

Desert Dwellers

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Two big events in the neighborhood are coming soon. We hope to see all of you there!

12th Annual **Neighborhood Picnic** October 30

Join your neighbors for a fun day of good food and camaraderie.

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ANNUAL MEETING

September 18, 2010

Held every year in September, this is the one meeting for all residents of Oracle Foothills.

See page 3 for all the details.



A parting gift . . .

In the dog days of summer, when the heat and humidity are wearing on us, when the bugs seem to have taken control of the universe, and when few plants have the energy to send out blooms, along comes the plump, squatty barrel cactus brightening the landscape with brilliant red, yellow and orange jewels. They bring us color and beauty and joy, a shocking contrast to the monochromatic desert, a flame to light up our senses, a crown of glory on a spiny head. Thank you to the humble barrel for this late summer gift.



12th Annual

All Neighborhood

Picnic

Saturday, October 30

Noon to Dark

In the Wash next to 220 E. Yvon Dr.

(The Chocolate House)

**Bring a potluck dish to share
(salad, main dish or dessert)**



Celebrate Halloween with an old-fashioned cookout and potluck.
For the kids, a jumping castle, piñata and more fun activities.
We'll provide the drinks, grilled brats, chicken and ribs, ice, chairs,
tables, shade, paper goods and utensils.
We hope to see you there!

Everyone Invited!

Mark Andersen is the Picnic Chairman this year.

Contact Mark if you can help in any way.

mark@markmarie.com; 887-2296



OFNA ANNUAL MEETING

All residents of the Oracle Foothills neighborhood are cordially invited to attend the yearly meeting of the Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association. Coffee, refreshments, registration and conversation with your neighbors will precede the meeting. Guest speakers will lead off the meeting, followed by the regular business portion. You will get a financial report and an update on all the issues and activities of the prior year as well as a look ahead to future plans. A new board of directors will be elected, and the meeting will close with a drawing for some excellent prizes.

Saturday, September 18th, 2010

(please see the note below from Carolyn Redmore)

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church

665 W. Roller Coaster Rd.

Lower level, West meeting room



8-9am - Registration, coffee, refreshments, meet your neighbors

9am - The meeting begins promptly

The meeting normally concludes by about 11am. We hope you will plan to attend, even if you can only stay for a portion. The neighborhood association needs the participation of its residents in order to be effective and valuable.

See page 6 for a listing of the candidates for the Board. The newly elected Board of Directors will meet immediately following the regular meeting to elect officers for the ensuing year.

Egg On Our Faces--Oy Vey!

At the August OFNA board meeting, we were moving through the agenda and, I thought, had finished reviewing plans for the Annual Meeting, Saturday, September 18, when guest (and prospective new board member), Susan Berger spoke up: "Do you realize that you have scheduled this meeting on the holiest day of the Jewish year, Yom Kippur? That's akin to having the Annual Meeting on Christmas."

Well, "No," we did not realize. Rationalizations came to mind: Away from Jewish friends and colleagues in St. Louis with whom I have observed the High Holidays, I am not as aware. But, I do not remember this conflict coming up before--isn't this a bit early? Grabbing my planner, I looked at 9/18 and it was blank; I had to look twice to notice the tiny print on Friday, 9/17, "Yom Kippur begins at sundown."

As I apologized to Susan, I apologize to all our Jewish neighbors for this mistake. It is unusual for Yom Kippur to fall on a date being considered for the annual meeting; nevertheless, I can assure you that the OFNA board will be asking the question and avoiding a repeat occurrence. The High Holidays in Judaism are about Repentance and Atonement. A recent e-letter from a rabbi began: "You don't have to be Jewish to experience the High Holidays....ten days of repentance and atonement is needed for everyone." Thank goodness and Oy Vey!

Carolyn Redmore
President
OFNA Board of Directors

OFNA Financial Report - Fiscal Year 2010

Balance Forward (5/10/10)	\$10,750
Income	2,610
Expenses	551
Current Balance (8/26/10)	\$12,809

Detailed financial reports are available at the Annual Meeting. Members may receive a copy at any time by requesting it from the Treasurer, ejdeangeli@comcast.net, 690-1107.

Weekly Neighborhood Update

If you want to receive weekly neighborhood updates via e-mail, drop a note to:

caroledeangeli@earthlink.net

All residents are welcome to be on the list.

