

# Desert Dwellers

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## OFNA ANNUAL MEETING

**Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 am to Noon**

**Dove of Peace Lutheran Church**

**665 W. Roller Coaster Rd.**

**West Meeting Room**

**Directions:** From Oracle, go west on Roller Coaster approximately half a block. The church is on the left. Signs will direct you to the meeting room.

Your neighborhood association works hard for you all year. In return we're asking for just a couple hours of your time. Please come and meet your Board of Directors, find out what's been happening in the neighborhood and what the future might bring. This meeting is mandated by our By-Laws and is our one chance to meet with all of you. The new Board of Directors will be elected for the upcoming year. Also, in accordance with the requirements of Neighborhood Watch, this meeting will serve as the annual gathering of all Neighborhood Watch participants.

**EVERY** resident of Oracle Foothills is invited and encouraged to attend. Your help is needed to make Oracle Foothills the very best place to live.

**Coffee, sweets, registration and conversation start at 8:30.**

**Every *member in good standing* who is in attendance will receive a drawing ticket for some terrific prizes.**

**EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENT IS INVITED!**

Come Party with your Neighbors at the 9th Annual

# OFNA Picnic!



*Saturday,*

*October 27th*

*One pm to Dark*

In the wash on the south side of Yvon Drive, next to 220 E. Yvon (The Chocolate House). It will be an afternoon of food, fun, music, games, and friendly conversation.

## **Bring a dish to share**

Our crew of chefs will be serving up delicious barbequed **chicken** and **hot dogs**

Utensils, Paper Products and Soft Drinks and Ice will be provided  
You may bring your own beer or wine

**There'll be lots of fun activities for the kids,  
including a piñata and a jumping castle!**

For more information, or to volunteer to help, contact  
Jay DeAngeli, 690-1107 or Camille Zachmeier, 888-4262

**OFNA Candidates for Board of Directors, 2007-2008  
(Tentative Slate, Subject to Board Approval)**

**Jay DeAngeli:** (Incumbent Board Member, current 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.

**Sig Eisner:** (Incumbent Board Member) I have been a resident of the Oracle Foothills neighborhood since 1995. I was educated at the Universities of Arizona, California (Berkeley) and Columbia and spent over 30 years as a member of the English Department at the University of Arizona. For over 55 years I have been married to Nan Eisner. Nan and I are the parents of six and the grandparents of 12.

**Gene Isaak:** (Incumbent Board Member) I am a 37 year resident of the neighborhood. I have degrees from the U of N. Dakota and NYU Law Schools. I have practiced law all those years in Tucson and am still practicing. We raised two children here and although they are now on their own they visit us often, each with one grandchild. We enjoy the neighborhood because it is relatively close in but the lots are big enough to allow privacy. I am interested in keeping this a safe neighborhood and in getting the streets repaved.

**Sharon Laird:** (Incumbent Board Member) It has been my pleasure to serve on the Board for 2 years. I moved back to Tucson in 2003, but I was here from 1969 to 1975 - lived on the golf course at OVCC, which was way out! I'm a U of A graduate. My adult children are all Arizona residents. My husband, Frank, is a retired anesthesiologist. We lived in Phoenix where I was a Realtor. We prefer Tucson - smaller, higher & much cooler. We appreciate the mountains, desert plants & its wildlife - we have a lot! I am impressed with our various functions - Neighborhood Watch, annual trimming, attempted road maintenance and the PICNIC. Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting.

**Scott Odom:** (Incumbent Board Member) I was born and raised in Phoenix, where I learned to tolerate and even enjoy the extremes of the desert. My fondness for Tucson grew during undergraduate studies at the University of Arizona. In addition to providing a fun academic environment, the University is the venue in which I first met my lovely wife, Ashley. In May of 2000, I received a bachelor's degree from the college of business with majors in Finance, Accounting, and Entrepreneurship. After graduation, I worked as an auditor in the Phoenix office of KPMG, a large public accounting firm. In August 2001, I was able to break away from work just long enough to marry sweet little Ashley. And after two years with KPMG and the attainment of my CPA certificate, I made the surprisingly easy decision to leave public accounting. With Ashley working as a technology consultant, our options were wide open in regard to geographic location. After mulling things over, we narrowed our choice down to either Denver or Tucson. Of course, you all know which town won out in the end. A large part of our decision was based on this wonderful neighborhood. The characteristics of (1) natural desert and (2) heterogeneity of homes were both present here, and we were supremely excited that a home fitting our needs and our budget was actually available in such a setting. The rest, as they say, is history. Since moving to Tucson, Ashley has shifted careers and is now a 7th grade math teacher at Flowing Wells Junior High. I am currently the Vice President - Finance at Vantage West Credit Union. Ashley and I have sincerely enjoyed our first few years in the 'hood. Most of all, we love the wildlife sightings and the peaceful surroundings. As a board member, conserving and protecting the special habitat within our neighborhood would be at the top of my agenda.

