Hidden Valley Homeowner Association News

November 2015

President's Message

Dear neighbors,	
Membership Drive & Creek Stewardship	Our membership campaign is well underway. We are excited to welcome new and returning members and are delighted with the response to our Sabino Creek Stewardship program. This is a chance to contribute to the well-being of our park and the creek by making a financial contribution over and above our \$65.00 annual dues. I'm delighted to report that so far we have raised over \$1100. There is still time to become a Sabino Creek/Park Steward. Send your check to Tod Coy at 8365 E Cheyenne Trail. If you want to work on the Stewardship Program contact Pete at fivehands@the river.com.
Oktoberfest	Our Oktoberfest was well attended on October 24 with 36 adults and children enjoying a beautiful day and great food and company. We used our new picnic tables for the first time. How convenient to be able to store them in our new shed!
Park Improvements	The park looked fabulous thanks to Director Pete Cinquemani's cleanup efforts the previous week. Thanks to all of you who worked together to help remove Arundo and other invasive plants, trim trees, cut down weeds. The dumpster was full not only with park debris, but also with all of our personal property clean up. Another smaller dumpster was quickly filled too. Thank you all for only dumping yard waste. That way we don't incur the added cost of disposing of hazardous waste which has sometimes happened in the past. Some pictures of the work are displayed later in this newsletter.
Private Park Events	Members can reserve the park for private events and make use of our new picnic tables and umbrellas. Contact Pete Cinquemani to make arrangements.
Saturday Social	Our next event is the Saturday Social on November 21. At 6:30 pm. Hosts are the Falticos, 8201 E Snyder Rd and all members are invited to attend. Bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage.
Arts, Crafts & Garage Sale	Also in November is the Hidden Valley Arts, Crafts and Garage Sale on Saturday, November 14 from 9-3. Contact Pat Packard at pmpackard@yahoo.com. She'll handle all the advertising but will need your address and what you are offering. Pat will distribute maps and we will have some large neighborhood signs. We also encourage you to have your own signs closest to your home for people not familiar with Hidden Valley.

Progressive Dinner	A long standing holiday tradition in HV is the December 5 progressive dinner. The three course dinner is hosted at three different locations. We are still looking for hosts for the appetizer/or salad course. The entrée and dessert courses are being hosted this year by the Catren's and the Coy's. Hosts provide the location and the food. Each guest brings his/her own beverage and pays \$10 per person. The HO reimburses each host for their portion of the meal and we hire a helper to clean u at each home. How easy can this be? If you are concerned about not being a worrenowned chef, perish the thought. You can even purchase any or all of each course pre-made! Think Costco or your favorite restaurant. Members will help round up tables, chairs, wine glasses, etc. The important thing is the fun and fellowship with your neighbors. Call Pat Packard or email her or call me to discus We limit attendance to the first 30 people.!	
Contact Pima County	With all the monsoon rains, we have had calls about drainage concerns, trees and weeds obstructing sight lines or the return of potholes. Whatever the concern , the fastest way to address your issue is at Pima County 's website www.pimacounty.gov. The drop down menu has categories that are easy to navigate. If all else fails contact Supervisor Ally Miller's office. Her website is very user friendly. The County can't know the condition of every road or when a mesquite trees 'branches are a traffic hazard, so contact the County. The more calls the more likely we are to get attention.	
See you in the neighborhood	Norie Nelson President, Hidden Valley Homeowner Association	













Preventing Erosion - Some tips from the Pros at Watershed Management Group

	Preceding the October Catlow Shipek and Lisa Shipek of the Watershed Management Group provided us with some techniques for keeping runoff water on your property and ways to replenish ground water for Sabino Creek.
	Director Catlow Shipek demonstrated techniques to slow runoff and keep water from rainfall on your property where it can water your plants and seep into the ground rather than run off into the streets. Over time if individual property owners better manage our own water usage and keep water where you need it, the neighborhood and the creek benefit.
	Some techniques Mr Shipek demonstrated to divert runoff for a slower flow of water from a bank or ditch are to dig a shallow "U" shaped trench inside the ditch or gully a few feet from the highest spot of the run off. He centered a large rock in the middle of a water feature, packed the sides with rock in a staggered pattern butting the rocks against each other from larger to smaller. He used silt to pack between rocks which will hold them in place during a monsoon. When he completed the first water diversion, he went a few feet further down the ditch, and as an offset, began trenching to slow water. For this he used an existing smoke bush as the anchor on one side, packed a large rock next to it and filled the rock again in a U shape. Using a creosote bush helped provide it irrigation and braced the rock. He told us this whole process is not science and during a large rain we need to make adjustments to our individual water diversion project. It is really trial and error.
Contact Info	The Watershed Management Group is very interested in working with us to improve community water resources. Their guidance will help us improve the park and our property. Call them, stop by their headquarters to see demonstration of water diversion techniques, use of graywater and more. Their website is: www.watershed mg.org/rivers/sabino. Headquarters:1137 Dodge Blvd. To schedule a consultation or conceptual design plan contact 520-396-3266.
WMG Website	There is so much useful information to be found at the Watershed Management Group website. Take a look around: http://watershedmg.org
Upcoming WMG EVents	Here is a link to the list of upcoming WMG events: http://watershedmg.org/event/tucson

