# Desert Dwellers

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Come join your neighbors at the Annual Meeting this year. We have some interesting additions to our agenda:
• Each paid member household in attendance will receive a ticket for   ■
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great drawing prizes: 1) \$100 dinner at Vivace; 2) \$80 dinner at Blue-
point; 3) \$50 gift certificate at Chantilly Tea Room.
• Neighborhood artists will be displaying and selling their work.
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been happening in and around Oracle Foothills. Also on the agenda is the
election of the Board of Directors for 2004-2005.
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River Road at Campbell Ave.
East Gallery (Murphey Room)
Coffee, bagels, conversation and art show start at 8:30. Hope to see
 you there! Call any board member for directions or information.

## More Party Plans . . .

After the feast there will be ~

- games for the kids
- jumping castle, piñata
- musical and dance performances
  - a karaoke session



(Be sure to bring any musical instruments you want to play or share. Electricity will be available, thanks to the generosity of Sig and Nan Eisner)

And don't put away that **Halloween costume** just yet...**prizes** will be awarded for the best costumes the intrepid dare to wear!



Volunteers are always needed to make the picnic a success. We are particularly in need of a **PARKING COORDINATOR**, and **SETUP HELP**. If you are interested in helping out before, during, or after the event, or performing on our covered stage, please contact anyone on the picnic committee:

Becky Huddleston: beckyh@longrealty.com, 888-2183
Barbara Schuessler: b.schuessler@worldnet.att.net, 407-2196
Kim Peterson: kpeterson@comcast.net, 888-5199

So come one, come all let's make this the best picnic ever! See you on the 30th of October



## A NEW LOOK!

If you haven't visited the OFNA website lately, you are in for a pleasant surprise! We have a new look thanks to our new webpage administrator, Kim Peterson. Thanks, Kim, for all your hard work!

Kim is looking for input from all of you to keep the website up-to-date, changing and always interesting. Write an article, send a photo, or just let her know about any happenings around the neighborhood or even around the town.

Also, join in the T-Shirt Logo contest! Everyone is welcome to submit a design. Put your ideas or your kids to work and let's come up with a great OFNA T-Shirt design!

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## Street Issues

- **RUDASILL & GENEMATAS** ~ The Pima County Transportation Department has informed us that they have shelved the project to construct a new intersection at the juncture of Genematas and Rudasill roads. A neighborhood petition protesting the need for this project has caused the County to review this undertaking and place it on indefinite hold. With the design and engineering completed, this project could be reinstated if the accident rate increases to an unacceptable level. Neighborhood residents have asked the county to implement less expensive and invasive means of traffic control (signs, lights, pavement markings, etc.) to reduce the accident rate on this stretch of roadway.
- ◆ NEIGHBORHOOD ROADS ~ The County continues to patch our local streets within their budgetary constraints, and we continue to press for the badly-needed and longoverdue repaying program.

## ART SHOW AND SALE



By coming to the Annual Meeting this year you'll get a bonus! Several of our very talented neighborhood artists will be showing and selling their work. You will have an oppor-

tunity before and after the meeting to enjoy the pieces and to purchase if you wish.

If you are an artist and are interested in showing your work, contact

Kitty Schwartz 888-8288 k3952s@aol.com

## Gazdidates for 2004-2005 Board of Directors

**Bill Broyles:** (Incumbent Board Member) Having lived in the neighborhood since 1990, I love living here and have admired the work of the OFNA board. Every neighbor should take a turn serving on the board; with your approval, this will be my year. Neighborhood beautification, neighbor assistance, and neighborhood safety (Neighborhood Watch) are perennial ideas I'd like us to expand.

**Jay DeAngeli:** (Incumbent Board Member, current president) 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 approximately 8 years ago, 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) Sig has been a resident of the Oracle Foothills neighborhood since 1995. He 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 he has been married to Nan Eisner. He and Nan are the parents of six and the grandparents of 12.