**Karl Oxnam:** (Incumbent Board Member) Five 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 7 years. A native Tucsonan myself, I have enjoyed a 15 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 UofA alumni! We are very proud parents of Gabriella 2.5 yrs. and Gracie 4 months! Our approach can be summed up by our email address: Lifeisgoodx2@yahoo.com! It would be an honor to work on behalf of the residents of the neighborhood.

**Carolyn Denison Redmore:** (Incumbent Board Member, current Vice President) After making the decision to locate full time to Tucson from St. Louis, Mo., my husband, Derek, and I were pleased to find this neighborhood with its low key eclectic ambiance, amazing desert habitat, and awesome views. Serving on the OFNA board is an opportunity to become better acquainted with our neighbors and issues impacting neighborhood life. If elected to the board I would draw on my experience as a psychologist in assessing issues and developing/implementing/evaluating action plans. More specifically, I am interested in outreach to newcomers and ongoing neighborhood assistance. I hail originally from the Cajun and rice lands of south Louisiana; Derek, my husband, is a chemist, from the Wolds of Lincolnshire, England. We have two treasured grown children, a son in St. Louis and daughter in Arlington, Va.

**Tom Scarborough:** (Incumbent Board Member, current Secretary) My wife Harriet and I moved into the Oracle Foothills neighborhood in November of 1988. I was teaching high school biology and physical science at the time. Since then, I have completed a thirty year career in public education, including seventeen years as a classroom teacher and thirteen as a building administrator, the last ten of which were spent as principal of Cholla High School. I completed my B.S. in Wildlife Biology in 1969, and after a couple of years of military service I returned to Tucson and the University of Arizona to obtain my teaching certificate. I completed my M.Ed. in 1979 and my Ph.D. in 1986. I retired from TUSD in 2002. I continue to work part-time for TUSD in administrator training. I have served as a volunteer facilitator in the YWCA's "Time to Talk" anti-racism program for the past three years. I have very much enjoyed living in our neighborhood, and I appreciate the work that

former and current board members have done to make this such a nice place to live. One of my goals upon retirement was to become more involved in community service, and what better place to begin than in our own neighborhood? If elected, I will be proud to continue serving on the board, and will work hard to contribute to the good of our neighborhood.

**Barbara Schuessler:** (Incumbent Board Member) I moved to this wonderful neighborhood four years ago and have a strong interest in the preservation of the natural desert landscape and its wildlife. The beauty of our desert and the integrity that has been maintained in our neighborhood is something I would like to continue to focus on and would love to contribute to our sense of community by serving on the OFNA board of directors. Being involved with Reaters has allowed me to meet many wonderful neighbors and to participate in great discussions and to get to know my neighborhood better. I teach flamenco dance at Creative Dance Arts and have my own video business. Growing up in El Paso, I first came to Tucson in 1968 to go to school at the U. of A. Leaving in 1974, but returning to the magnificent Catalina mountains in 1980, Tucson has been my home ever since. I have a B. A. from the U. of A.

**Richard Schwartz:** (Incumbent Board Member) I am a 53-year-old native Tucsonan and a gemologist.

**Greg Smith:** (Incumbent Board Member and current President) I have been a resident of the Oracle Foothills for seven years and cannot think of a better place to live. I have an extensive background in software engineering, but switched careers over a year ago to free up time to pursue educational goals. I am a Realtor(R), GRI, with Realty Executives. I recently completed my Bachelors in Business Management and am pursuing an MBA at the University of Arizona. I would like to join the OFNA board and contribute to keeping our neighborhood safe and to the preservation of our unique environment. My wife, Kelly, and I look forward to raising a family in this wonderful neighborhood!