Hidden Valley Home Owner Association 2015/2016 Fiscal Year Calendar of Events

Month	Event	Date and Time	Hosted/Organized by
September	Board Meeting	Monday, Sept. 14, 7pm	Norie and Nard Nelson
	Saturday Night Social	Saturday, Sept. 19 6:30 to 8:30pm	Pete and Linda Cinquemani
October	Fall Picnic: Oktoberfest	Saturday, Oct. 24, 2:00 to 5:00 pm	Wes Miller Park
	Board Meeting	Monday, Oct. 26, 7pm	Tod and Rene Coy
November	Neighborhood GARAGE Sale AND Arts & Crafts Sale	Saturday, Nov 14, 9am to 3pm	Pat Packard to advertise on Craigslist
	Saturday Night Social	Saturday, Nov. 21, 6:30 to 8:30pm	George and Barbara Faltico
	Board Meeting	Monday, Nov 30, 7pm	Mike Gollon
December	Progressive Dinner	Saturday, Dec. 5, 6pm	Appetizers: TBD Main Course: Gary & Anne Catren Dessert: Tod and Rene Coy
	Christmas Caroling	Thursday, Dec. 17 6:30 pm	
January	Board Meeting	Monday, Jan. 25, 7pm	Pete and Linda Cinquemani
	Saturday Night Social	Saturday, Jan. 30, 6:30 to 8:30pm	Preben Christensen
February	Neighborhood Watch Blocker Leader's Meeting		Penny Larkin to confirm date, time and location.
	Board Meeting	Monday, February 29, 7pm	Ben and Mary Ann Jacobs
March	Board Meeting	Monday, March 28, 7pm	Vince and Pat Schantz
	Neighborhood Watch Meeting		Penny Larkin to confirm date, time and location.
April	Spring Picnic	Saturday, April 2, 3:30 to 6:30pm	Wes Miller Park
	Board Meeting/Annual Meeting for election of officers	Monday, April 25, 7pm	Penny and Bob Larkin
May	Saturday Night Social	Saturday, May 7 6:30 to 8:30pm	Ben and Mary Ann Jacobs
	Board Meeting	Monday, May 23, 7pm (one week early due to Memorial Day)	Gary and Anne Catren
June	Board Meeting	June 27, 7pm	Nard and Norie Nelson
July	Hidden Valley Fire District Annual Budget Meeting	TBD	
	Saturday Night Social	TBD	
	Board Meeting	July 25, 7pm	
August	No Events Scheduled		

HVHOA website: http://www.hvhoasite.com/

A Few More Things

New Neighbors Welcome	New arrivals in HV receive a welcome packet and a personal visit from Neighborhood Watch Leader, Penny Larkin. If you notice a new arrival let Penny know at nickleslarkin@gmail.com and she'll take it from there.			
HVHOA Web Site	Do you know we have a web page? Visit it at http://www.hvhoasite.com . You will see the latest information about what's going on, who's who and the latest discounts.			
Next Board Meeting	Our next board of directors meeting is at 7pm, Monday, November 30, at the home of Mike Gollon, 5142 N Placita Solitaria. HOA Members are always welcome at board meetings.			
Useful Phone	Good numbers to keep on hand			
Numbers	Chief Deputy Chris Nano	465-4052		
	Rincon District 6 Commander Joe DeCormas	351-6383		
	Snake Removal Rural Metro non emergency	624-9913		

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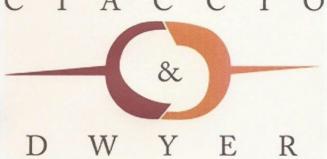
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