Roger Felty: (Incumbent Board Member, current treasurer) My wife, Suzanne Ellenbogen, and I have lived in the neighborhood since 1992. I feel fortunate to live in a neighborhood that feels "out of town" without actually having to "go to town for supplies" once a month. As a board member I would like to help the association deal with the inevitable growth issues we will continue to face in an expanding city. We will all be affected in some way by issues looming on the horizon, such as the nearby wash channelization and transportation projects. Previous board members have done an outstanding job of informing all neighbors about issues affecting us. I would like to help continue that tradition.

**Becky Huddleston:** (Incumbent Board Member) I have lived in this neighborhood since March of 2002 and have been involved in the neighborhood annual picnic and the Reaters book club. I chose this neighborhood to live in because of the abundant natural desert and wildlife, the winding, hilly, terrain, great views, and well built homes. Great neighbors with a

sense of community and respect for the desert and wildlife is a wonderful bonus. I moved to Tucson in 1997 from Northern Virginia, where I had been for almost 30 years. I have worked in the real estate industry since 1976, currently as a residential sales agent for Long Realty. I have a degree in Psychology and also enjoy photography, stained glass work, and hiking with my dog.

#### Gene Isaak

Joni Kalis: I have lived in this wonderful neighborhood since 1993. I enjoy living here because of the natural desert beauty and the peaceful environment. I also love running and walking in the area, especially up and down our abundant hills! As a potential Board Member, I have an interest in maintaining our neighborhood's quiet desert beauty. I have a M.S. degree from the University of Arizona in physiology, and a Masters degree in physical therapy from Northern Arizona University. I am the current secretary of the Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy, and am also a member of the City of Tucson's Paratransit Board. I practiced physical therapy for 13 years, but am now a Realtor for Long Realty. I would be honored to serve on the Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association's Board, and would willingly lend any expertise I may have in promoting the good of the neighborhood.

#### **Sharon Laird**

Scott Odom: 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 continued her consulting work and I have taken a position in the finance department of DM Federal

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Credit Union in addition to working part time as a teacher for Kaplan on the campus of the University. Ashley and I have sincerely enjoyed our first few months 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.

**Kim Peterson:** (Incumbent Board Member) Kim first moved to Tucson in 1968 and graduated from Palo Verde High School in 1969. She then went on the University of Arizona where she earned multiple degrees in Psychology, Religious Studies, and Fine Art. After graduation in 1974 Kim moved to the California Bay Area where she lived until 1993, when she and her husband Merrill moved back to Tucson to live in the Richland Heights area.

Kim and Merrill founded their college textbook production business in 1982 and in the past 20 years have turned the company from a mom-and-pop editing service into one of the top 5 production services in the country for the college market. Kim's experience in growing Matrix will serve her well as a board member. She also served for nearly 7 years as both officer and director of a multi-million dollar non-profit organization during her time in Berkeley, California. Among her duties in this position, Kim managed the organization's million-plusname mailing list, served as legal liaison between the organization and the community, oversaw the financial management of several non-profit corporations, which were affiliated with the organization, and wrote or co-wrote a number of articles and books.

Moving to the Oracle Foothills neighborhood in 1999 was the best move Kim and Merrill ever made. They both love the neighborhood's dedication to preserving the natural desert flora and fauna. Even more delightful to them are the residents of this area who are consistently bright, highly educated, extremely interesting, open-minded, and just plain fun to be with. There is in the Oracle Foothills a wonderful old-fashioned neighborly feeling which Kim loves and hopes to help develop even more.

In the past year, Kim has very much enjoyed participating in the neighborhood book club, The Reaters. Getting to know other members of the club and sharing lively discussions and great meals at the Reaters meetings has inspired Kim to develop other ways to draw the neighborhood members closer together. Her ideas include establishing a Game Night where neighborhood families can gather to play games and enjoy one another's company, a Music Night were all who want to can meet and make music for the fun of it, and utilizing the neighborhood email list for various purposes such as sharing good service people, good stores and restaurants, and helping one another out in other ways. She also hopes to see the roads repaved and would love to have input on many other plans to beautify and enhance the area.

