-wide vegetation control, road paving projects, or any Neighborhood Watch alerts. SHPOA membership can enhance the quality of your life in Suffolk Hills and protect your largest single investment — your home. Invest in your home and neighborhood by joining SHPOA today for only \$20.

***The most important reason to become a SHPOA member is to know what is happening in your neighborhood!***

SHPOA annually updates our information on Suffolk Hills residents. The information on this newsletter mailing label is the most current information we have for you. Please use the following form to submit any changes to your information.

## SHPOA DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if outside of Suffolk Hills) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Partner's First Name \_\_\_\_\_

This data is for private SHPOA use only. It will be protected and will **not** be made available to any commercial interest.

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## THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

By Pamela Keyes

**GIRL SCOUT COOKIES!** — Mmmmm. Yes, it is that time of year again. Indulge yourself and your family with a box of Thin Mints, or our new lemon & powdered sugar Savannah Smiles. Make a soldier's day and order a box of cookies to be sent directly to the troops. Or we can donate your box to the children at Tucson's *Ronald McDonald House*, or *Casa de los Niños*. What can a cookie do? The largest girl-led business in the country, the cookie program helps girls develop key business and leadership skills. Girls set cookie goals to support their activities for the year, to fund community service and leadership projects, and to provide events for girls in their community.

If you would like cookies, please contact [girlscouts@pamelakeyes.com](mailto:girlscouts@pamelakeyes.com) anytime after Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, and we will deliver all the cookies you want, right to your door.

P.S. If you are a Girl Scout living in Suffolk Hills, please contact me at the above email address. I will distribute any orders I get, so that all our Suffolk Hills neighborhood Girl Scouts can share equally.



**HELP A CHILD WITH READING OR MATH.** **Harelson Elementary** is one of the top elementary schools in Arizona, and Suffolk Hills is lucky enough to be in the Harelson attendance area. Many residents have children who are currently enrolled, or have graduated from this school. Harelson is in need of volunteers for their reading and math enrichment programs. No experience necessary, just a willingness to help children. **For more information on volunteering to help a child read**, please contact Lisa DaDeppo [ldadeppo@amphi.com](mailto:ldadeppo@amphi.com), or the Harelson Reading Room at **(520) 696-6043**.

## Is Your Dog on a Leash?

By Pamela Keyes



One of the reasons so many of our residents love living in Suffolk Hills is for the joy of taking our dogs on their daily walks. Even those who don't have dogs enjoy the chance to chat with our neighbors as they walk their regular morning or evening route.

Unfortunately, we occasionally have problems with a dog that is out of control. These issues can range from loose dogs wandering freely through the neighborhood, to uncontrolled barking, to unpleasant waste left in your neighbors' yards. *Please* keep your dog under control at all times. Make sure your dog is wearing a collar with current tags. Pick up after your dog during your daily walk. Keep your dog on a leash. Violating these rules can present a threat to residents, local traffic, and other dogs. In addition, dogs who regularly violate these rules can be reported to animal control. Is that really fair to your dog?

If you have questions about animal codes or enforcement see [http://www.pimaanimalcare.org/phs/aw\\_code.asp](http://www.pimaanimalcare.org/phs/aw_code.asp), or call Pima County Animal Control at 243-5900.

**SUFFOLK HILLS CLASSIFIED ADS**

\$9,500 33-foot "Class A" Fleetwood Bounder, 1988; 15,000 miles; less than 300 hours on the built-in generator; very easy to drive. Extremely clean (no pets or cigarette smoke, ever) and ready to move in. For more information or a personal tour, call 260-9567 or email [stjohnspock@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnspock@yahoo.com).

Expand your osteopenia/osteoporosis management program with Bones for Life, a program of gentle movements that align the skeleton for safe, painfree and dynamic movement. Call 797-1572 for class information.

Zero balancing is a hand-on therapy done through clothing, of gentle touches that softens tension and returns the mind and body to comfort and peace. Call 797-1572 for class information.

**Suffolk Hills C & R's**

By Sam McClung, President

What are C & R's? For the Suffolk Hills neighborhood our C & R's are Conditions and Restrictions that were put in place in 1958 by the Arizona Land Title and Trust Company when setting up our subdivision. Other neighborhoods might have CC & R's (covenants, conditions and restrictions). For different neighborhoods, the variety of conditions and restrictions put in place at the onset of development create a unique look and feel. As we compare Suffolk Hills to other neighborhoods, this is something we can see.