New Website

The OFNA website has undergone a major makeover in recent months. If you haven't visited in a while, a completely new look will greet you. There is a lot of work remaining, including several pages I plan on adding. But the basics of the site are now in place.

The current lineup features:

- **HOME** - including information on the upcoming picnic and a link to the latest Recommendations List
- **ABOUT OFNA** - Current officers, zoning information, In Memoriam, history of the CCR's in Oracle Foothills, contact information. Links to: membership form; meeting minutes; past issues of this newsletter; OFNA By-Laws; and a Map of Oracle Foothills.
- **CLASSIFIED ADS** - ads from your neighbors.
- **ISSUES** - articles on issues confronting residents, including a separate page for **CRIME**.
- **LINKS AND CONTACTS** - contact information for many agencies, government representatives and utilities.
- **HISTORY** - the history of Oracle Foothills subdivision.
- **COMMUNITY** - information on community organizations of interest to our residents.
- **ACTIVITIES** - various projects and activities undertaken by OFNA over the years.

I welcome input, suggestions, critiques, or ideas for content or additional pages.

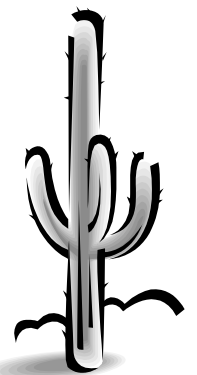
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*Carole DeAngeli, webmaster
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A Note about Dues

Recently a membership invoice was mailed to all residents of Oracle Foothills for the 2010-2011 year. We thank those of you who have chosen to support OFNA through your membership. A payment form is also always included on the back page of the Desert Dwellers newsletter. I include this for the convenience of those who are new or perhaps did not receive an invoice. If you have forgotten whether your dues are paid, please contact the membership chairman:

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Neighborhood Watch



The Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Watch is now entering its 6th year, having been formed in 2005 in response to a rash of summer break-ins in the neighborhood. Crime is an ongoing issue in Oracle Foothills, as it is in all parts of the city. Neighborhood Watch is a free and volunteer organization sponsored by the Pima County Sheriff's Department which endeavors to encourage neighbors to be observant and watch out for one another.

WHAT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?¹

Neighborhood Watch represents law enforcement and citizens working together to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. Some of the ways this is accomplished is by:

- Encouraging neighbors to join together to detect and deter crime in their area by being the "eyes and ears" for the Pima County Sheriff's Department.
- Helping neighbors to become better acquainted, so they can work together to solve problems in their neighborhood, while acting as a support group for each other.
- Educating individuals on the principles of "Deter, Delay, Detect, and Deny," and to work together to improve the overall quality of life in their neighborhood.
- Coordinating pertinent neighborhood meetings, i.e., Crime Prevention Fairs, GAIN, etc.
- Assisting the community and sheriff's deputies to work closer together with a common purpose.
- Helping encourage citizens to have pride in their neighborhoods and motivating them toward other common goals.

A comprehensive Neighborhood Watch Program in your neighborhood, whether it is a high crime area or not, will have many rewards for you, your family, and your neighbors. Neighborhood Watch programs are known to instill a greater sense of security, well-being and reduce the fear of crime in your community, as well as, create a greater "sense of community" by putting the "neighbor" back into neighborhood.

There cannot be a law enforcement officer on every corner, so citizen involvement is essential to combat crime. You and your neighbors are the ones that really know what is going on in your community. By communicating with each other and working together as a team, you and your neighbors can make a difference. The partnership of Neighborhood Watch, working with the Pima County Sheriff's Department, acts as a deterrent to crime and serves as a crime prevention tool within the neighborhood.

1. <http://pimasheriff.org/department-services/neighborhood-watch/>

For each Neighborhood Watch Area, there is an Area Leader and a number of Block Leaders. Each Block Leader is responsible for a group of homes in their vicinity. Recently, the Area Leadership of the Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Watch was transferred from Carolyn Hoenig, who had served for several years, to Jacki Elder and Bente Jensen. Jacki and Bente have been in the process of familiarizing themselves with the requirements of the organization, contacting Block Leaders, updating maps and records and notifying the Sheriff's Department of the change.