Carolyn Denison Redmore: 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. As a newcomer, I especially would enjoy serving on the OFNA board for the opportunity it would give me to become acquainted with our neighbors. But, also, it would be satisfying to work with others in identifying and serving the needs of the neighborhood. 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, a chemist, from the Wolds of Lincolnshire, England. We have two treasured grown children, a son in St. Louis and daughter in Arlington, Va. Thank you for considering me for the OFNA board.

**Tom Scarborough:** (Incumbent Board Member) 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, and I teach in the teacher certification and masters degree program at the University of Phoenix. 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 serve 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

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1980, Tucson has been my home ever since. I have a B. A. from the U. of A.

Liz Sherwood - For 25 years I worked as a librarian, with my last position being as a cataloger at the University of Arizona Library. I have also worked at other university libraries, at a public library, and at several government and research institute technical libraries. Glenn and I moved into this neighborhood in 1996, and love its combination of closeness to urban activities and daily encounters with desert wildlife. I also design, make, and sell jewelry, and do numerous fabricrelated crafts. Glenn is retiring October 1st and we have plans to expand our jewelry/sculpture/garden art business (Sherwood Arts) because we love working in those areas and think we've paid our dues in the world of working for others! I was Secretary and newsletter editor for the homeowner's association for our last residence (south of the Tucson mountains). We both regret the fact that in the 8 years (gosh!) that we have lived here, we have barely scratched the surface in getting to know more of our neighbors. We have firm plans to change that in this next year!

**Vera Uyehara:** (Incumbent Board Member) Originally a native of Washington, DC, Vera moved to Tucson in 2001 from Grand Forks, North Dakota, with her husband, Chuck Wood and son, Morgan Wood (16 years old, 11th

grader at Canyon del Oro High School). Lilia Wood, their daughter recently graduated from college in Boston. The Uyehara-Wood family lives at 5557 North Maria Drive, and chose this neighborhood because of its natural look, native vegetation and beautiful views.

Over the past 10 years, Vera has served on many community and non-profit boards, including the school board in Grand Forks. She currently freelances as a science educator and exhibit design consultant, working with schools and museums. She is also involved in arts advocacy in Tucson.

Vera's husband, Chuck Wood, is the author of books on several interesting subjects, including volcanoes and the moon. He also is the editor of the sites www.observingthesky.org, www.lpod.org, and www.volcanoworld.org.

Vera is interested in serving on the Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association Board to understand the local community and the interests of the residents better. She is particularly concerned with the burial of electrical and telephone lines in the Oracle Foothills area, compiling a neighborhood directory, ways to make walking in the neighborhood safer, and providing a park/dog walk area for local resident and their dogs. In addition, Vera is interested in finding solutions to neighborhood problems that compromise the quality and beauty of our area.

## Dumping in the Washes

Have you seen piles of tree trimmings or construction debris in a wash near you? Dumping in our washes is a continuing problem. This activity is not only illegal, but thoughtless, insensitive and destructive. If you hire someone to do yard work and trimming, make certain that they are disposing of the debris in the proper manner, not just driving down the street and dumping it in the wash. If you hire someone to do construction work, make it clear that they are not allowed to dump excess concrete, block, wood or other material in the washes. If you see someone unloading material of any sort in the wash, take down the license number and vehicle description and report the incident to:

### Pima County Department of Environmental Control Wildcat Dump Hotline ~ 622-5800

Illegal Dumps are eyesores, are serious health and safety threats, and are costly!

#### Don't Be a Secondhand Dumper

If you hire someone to clean up your yard or haul your trash...

- hire a reputable contractor or a hauler with a permit;
- know your hauler's name, address, and phone number;
- pay by check and get a receipt;
- ask for a landfill or dump receipt.

## Do You Know...

- Free disposal is available for many items, including household hazardous waste.
- The RETHINKIT information line (791-5000) will send you a copy of the Recycling Directory.
- Appliances and furniture can be donated to charities and neighbors for reuse.

**DUES...** The OFNA Fiscal Year now ends on August 31st. Dues paid now will make your membership valid through 8/31/2005. Dues are \$50 per year per household. Dues are payable to:

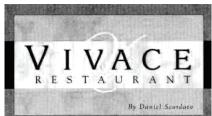
## OFNA P.O. Box 35783 Tucson, AZ 85740

Support for your neighborhood association is greatly appreciated!