The legal document of the conditions and restrictions for the Suffolk Hills neighborhood should have been included when purchasing your property. It is understandable that renters within our neighborhood might not have a copy. However, the landlord of rented Suffolk Hills property should be sharing the information with his or her renters.

Some highlights of the Suffolk Hills C & R's:

"Before the owner of any lot shall commence the construction or alteration of any building, wall, fence, coping or other structure whatsoever on any lot, such owner shall submit to an Architectural Control Committee.....two complete sets of plans and specifications....."

"No cattle, sheep, hogs, rabbits, poultry or other livestock shall be kept or maintained upon any part of said property. This paragraph shall not be construed, however, as prohibiting the keeping of ordinary domestic pets....."

I point these Suffolk Hills C & R's as two that have recently been discussed by SHPOA Board members. Suffolk Hills residents should be aware of the C & R's. For a complete list, please see the Suffolk Hills web site, [www.suffolkhills.com](http://www.suffolkhills.com).

You may ask, what about the easements in the C & R's? Isn't the board discussing easements? Yes. However, the easement language is found in both the plat maps and the C & R's.

The purpose of this article is not to start conflict within our neighborhood. Instead, it is to continue the process of informing Suffolk Hills residents regarding the C & R's. Over the 50 years Suffolk Hills has existed as a neighborhood, the C & R's have been a guide to make our neighborhood unique.

A final note: Whenever you have construction you wish to begin on your property, contact Gary Bagnocche, the Suffolk Hills Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Chair. If you wish to serve on the ACC, contact Board Member Gary as well.

**Consider Joining the SHPOA E-mail List**

The board treasurer maintains a list of names, phone numbers, addresses, and e-mails of all homeowners in our neighborhood. The list is only as good as the information that is received. Information comes from realtors during home sales, from neighbors who give us information regarding changes, and when dues are paid to SHPOA.

The e-mail list is specifically for the Board to quickly share information that is considered urgent. The intent is not to repeat what is in the local papers or on TV, or general information that can wait for the next newsletter. For example, the recent fog sealing that took place was e-mailed to everyone on the email list when information was received from Oro Valley.

Recipients who receive SHPOA e-mails are "blind copied" to preserve confidentiality; individual information is not visible to anyone receiving the e-mail. Your information will never be shared or given out for *any* reason.

Please help us pass along urgent information to you, by sending your e-mail address Pam Keyes.

## SHPOA Membership is a Bargain

By Sam McClung, President

The Suffolk Hills neighborhood that we live in is a bargain. Compared to other neighborhoods that may have association fees of hundreds of dollars, the annual dues for our association membership is \$20 per year which is relatively inexpensive.

Since membership is voluntary and we collect dues from approximately 50 percent of our 192 residential properties, we generate around \$2000 per year. The money collected is used for operating expenses, and neighborhood improvements.

Expenses include our newsletter, which we try to publish four times per year. Additionally, we have expenses related to maintaining our not for profit corporation status, the filing fees, back fees, and taxes associated. Luckily, the meeting locations that we use are donated to our neighborhood. We use the Wells Fargo building at the corner of Oracle and Suffolk for monthly board meetings. Last year we used the multi-purpose room at Immaculate Heart High School for our annual meeting.

Our neighborhood improvements include physical improvements, such as projects done over the past years: relocating the Suffolk Hills pillar at the corner of Village and Magee; and fixing the split rail fence along Village Avenue. Neighborhood improvements also include climate. By climate I mean making efforts to help neighbors get to know each other, and informational services that give opportunities for neighbors to get to know their surroundings. Last spring, we had 3 talks on the topic of "Nature in your Neighborhood" at Immaculate Heart. In previous years, there were talks focused on landscaping. Finally, several years ago the board hosted a "Block Party."

Please consider strongly renewing your SHPOA membership.

# Save the Date!!!

SHPOA Annual Meeting  
April 4, 2012

The Suffolk Hills Property Owners Association annual meeting will be Wednesday, April 4, 2012. The exact time, location, and agenda have not been set. However, you can put it on your calendar for early evening. More information will be sent in late March. This is a time for the Board to present the budget, the members to elect new officers, and neighbors to meet and greet. Please plan to attend!!!

