

Desert Dwellers

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OFNA and PRO-Neighborhoods A New Partnership

*“PRO Neighborhoods builds community
by nurturing grassroots neighborhood groups
in Tucson and Pima County.*

*Our ultimate goal is that everywhere you go in Pima
County, neighbors are helping neighbors,
diversity is celebrated, and people are proud
of where they live.”*

PRO Neighborhoods is an organization working to assist neighbors in improving their neighborhoods by providing grants, support and technical assistance. As such OFNA felt that our goals matched theirs, and that we could be a candidate for a financial award. A grant proposal was submitted in April for funds to continue the improvement of the triangle project at the corner of Genematas and Canyon View Drives.

On July 6th, the latest round of grants was an-

nounced and OFNA was awarded a generous amount.

With this grant, OFNA plans to add decorative gravel, more plants and, if funds allow, a commemorative plaque to the triangle. The work will wait until this fall when the weather is cooler and plants will have a better chance of survival. At that time, we will be looking for volunteers to help with the labor.

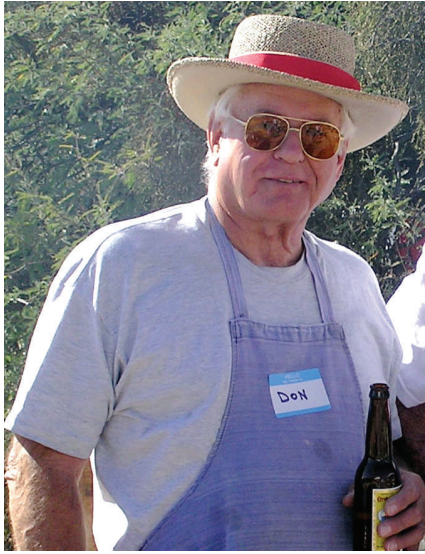


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Recommendations List ~ In this Edition

Have you been frustrated trying to find an honest, dependable, affordable business or contractor to work in your home? It seems that we all have. To assist you in your quest, we have been working to put together a list of people on whom you can depend. Over the last couple of months, residents from all over the neighborhood have been contributing to the new OFNA Recommendations List. On the list are contractors, businesses and service people who have been used and are personally recommended by your neighbors. You will find the entire list printed in this edition's newsletter. Also included is a list of businesses recommended *against* being used. These lists will continue to be updated, so if you have an addition or wish to comment on one of the recommended people, please let me know. I will only publish those entries that include the name of the neighbor doing the recommending. To submit an entry, please contact:

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Goodbye, Friend

OFNA and Oracle Foothills neighborhood have lost a good friend and supporter.

Don Peters, an original resident and picnic chef extraordinaire, recently lost his fight for life. Don will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Dates to Remember

- ◆ **Next OFNA Board Meeting**
July 24, 2006
 5459 N. Agave Dr.
 Monday, 7 PM
 690-1107

- ◆ **Annual OFNA Meeting for All Neighbors**
September 16, 2006
 St. Philips in the Hills
 Episcopal Church
 River and Campbell
 Saturday at 9 AM, East Gallery

- ◆ **Neighborhood Picnic**
October 28, 2006
 Saturday At Noon,
 In the Wash
 Next to 220 E. Yvon Dr.

YOUR HELP NEEDED!

OFNA's **Annual Picnic bash** is coming soon (October 28th) and we are looking for volunteers to help with all the work it takes to put this event on. Whether you have attended and enjoyed the picnic every year or have yet to partake in the fun, you are welcomed and encouraged to invest a little time in a great neighborhood activity. You will be rewarded with the appreciation of your neighbors, an afternoon of fun, the satisfaction of having done something positive for your neighborhood and some terrific food!



*If you can help in any way,
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OFNA By-Laws

At the last OFNA Board Meeting, the board voted to approve several updates to the association's By-Laws.

Among the changes are:

- ◆ Increasing the minimum number of directors
- ◆ Increasing the number of directors required for a quorum
- ◆ Defining the type of business that may be conducted by e-mail
- ◆ Adding and defining the office of Vice President

Copies of the By-Laws are available from the President, and will be available at the Annual Meeting.

OFNA Financial Statement

3/1/06—6/30/06

Beginning Cash	\$8799
Total Income	152
Total Expense	379
Ending Cash	\$8572

Complete details are available to all members from the Treasurer, Scott Odom.

Neighborhood Watch Update

HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS = HELP YOURSELVES

Summer is here and many of our neighbors escape the heat by traveling away from home for a few weeks or months. What does this mean to those of us who remain at home? After the outbreak of neighborhood crime last summer the realization dawned that criminals don't confine themselves to breaking into empty houses. Once they start scouting our neighborhood for what they see as "safe" opportunities, we are all vulnerable to being their targets.

Since its inception last fall, our Neighborhood Watch program has been encouraging all of us to be more alert to strangers and suspicious activities in our area, and to call 911 to report our suspicions. In the past months more homeowners have made these reports and the Sheriff's Department has praised our efforts to keep our neighborhood safer.

REMEMBER: When you keep your eyes open and report strangers and activities that "just don't look right", you are helping your neighbors and yourselves.

DON'T BE SHY ABOUT CALLING 911. AFTER THAT CALL, PLEASE REPORT YOUR OBSERVATIONS TO BOTH JAY DEANGELI (OFNA President) AND YOUR AREA BLOCK LEADER. These follow-up reports help us keep the rest of the neighborhood informed and alert too.

Thanks to all who have been promoting safety in the neighborhood!

*Liz Sherwood,
Neighborhood Watch Area Leader*

Road Kill

The mean streets of Oracle Foothills are littered these days with the bodies of our friendly reptile residents ~ Desert Spiny Lizards (*Sceloporus magister*). Perhaps the lure of an easy arthropod meal has lead the lizards onto the pavement and into the path of those enormous vehicles. Slow down and enjoy your drive through the neighborhood, and keep an eye out for cruising desert spiny!



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