

# Hidden Valley Homeowner Association News

May 2016

## President's Message

<b>Dear neighbors,</b>	
<b>Board Election</b>	<p>At the annual meeting the current officers and board of directors was re-elected for another term. We are all happy to serve this neighborhood, but want to emphasize that any member of this community would be warmly welcomed to the board. We could use a director of by-laws. Directors would also appreciate anyone interested in serving on Social or New Member Welcome committees. None of these positions would require much time, but new ideas and new neighbor involvement is always welcome.</p>
<b>Park Alliances</b>	<p>We think you'll agree it's been a banner year in HV. Our collaboration with the Watershed Management Group and Arizona State Forestry created a long term strategy for maintaining and enhancing Wes Miller park and Sabino Creek. In addition, each of these alliances provides opportunities for homeowners to learn how to reduce erosion and conserve water and minimize fire risk on their own property. Pete Cinquemani, Park Director, describes details about our progress in the park elsewhere in this newsletter.</p>
<b>Park Contributions</b>	<p>It's also encouraging to see our first ever request for donations to the park be so successful. We've raised over \$2000 to date. Thanks to all who have contributed.</p>
<b>HOA Membership</b>	<p>Membership is at 139 households. While this certainly doesn't reflect all possible members, we are at a loss as to what more we can do to encourage folks to join. Have any ideas?</p>
<b>Social Events</b>	<p>Social events were well attended this year. Call Pat Packard if you have ideas about social events you would like to see us add or improve. Coming up are a Saturday Social on May 7 at the Schantz/Packards' and a July 16 Social at the Nelsons. These casual evenings are an opportunity to meet your neighbors. Bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage to drink. It is an easy event to host and we have opportunities in the fall for new hosts. Call Pat to sign up, 638-6248.</p>
<b>Sunrise Roundabout</b>	<p>The Department of Transportation is considering building roundabouts at 9 locations around town. Nearest to us is one proposed at Sabino and Sunrise. Your board voted to oppose the roundabouts and a letter was sent to Priscilla Cornelio to that effect. We also included some suggestions for ameliorating congestion during peak usage times at Sabino Park, such as relocating the entrance further down Sabino Canyon Road or adding additional entrances from Remount Rd.</p> <p>Funds for this project are from the federal government and therefore can not be used to improve the roads in Pima County. What a shame. There is still time for you to weigh in about your personal feelings re: roundabouts. To learn more visit</p>

<http://www.pima.gov/transportation>. The link to a questionnaire and information is on the left hand side under "[Proposed Roundabouts](#)".

**See you in the neighborhood ...**

Norie Nelson  
President, Hidden Valley Homeowner Association



**Hidden Valley Home Owner's Association**

Saturday Night Social

May 7, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Hosted by Vince Schantz and Pat Packard  
5120 N. Siesta Drive

**BYOB and a dish to share.  
(Host will provide smoked beef brisket)**

*Please RSVP to Pat Packard at  
[pmpackard@yahoo.com](mailto:pmpackard@yahoo.com) or phone 638-6248.*