## Information from the Town of Oro Valley

By Sam McClung, President

The Town of Oro Valley sends e-mails to subscribers on many topics. As a recipient, you can choose what topics to receive. Go to the Town of Oro Valley's web site, [www.orovalleyaz.gov](http://www.orovalleyaz.gov). On the right side of the home page, you will see some yellow buttons. Click on the "sign up for e-mail subscriptions." Don't worry; this will not do anything except give a list of options. You can then select from the list. Some of the choices lead to official publications, some link to alerts, and some will allow you to receive official notices such as meeting agendas or press releases.

For support of our Suffolk Hills Neighborhood Watch and to keep our community safer, select the "Crime Fighter Newsletter" and the "Public Safety and Crime Prevention" link. Choosing the Oro Valley Vista will have you receive this publication via e-mail. I have been receiving Press Releases, Roads and Public Works, Town Council, and News and Events for several years. However, you should choose what you prefer.

The SHPOA e-mail list will try **not** to send out information that is already sent by the Town of Oro Valley. In addition, this SHPOA newsletter is not published often enough to be a substitute for the town's timely information. Subscribing to the information provided by the Town of Oro Valley will keep you updated on what is important and timely for you.



### How Your Dues Help the Neighborhood

By Sam McClung, President

If you join the Suffolk Hills Property Owners Association for the 2012 year, there are both indirect and direct benefits.

Indirectly, Suffolk Hills neighbors benefit in many ways. The Board advocates with the Town of Oro Valley for services. For example, the board recently advocated for better communication during the fog seal process. The fog sealing, or putting down a thin layer of asphalt, improved our roads. However, the company doing the work handed out information that was confusing to some of us, and the message boards put in place by the town did not display complete messages.

In addition, it was noticed that the vegetation in our neighborhood along the roads was once again pushing in towards the centerline. The SHPOA Board made a call to the Town of Oro Valley and Suffolk Hills was put on their schedule.

Recently, the board worked with the Town of Oro Valley to mitigate an issue with parking along Magee Road.

Finally, several years ago, the board coordinated advocacy regarding the proposed development of the vacant land on the northeast corner of Suffolk and Oracle. Although the potential rezoning and development did not happen, the varied opinions within the Suffolk Hills neighborhood were brought together into a single voice.

In most of these examples, a single resident does not bring as much to the table when asking the town to act. However, a neighborhood association's board can speak for its residents.

How can you benefit directly? By paying your dues, you may vote for officers or address the board during SHPOA meetings. The SHPOA board also is advocating that the newsletter be a vehicle for dues paying members to advertise personal ads.

In the end, it makes sense for everyone to support Suffolk Hills Property Owners Association by paying the \$20 annual dues. Please make your payment to Treasurer Pam Keyes.

### Our Clean Streets Congratulations Everyone!

By Joan Peet, Director

Several years ago, maybe ten or twelve, SHPOA organized a community cleanup. I volunteered to pick up litter and was assigned to tackle First Avenue. Surprisingly, by the time I had walked from Magee to the end of First Avenue and halfway back, I had a very heavy, bulky garage bag of all sorts of litter.

I recently had the idea that we could have another cleanup and suggested a cleanup to the board. But upon examining the present state of our roads, I discovered that there really isn't much of a problem! An occasional water bottle or soda can, some broken glass off the roads, but nothing like the unsightly situation of years ago.

As a community, we are keeping our roads clean.

#### Protecting People, Property, Flora & Fauna

By Clara McInnis, Board Member  
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

#### Oro Valley Police Department Website Reports

October and November:

- (5) Disturbing the Peace
- (3) Welfare: Public Policing
- (1) Audible Alarm
- (1) Traffic: Automobile Accident  
with Property Damage
- (1) Vandalism: Intentional

#### Resident-to-Coordinator Phone Calls:

- 2-Domestic Pets: Including a Lost & Found
- 1-Illegal Parking: Bike Lane/Magee Rd
- 1-Reminder: Face Traffic When Walking
- 1-Heed the Speed Limits: 25 MPH & 15 MPH

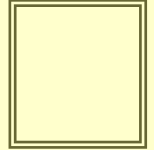
#### OVPD

Emergency: Dial 911

Non emergency: Dial 229-4900

Website:

<http://www.orovalley.gov>



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