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Glass Recycling

Recently in the weekly e-mail Neighborhood Update, I reported to you that Waste Management was no longer recycling glass products. After some research, I now have The Rest of the Story . . .

A notice was sent out to some Waste Management customers (although not in Oracle Foothills) that glass would no longer be accepted in the recycle bin. That notice was sent out in error and was only supposed to go to Phoenix-area customers. After many people raised alarm about this, Waste Management verbally retracted the statement and now tells everyone who asks that they do take glass in the recycle bin. That's the good news.

Pima County ordinance requires that all waste haulers accept glass with the recyclables. Unfortunately, and here's the bad news, according to Beth Gorman of Pima County Department of Environmental Quality, there is no market for recycling glass in Arizona, and it is much too expensive to haul out of state. The waste haulers take the glass, along with all other recyclable material, to Recycle America, the recycling division of Waste

Management. From there it is either crushed and taken to the landfill or stockpiled. Glass is **NOT** being recycled. The county realizes that is a breach of trust to make people believe that the glass is being recycled when it actually is not. They are considering changing or waiving the ordinance which requires the haulers to take glass with recyclables. For now, you may continue to put glass in the recycle bin, but just realize that it is going to the landfill.



This may seem like a small problem, but considering that there are over 6 million people in Arizona, the amount of glass going into the landfills is huge. Neither government nor industry is taking the initiative to correct the situation. Unless we, the people, get involved, nothing will change. Please write or call your state and federal legislators and make your feelings known on this issue. I have written letters which I would be happy to share with anyone who is interested. Just drop me an e-mail or give me a call. I would also be happy to provide addresses and phone numbers.

Carole DeAngeli



2008 Dumpster Day - January 19

OFNA will sponsor a roll off container (huge dumpster) for large trash items with the intent to save you time, money, and help keep our neighborhood in tip top shape.

The roll off will be delivered on **Saturday January 19 at 8:00 am. to the wash just off Agave Dr., in the 5400 block.** Each neighbor will be limited to one level truck or small trailer load. All deposits can be made on a **first come first served basis.** The roll off will be picked up when full or at 4pm whichever comes first.

What you can bring: Green waste (yard trimmings), furniture, wood products, etc., etc.

What you cannot bring: refrigerators, freezers, ice

makers, tires, large drums, medical waste, paint, asbestos materials, contaminated soil, hazardous waste -liquid, batteries or railroad ties. In addition, Inert materials such as rock and concrete will not be permitted.

Keep your eye on "Neighborhood Update" email for details or changes as we try to answer questions and finalize the plan.

We are looking for a few volunteers to oversee the process and ensure that the Loading Requirements, Restrictions, Weight Limitations are observed. Please contact me if you can spare a few hours.

Karl Oxnam

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Heroes Around the Corner

Besides the great chicken and brats by the folks at the grill, one of the reasons I enjoy the annual neighborhood picnic is the opportunity to meet some of my neighbors. This year, while helping to set up for the event, I met Dr. Frank Laird. I found out he was originally from North Texas, as am I. When I asked him how he came to be in Tucson, he said his job as a cardiologist brought him here. He mentioned that he had gone to college on the GI bill, and then he told me that the first job he had out of high school was dropping bombs over France.

Now that got my attention! After watching Ken Burns' series *The War*, I knew what a dangerous first job that was. The Army Air Corps required a person to go on twenty five sorties, then

your obligation was up, and you could be discharged and go home. Sounds easy, but the odds of surviving through twenty five bombing raids were very low however, due to superior German airpower during the early part of the war. Dr. Laird told me about some of his missions where over half of his squadron was either shot down, or ran out of fuel and had to ditch their plane over enemy territory or the North Sea before making it back to England. His twenty fifth mission was to drop bombs along the beach at Normandy to clear the way for the D - Day invasion. It was quite an honor meeting this very fortunate veteran who is our neighbor.

Jesse Wood

Real Estate Report

Comparative Market Analysis for listed properties in Oracle Foothills Estates. "Sold" properties have closed escrow within the last 6 months. *Data provided by Camille Zachmeier, Realtor*



<u>Status</u>	<u># Properties</u>	<u>Avg. Price</u>	<u>Price/Foot</u>
Active	4	535,999	244.68
Contingent	1	389,000	164.90
Sold	4	366,725	157.47

Friendly Village Wash Remapping

The Pima County Regional Flood Control District has been remapping the FEMA 100-year flood plains of the Friendly Village Wash for some time. I have just been informed that this effort is complete and the new revised maps will be submitted to FEMA in December for their 90-day approval process.

When approved, FEMA will submit a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) which will show the new A-Zone (100-year flood zone) maps of the Friendly Village Wash.

A number of our neighbors have

recently observed surveying activity around the washes and questioned the reasons for it. These surveys along with other studies and aerial maps were blended to map the wash into the geologic flood plain and thus correcting map errors that showed the flood plain running on the side of the hills and areas where water never flowed.