## Thank You, President Norie Nelson!

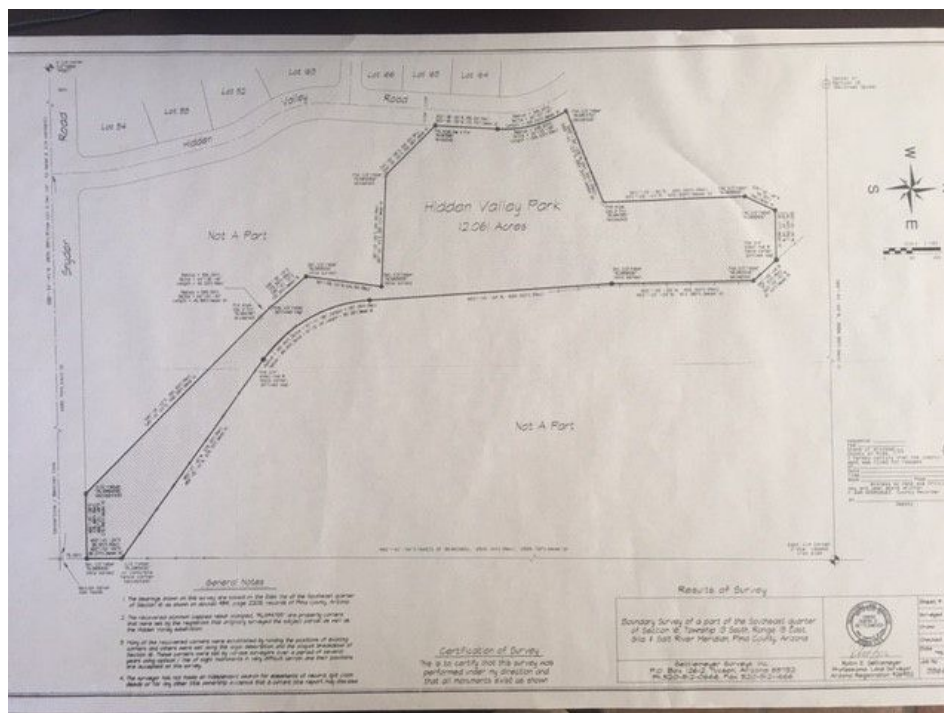


Many of the members of Hidden Valley Homeowners' Association may not know about all the time and effort that has been put into the association by our President, Norie Nelson. As you all do know, this is a volunteer position and she has pretty much held the Association together with her hard work and good communication skills. Over just this past year she has facilitated the joint efforts of the Forest Service, Watershed Management Group, Firewise and our Association to improve the park that we all enjoy. With her leadership we have enjoyed more social events and activities in the neighborhood. As members of the Board of Directors, we would like to thank her for all that she has done and continues to do. Don't know what we'd do without her! A big thank you, Norie, from all of us on the Board of Directors.


## Wes Miller Park

### Survey Map

Here is a photo of a survey of Wes Miller Park conducted in May of 2006. Click on the photo to see a larger view.



## Wes Miller Park Update - Pete Cinquemani

<b>Park Health</b>	<p>Wes Miller Park continues to improve. In the last 45 days, the park has seen many improvements.</p>
<b>Invasives Removal</b>	<p>On March 26 a group of UofA students, under the direction of Matthew Rotunno, Graduate Researcher, as well as Hidden Valley residents went on a mission to remove buffelgrass as well as arundo. What a successful day! Approximately one ton of these invasive plants were removed.</p> <div data-bbox="462 625 1417 999"><p>Click the picture to see more photos from the cleanup day.</p></div>
<b>Erosion Control</b>	<p>On April 16, twelve volunteers from across the city, joined the HVHO in a project to prevent erosion in the park. This project was under the direction of Trevor Hare, from Renewable Environment. Trevor had approximately 10 tons of rock donated for this project. The rock was used to build breaks in the tributaries leading into Sabino Creek. These breaks slow down the water runoff after rains and prevent erosion. Come by the park and take a look.</p> <p>James Alter (son of Lee Alter) has agreed to monitor erosion. He will document activity when monsoons begin and forward pictures to Trevor Hare so we can take action if required. James has been a steady supporter of park projects and we appreciate his commitment.</p>
<b>Upcoming Projects</b>	<p>There are a number of projects scheduled for Wes Miller Park in the next few months and we will be asking for volunteers. Stay tuned.</p>
<b>Parking Lot Gate</b>	<p>Over the years, the issue of the gate has been a topic of disagreement. Lock it or not? We have decided to try keeping the gate unlocked. The purpose of locking the gate was to prevent "illegal dumping" in the parking lots. If you see anyone dumping, please get a license number and call the sheriff.</p>
<b>Private Functions</b>	<p>If members wish to use the park for private functions, please contact me at <a href="mailto:fivehands@theriver.com">fivehands@theriver.com</a>.</p>
<b>Scoop it Up!</b>	<p>Wes Miller Park is a beautiful area and many residents walk their dogs. Some fail to pick up their dog's waste. Please be respectful to others that use this park and pick up after your dog.</p>