Everyone who receives this newsletter is encouraged to take part in our Neighborhood Watch. If you would like more information, want to sign up or are interested in being a Block Leader, contact Jacki or Bente:

Jacki Elder, elder@theriver.com, 292-6070
Bente Jensen, bentejaz@comcast.net, 744-7742

OFNA Candidates for Board of Directors, 2010-2011

Mark Andersen: (Incumbent Board Member) Wife: Marie, Daughter: Megan, Dog: Cali. Employed by: Raytheon Missile Systems. We moved into this very comfortable neighborhood during the “uncomfortable” time of the year (July of 2007). We have since enjoyed snow in the mountains, incredible monsoons with lightning storms, and columns of flying ants. The amazing Arizona sunsets gave me an excuse to buy a nice Nikon camera. I am a member of the NRA, the AARP (but will not renew), and Tohono Chul Park. I would like to be considered to serve on the Board of Directors.

Susan Berger: Six years ago, after a 3 ½-year long-distance romance, Robert Lanier and I decided it was time to begin the rest of our lives. I had lived my entire life in Chicago, and Robert was in Savannah. One weekend we came to Tucson to visit some friends, and when we left we had purchased a home. It took another two years to tie up our lives in our respective home towns and to move to Tucson. We knew nothing about Tucson neighborhoods, so it was just luck that we found a home in this wonderful neighborhood. In Chicago I was a partner in a CPA firm. I specialized in matters regarding real estate and the structuring of real estate investments, like-kind exchanges of property, and in the taxation of highly-compensated individuals. I’m mostly retired from that now and devote my time to my fine-art photography. Last year I received a grant from the Arizona Commission on the Arts, and my work is in the permanent collection of several museums. Robert is also a photographer, and last year we were both invited to exhibit our work in China. This is a special neighborhood. I’m grateful to those individuals who work so hard to keep it that way. So I’m happy to be nominated to the board so I can “do my part”.

Jay DeAngeli: (Incumbent Board Member, current Secretary/Treasurer) During my 33-year career with AT&T, I worked as project manager on numerous large telecommunications projects, both in the U.S. and overseas. Our travels and working assignments took us to Asia, Africa and Europe. After retiring, I was active in home building and remodeling in Reno. My wife Carole and I moved to Oracle Foothills in 1995, coming from the high desert foothills of Reno, Nevada (my birthplace). We have been very active in our neighborhood association and plan to continue our efforts. Some of the activities with which I have been involved include: publication of the quarterly newsletter; continuation of our annual picnic; the ongoing maintenance of a safe, clean and attractive neighborhood; promotion of open communication among the neighbors. I would be honored to serve on the Board of Directors for another year.

Angelo Dellacona: (Incumbent Board Member) I grew up in the Boston area, then moved with my family to New Hampshire in 1974. My wife Carol and I have resided in Tucson since 1977, moving to Oracle Foothills in 2000. I established two businesses, one on the east coast and one here in Tucson. After working at the Westin La Paloma for 12 years, I retired to enjoy the desert and living in the Oracle Foothills neighborhood.

George Grimm: (Incumbent Board Member) My wife, Sherry, and I returned to Tucson in 2004 after a twenty-year sojourn in Houston. We were delighted to find a home in the Oracle Foothills neighborhood. All that one has to do to appreciate our neighborhood is to visit new residential developments today where the land has been bladed bare and two ocotillo and one barrel cactus in the front yard are the “desert landscape”. I have owned my own management consulting practice for over 30 years, working with clients to develop new products and processes primarily for the industrial sector. Since June 1 of this year, I have also been serving as Associate Dean for General Studies at the Tucson campus of the ITT Technical Institute, located on River Road at La Canada. Drive.

Karl Oxnam: (Incumbent Board Member, current Vice President) Six years ago my wife Maliaca and I were fortunate to find a home in what some of our good friends said was the best neighborhood in Tucson. After attending OFNA meetings and picnics we have been able to confirm that the people in the neighborhood match the beautiful surroundings. Maliaca, raised in Mississippi, has been a faculty librarian at the U of A for 8 years. A native Tucsonan myself, I have enjoyed a 17 year career in the Tucson Unified School District currently teaching at Catalina Magnet High School. We both hold masters degrees in our field and are U of A alumni! We are very proud parents of Gabriella, 4½ years, and Gracie, 2 years! Our approach can be summed up by our email address: Lifeisgoodx2@yahoo.com! It would be an honor to continue working on behalf of the residents of the neighborhood.