## thanks to . . . VIVACE

Our deepest THANKS to VIVACE RESTAURANT and owner **Daniel Scordato** for their generosity in donating \$100 gift certificate to be given away at our Annual Meeting. We encourage you to patronize this friend of our

neighborhood. Vivace is located in the St. Philips Plaza at the southeast corner of Campbell and River Roads, and is the editor's personal favorite in Tucson.



## **CR-1 ZONING**

Most of the property here in Oracle Foothills Estates numbers 2, 7, and 8 as well as the un-subdivided property is zoned CR1. What is CR1 zoning? CR1 is a multiple-use zone used primarily for single family residences with a minimum lot area of 36,000 square feet and a minimum lot width of 100 feet. Additional yard dimensional requirements (setbacks) include 30 feet on the front, 40 feet in the rear, and 10 feet on each side. An acre is 43,560 square feet, so note that a CR1 lot may be less than an acre in size.

The main building (home) is limited to two stories and cannot exceed 34 feet in height. Detached accessory buildings are limited to one-third of the total area of the rear and side yards, with a maximum allowable height of 24 feet. Additionally, the detached building must be at least 7 feet from the main building and 60 feet from the front lot line. Minimum set backs from the side and rear lot lines vary depending on the use of the detached building.

Animals such as horses are allowed (the number allowed is based on lot size), but must be confined within a six-foot-high stock tight corral. Minimum setbacks for the corral are 30 feet from the front property line and 10 feet from the side and rear lot lines. The corral must be at

least 30 feet from any living quarters on the adjacent parcel.

The issue of subdivision is a more complicated question. As residents of Oracle Foothills Estates, we are concerned about a potential increase in the density of homes, as some properties have more than an acre of land. With CR1 zoning, subdivision is possible. The minimum subdividable lot size, however, is 1.65 acres and parcels would need to meet all county zoning restrictions, including additional restrictions not addressed here such as hillside building regulations. In subdivisions with conditions, covenants, and restrictions (CC & Rs), the subdivided lots would have to meet CC&R requirements as well.

The zoning information contained above is from the Pima County Code Chapter 18.21. For more detailed information on CR1 zoning and other zoning classifications, please contact the Pima County Department of Zoning and Planning, or log onto <a href="www.pimaxpress.com">www.pimaxpress.com</a>. This well constructed web site provides information on zoning, permits, plat maps, meeting agendas, building codes, and a wealth of other useful information.

Joni Kalis, Realtor

Newsletter Notes ~ This newsletter is published 4 times annually. If you have comments, suggestions, criticisms, or would like to contribute an article, please contact:

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## **Register to Vote**

In a democracy, the most important right and obligation we have as citizens is the VOTE. In order to vote, you must be registered. The deadline for registering for the General Election is October 7th.

We can make it easy for you to register. Call us and we will come to your home with forms:

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For more information on elections, call the Pima County Recorder, **740-4260**, or visit their website:

www.co.pima.az.us/elections

## Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association Financial Statement\* August 30, 2004

Balance Forward

6/28/04 \$5588

Income 250

Expense 475

**Ending Balance** 

8/30/04 \$5363

## Reaters

If you love to read and you love to eat, you really should be joining the **neighborhood book club!** We meet on the last Wednesday of the month at various homes in the neighborhood to discuss the book selection and share a wonderful potluck dinner.

For more information, or to join, please contact
Kim Peterson at 888-5199.

## **E-MAIL LIST**

OFNA maintains a neighborhood e-mail list to keep neighbors informed of events in a timely manner. If you are on the list and wish to use it to notify your neighbors of an event of general interest, you are welcome to do so. Send your notice, or any change to your e-mail to **the list administrators:** 

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## Welcome

A Warm Welcome to all new residents of Oracle Foothills Estates!

Membership in **Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association** is open to all and your support and participation are greatly encouraged.

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting and the Neighborhood Picnic!

Please contact any of the Board Members listed on the back page for more information.

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<sup>\*</sup>A Complete Financial Statement is available upon request to anyone in the neighborhood

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