## Hoofing the Hood for the Neighborhood Good (and Firewise Notes)

<b>New Neighbors</b>	It's been a busy month. We invited 3 new families into our neighborhood. Members received membership applications and relevant information about the programs we support. They will receive rosters soon. We welcome our new neighbors to the Hidden Valley Homeowners Association. We hope to see you at future events.		
<b>Crime Report</b>	<p>Our neighborhood has had a fairly safe month except for the following incidents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A car left unlocked was rifled through. Nothing was stolen. Remember to lock cars in your driveway. Garage openers left in unlocked cars are an invitation to thieves.</li> <li>● Two phone scams were reported by the same household. No information was given to the scam artists.</li> </ul>		
<b>Empty House Safety</b>	Remember, if you are planning to travel and will be gone more than a week you can notify the Pima County Sheriff's office and they will drive by your property regularly. Also let your Neighborhood Watch block leader know when you will be gone. Call me if you don't know your block leader.		
<b>Firewise</b>	The Firewise program is progressing. I have been working with the State Forestry representative, Mayra Moreno and Rural Metro Fire Department representative, Tom Malloy to begin the process of having Hidden Valley registered as a nationally recognized Firewise Community. The benefit of this to enable us to apply for grants for community improvement projects such as Wes Miller Park and common areas like Snyder Road.		
<b>Firewise Inspections</b>	<p>You may also apply to have your property inspected. We can rate its' Firewise severity with a checklist provided by the Forestry department. Please give me a call at 760-7736 to set up an appointment. Inspections take a half hour or less and we do not enter the interior of your home. There is no cost.</p> <p>Any recommendations are for your information only. Compliance is strictly voluntary! In the meantime, take a look around your property and remove obvious dead or diseased trees and brush. It will lessen the risk of fire damage to your property and home.</p>		
<b>Firewise Tip</b>	Are you considering replacing gutters on your home? Metal rather than vinyl gutters is a safer option.		
<b>Be Safe</b>	<p>I'll see you out there when I'm Hoofing the Hood. You can call or email me at anytime with concerns,</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">                 Penny Nickles Larkin                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Neighborhood Watch Director</li> <li>● Firewise Co-ordinator</li> <li>● Membership Development Cheerleader</li> </ul> </td> <td style="padding: 5px; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● nickleslarkin@gmail.com</li> <li>● 760-7736</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table>	Penny Nickles Larkin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Neighborhood Watch Director</li> <li>● Firewise Co-ordinator</li> <li>● Membership Development Cheerleader</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● nickleslarkin@gmail.com</li> <li>● 760-7736</li> </ul>
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## Board Meeting Minutes - March 28, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Norie Nelson at 7:20 p.m. The minutes of the last BOD meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tod Coy reported that the Wells Fargo balance as of 1/1/15 was \$20,237.92. With income of \$10,835 and expenses of \$10,436.54, the balance as of 12/31/15 was \$20,636.38. The Eton Vance Balance as of 12/31/15 was \$17,434.83. Total assets: \$38,071.21. Tod made the suggestion that we increase our liability insurance coverage to \$3,000,000 for general and \$2,000,000 for directors and officers which would increase the premium by \$325 per year, bringing the annual premium for liability to \$1,819. A motion was made seconded and carried.

**Database:** Gary Catren reported we have a total of 135 paid members for 2016.

**Park:** Pete Cinquemani reported that the March 26 park cleanup went very well. Watershed Management Group brought students from the Agriculture program at UofA and some HOA members made great progress in clearing out dead branches and materials. Norie said she sent a thank you note to the Dean of the Agriculture College at UofA. Pete is trying to coordinate the removal of more fire hazard plants and non-native species with suggestions from Firewise. Catlow Shipek has agreed to pay \$300-\$400 of the cost. The creek has been flowing better than in many years and the goal is to keep it clear of dead limbs obstructing its flow. Park donations by HOA members will be used to pay for this labor intensive project.

As to the old agreement with Nature Conservancy and it's objection to removal of certain trees or plants it was decided that Norie send a letter to our attorney, Marian Abram, asking her to determine if the easement in perpetuity could be broken.

The spring picnic will be on April 2nd, 3:30 – 6:30. Pete has volunteered to cook brisket and pork, Rene Coy will do the signs, Norie will buy the wine and more eating utensils, and Ben Jacobs will buy the water, soft drinks and bring the bases he made for the umbrellas. We will plan to serve the meal about 4:30.