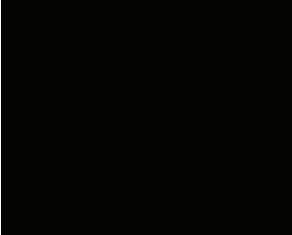
**Travis Wheeler:** (Incumbent Board Member) My wife (Karen Tempkin) and I are both near-native Tucsonans (we were independently relocated here as wee pups in the late '70s), and moved into the neighborhood over 4 years ago. We love the space, and take great pleasure in exploring the neighborhood streets and washes with our 2 dogs and 10 month-old son, Elliot. I have an undergraduate degree in biology from the U of A, and am currently pursuing a PhD in Computer Science. This is a special neighborhood, with an uncommon mixture of spacious environs and proximity to the city center. The association has done a fantastic job of protecting the integrity of the neighborhood, sprucing up common spaces, and bringing once isolated neighbors together. As a grateful recipient of these good deeds, I offer my services to assist with association endeavors in the coming years.

**Jesse Wood:** (Incumbent Board Member) I was born in Pecos, Texas, but later moved to Abilene, Texas where I still manage the family farm. I attended Texas A&M University where I studied petroleum geology and pedology (the study of soils). Currently I work with the USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service as a soil scientist. While at Texas A&M, I met my future wife, Olivia. We moved to Tucson in 1994, and into our house on Genematas Drive in 1995. We have enjoyed the years spent in the neighborhood because of the camaraderie of the neighbors, as well as the variety of wildlife, and we feel fortunate to call this neighborhood home.

**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 5 years and was elected to the Board of Directors last year. I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors for the Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association.

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## Trees for Tucson



The fall planting season is almost upon us. The Trees for Tucson program continues to offer young trees to area residents for a very nominal fee. From their website: "Trees for Tucson began in 1989 as a program of Tucson Clean & Beautiful, a nonprofit environmental organization, to encourage and facilitate tree planting in the Tucson metropolitan area using desert-adapted trees such as mesquite and desert willow. Trees help beautify the community as well as conserve energy by shading buildings, provide habitat for wildlife, absorb air and water pollutants, control stormwater runoff, soil erosion and wind."

Go to the website for more information and to download an application for trees: <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/tcb/tft/> If you do not have access to the internet, call 791-3109 and an application will be mailed to you.

There is also valuable information on the website about storm-damaged trees.

## Junk Mail

Day after day do you go to your mailbox only to find it filled with unsolicited, unwanted advertisements? Finding the legitimate mail in this mess can be a challenge. The federal government has made it illegal to send spam to your e-mail box and to send unsolicited faxes to your fax machine. Yet the United States Postal Service not only allows but encourages and benefits financially from the direct mail marketers' huge volume of mailbox spam. I can't help but marvel at this dichotomy. We worry about global warming and energy consumption, but our government continues to promote this monstrous waste of resources.

Reducing, if not eliminating, the junk mail takes a little persistence and patience, but it can be done. Each piece of mail you receive must contain an address and a bulk mail permit. If this information is not printed on the material itself,

then it must be accompanied by a postcard containing that information. Below are some addresses to contact bulk mailers. Send each one a letter (or call) requesting that you be taken off their mailing list effective immediately. In addition, call the customer service number of any unwanted catalogs that you receive and ask to be removed from their mailing list.

If you consider the publication you are reading to be junk mail, let me know and I'll take you off the mailing list. I have given serious consideration to making this an electronic-only publication, but there are still quite a number of folks in our neighborhood who would not have access to it. I'd be interested in hearing your opinions on the subject.

*Carole DeAngeli*

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Largo, FL 33773

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2235 S. Central Ave.  
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901 W. Bond St.  
Lincoln, NE 68521-3694

Tucson Shopper  
(call 520-622-0101)

### ***Manufactured Housing in CR-1***

In the last issue of this newsletter, I told you about the most recent plan to allow manufactured housing in our zoning. A committee was in the process of being formed with representatives from each of the Supervisor's districts, as well as from other agencies. The first meeting of this committee will be in September. I would appreciate input from any of you regarding your feelings on this issue so that I may accurately portray the feelings of Oracle Foothills' residents. I will continue to update you on the progress of the committee.

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| <b>Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association</b><br><b>Financial Statement</b><br><b>4/23/07 - 8/15/07</b> |          |
| Balance Forward  | \$10,197 |
| Income   | 52       |
| Expenses   | 429      |
| New Balance  | \$9820   |
| Details are available to all members from the Treasurer,<br><b>Jay DeAngeli</b>                            |          |

*Carole DeAngeli*

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