Carolyn Denison Redmore: (Incumbent Board Member, current President) Empty nester transplants from the mid-west (St. Louis), Derek and I enjoy Tucson and this neighborhood for its eclectic, casual ambiance, diversity in multiple ways, and amazing desert habitat. Opportunity for community connection is a base for an open, caring neighborhood. The OFNA facilitates such connection and neighborhood spirit. Serving on the OFNA board allows me a broader network of neighborhood connections. As importantly, it allows me to be a part of anticipating and planning, of addressing and working through inevitable challenges of being a neighborhood, and taking on a bit of leadership in bringing folks together. I hail originally from the Cajun and rice lands of

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south Louisiana; Derek, a chemist, from the Wolds of Lincolnshire, England. We have two grown children, a son in St. Louis about to be married and daughter in Arlington, Va. It will be a pleasure to serve on the OFNA board another year.

Marianne Richardson: (Incumbent Board Member) My husband Lowell and I moved to Tucson four years ago. We feel fortunate to have found a home in this beautiful, well-located neighborhood with such friendly neighbors. Although Lowell is a native Tucsonan and proud alumnus of both Amphi and the U of A, I was a lifelong Chicagoan before relocating here. I just love the natural beauty of the desert and have learned much about it from trial-and-error style gardening. I am a retired attorney, mother of two grown sons and currently serve as the president of the docent council at the Tucson Museum of Art and as a member of its Board of Trustees. I have enjoyed being a member of the OFNA Board and hope to contribute to the board's programs in the coming year.

Leo Roop: (Incumbent Board Member) I grew up in northern Illinois. To avoid the draft I entered the aviation cadet program of the Air Force and became a navigator-bombardier on a B-47 bomber. I developed a back problem and after 5 years was medically retired in 1963. I came to Tucson and attended the UofA graduating with a B.S. degree in Finance. I spent 30 years in banking as a portfolio manager in the trust department (2 of those years were in Phoenix). Now retired for the past 10 years I serve on the board of directors of the Pima Community College Foundation and also help sponsor UofA students with summer programs. I feel education is vital in everyone's life. I'm a bachelor, but have a sister and brother living in Tucson. I bought my house on Genematas in 1971. I cherish the rural atmosphere of our neighborhood and enjoy the wildlife (except the pack rats). I have enjoyed playing tennis at Quail Valley since it was built in 1973. I also like hiking and traveling. I would be pleased to serve as a board member

Tom Scarborough: (Incumbent Board Member): Harriet and I moved to our home in the Oracle Foothills neighborhood in November of 1988. We are both retired educators. I retired for the second time in June of 2007, after 35 years in public education as a science teacher and high school administrator. Most recently I have been involved in leadership development, providing training and coaching to aspiring and sitting school leaders around the state. We very much enjoy our home and life in Oracle Foothills, and appreciate the work that OFNA has done over the years to maintain and improve the things that make our neighborhood such a special place. I am looking forward to continuing to serve the neighborhood as a board member.

Kitty Schwartz: I'm almost a native. I attended Tucson and Amphi High Schools and graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology and Literature. I worked for the Pima County Planning and Zoning Department as an administrator for 13 years. I am currently a personal property liquidator. I have lived in Oracle Foothills Estates for almost 14 years. This wonderful neighborhood with its people and natural desert life have meant a lot to me and continue to do so. I've been on the OFNA Board of Directors in the past and with your support, look forward to serving you for the coming year.

Camille Zachmeier: (Incumbent Board Member) I am the owner and associate broker at Win3 Realty. I became a Realtor in Texas over 20 years ago. I joined the Tucson Association of Realtors in 2000, less than a year after transferring here with Raytheon. My husband Bob and I started Win3 Realty after becoming real estate brokers in 2004. To better educate my clients about the loan process, I attended real estate financing classes and worked as a mortgage lender for three years. I graduated from the University of North Texas with a BA in Business Management. During my 20-year career at Raytheon, I held many positions. I was a Program manager when I retired in 2004 to run our real estate company. I have been a hospital volunteer, and served on the Board of Directors for a children's church camp for three years. I have lived in the Oracle Foothills neighborhood for almost 6 years and was elected to the Board of Directors last year. I look forward to the opportunity to serve another year on the Board of Directors for the Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association.

Retiring Board Members

Four current members of the OFNA Board of Directors will be retiring at the end of this fiscal year. Our thanks and appreciation go to Don DeYoung, Sharon Laird, Scott Odom and Phil Williams for the time and service they have given to the neighborhood and the Association.

thank you!

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