Discussed concerns and options about the park gate lock, non-members using the park and complaints about parking on the street outside the gate. It was decided Pete will get an estimate to move the gate about 20 feet further into the park and install chain link fencing to create additional parking spaces outside the gate.

We discussed improving the language on our sign outside the park to discourage non- members from using the park. Vince Schantz and Pat Packard have volunteered to bring suggestions to the next BOD meeting.

**Neighborhood Watch:** Penny Larkin reported that the Annual Neighborhood Watch meeting held at St. Alban's on March 15th was attended by about 28 residents. It was a very informative meeting that included presentations from Sheriff Nanos, two deputies and Tom Malloy of Rural Metro. We were reminded again to call 911 if we see anything suspicious.

Our area remains a low crime area with fraud being the primary crime and to exercise common sense by not leaving our houses and cars unlocked.

Penny and Bob Larkin have been working with Tom Malloy, to begin fire hazard assessments of homes in

our neighborhood. The process is one of the steps in becoming a Firewise Community.

As to the loose dog in the neighborhood Penny has reported this several times to Pima County Animal Control and now has five complaints from residents who have been frightened by this dog. She hopes some action will be taken soon to compel the owner to correct the situation.

**Social:** Pat Packard reported the only slot in the calendar is for a Hidden Valley representative on the Fire District Board. Penny said Lee Alter has agreed to be our representative.

The Jacobs have volunteered to host the Main Course of the Progressive Dinner. We discussed the possibility of them hosting the appetizer course as well and going to a second house for the dessert. This is to be determined as well as the date in December.

**Newsletter:** Rich Holladay was not present but it was agreed that he is doing a very good job with the Newsletter and now the website as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rene Coy, for Secretary Anne Catren

### 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: Mike and Karen Mulcahy Main Course: Gary & Anne Catren Dessert: Tod and Rene Coy
	Christmas Caroling	Thursday, Dec. 17 6:30 pm	
January	Firewise Presentation by AZ Forest Service	Saturday, Jan 16, 1pm	Wes Miller Park
	Board Meeting	Monday, Jan. 25, 7pm	Pete and Linda Cinquemani
	Saturday Night Social	Saturday, Jan. 30, 6:30 to 8:30pm	Preben Christensen
February	Board Meeting	Monday, February 29, 7pm	Ben and Mary Ann Jacobs
March	Neighborhood Watch Blocker Leader's Meeting	Tuesday, March 1, 6:30pm	Penny Larkin, 4911 Hummingbird Lane
	Saturday Night Social	Saturday, March 12, 6:30 to 8:30pm	Ben and Mary Ann Jacobs
	Neighborhood Watch Meeting	Tuesday, March 15, 7pm	St. Alban's Episcopal Church 3738 Old Sabino Canyon Rd.
	Park Cleanup	Saturday, March 26m exact time TBD	<b>Wes Miller Park</b>
	Board Meeting	Monday, March 28, 7pm	Vince and Pat Schantz
April	Spring Picnic	Saturday, April 2, 3:30 to 6:30pm	Wes Miller Park
	Board Meeting/Annual election of officers	Monday, April 25, 7pm	Penny and Bob Larkin
May	Saturday Night Social	Saturday, May 7 6:30 to 8:30pm	Vince and Pat Schantz
	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	TBD
	Saturday Night Social	Saturday, July 16, 6:30 to 8:30pm	Nard and Norie Nelson
August	Board Meeting	TBD	Nard and Norie Nelson

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



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### Housing Market Reports



Long Realty provides a variety of Housing Market Reports at [this link](#).

### 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](mailto: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, March 28th, at the home of Vince and Pat Schantz. HOA Members are always welcome at board meetings.

### Useful Phone Numbers

Good numbers to keep on hand

Chief Deputy Chris Nano	465-4052
Pima Sheriff Non-emergency reporting	351-4900
Rincon District 6 Commander Joe DeCormas	351-6383
Snake Removal Rural Metro non emergency	624-9913

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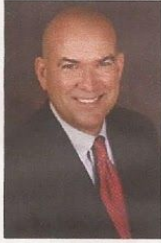
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