The new maps will show a number of homes moved out of the flood plain and will remove the mortgage company requirement for flood insurance. This should qualify the homeowner for up to a one-year

refund of flood insurance. The affected neighbors will need a copy of the LOMR to file for the revision. The mortgage company will then issue a letter that can be sent to the homeowner's insurance company.

When the proposed mapping is accepted and the LOMR is issued, OFNA will share this information with you.

Jay DeAngeli

Neighborhood Watch

E-MAIL UPDATES

Dear Neighbors,

I am the new Area Leader for Neighborhood Watch. Actually I've participated in unofficial neighborhood watches all of my life. As a child, we always watched out for the neighboring houses when friends were away. I continued this habit as an adult from Coast to Coast.

The Neighborhood Watch report will cover burglaries, assorted break-in type problems and scams (both by internet and by phone). I do proof the Sheriff's Connection and would include a Sexual Predator if the person was located near our neighborhood.

Please **DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL 911 IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES!** An officer will respond and will also phone to tell you the results, if you request this information.

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Neighborhood e-mail updates are sent out generally once a week. If you are not currently on the distribution list and would like to be, please send your e-mail address to:

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Please put **OFNA** in the subject line so that I will recognize you.

Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association Financial Statement 8/31/07 - 11/15/07	
Balance Forward	\$9436
Income	5200
Expenses	2497
New Balance	\$12139
Details are available to all members from the Treasurer, Jay DeAngeli	

Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association
Annual Membership Meeting
September 15, 2007

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church, 665 W. Roller Coaster Rd.
 Tucson, Arizona

Registration, coordinated by Kitty & Richard Schwartz, began at 8:30 a.m. Neighbors enjoyed food and fellowship until the meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by OFNA board president Greg Smith. Greg reviewed the agenda and minutes from the 2006 Annual Meeting. Both were accepted. Jay DeAngeli, treasurer, presented his report which also was accepted. Year to date income exceeded expenses by \$1,432. Beginning cash balance was \$8004 and ending cash balance is \$9,436. All of the grant of \$1,700 from Pro-Neighborhoods has been spent for restoration and beautification of the Triangle Park at Genematas and Canyon View, along with \$175 in neighborhood donations. Satisfaction with the result and appreciation for the effort expended by several neighbors was expressed. Membership subscription for 2006-2007 was 110 of about 260 Oracle Foothills family units. As of today, 72 subscriptions for 2007-2008 have been received. Karl Oxnam reported on the financial audit he and Sharon Laird conducted for September 1, 2006 to September 1, 2007. All is in order.

Carole DeAngeli reviewed her work in the area of communications. She has an updated Recommendations List and asked for ongoing updates. She encouraged members to submit information and articles on activities and interests for use in *Desert Dwellers*, the OFNA newsletter which she edits. Publication is generally quarterly (December, March, May/June, September). She does not accept articles of a political, religious or commercial nature. Also contact Carole with information appropriate for the weekly e-alerts, especially suspicious activities observed in the neighborhood, such as home or mail box break-ins. Appreciation was expressed for Carole's work in keeping the neighborhood informed.

Some time was spent reviewing the issue of Pima County zoning regulations regarding manufactured (built to be moveable) and modular housing (prefab with permanent installation) and pending efforts to modify the current exclusion of both types of housing. Pima County has set up a Committee to study the issue of "manufactured and affordable housing." Carole DeAngeli represents county supervisor for District 1, Ann Day, on the committee along with representatives from districts, some neighborhoods, and some not for profits, such as Habitat for Humanity. The first meeting will be October 2, 2007. Meetings will be led by arbitrators. She does not know if meetings are open to the public and if members of the media will be present. She will keep OFNA informed via email and the newsletter. Various views were aired on the subject, beginning with the history of OFNA in 1999 with a problematic manufactured home at Agave and 1st Avenue. It was removed only after considerable advocacy for removal by OFNA leadership and eventual purchase of the property by an OFNA member. Carole noted a county committee to study affordable housing already exists, taken to indicate that special interests, interested in making zoning regarding housing more lenient, have brought about the new committee. OFNA member, Jesse Wood, is an alternate on this committee. Carole and Jesse welcome input from OFNA

members. Carole was asked to circulate the names of other committee members, so that OFNA members may communicate directly with them. Carole will do so as soon as she has that information. Carole encouraged direct communication with Ann Day.

Jay DeAngeli reported that development of Triangle Park at Genematas & Canyon View is completed, though watering and pruning will continue to be needed. The ongoing TLC provided by Angelo Dellacona was recognized, as was Jay's work in securing the Pro Neighborhoods grant, guiding its implementation, and securing a little over \$300 additional funding for finishing touches, such as metal plant tags.

Persistent advocacy for Oracle Foothills road improvements with Ann Day and Pima County Department of Transportation was reported. Initially dismissed, the need has been acknowledged by the Department of Transportation but no action is yet planned.

Richard Schwartz was thanked for his small acts of service to OFNA, such as securing refreshments for the meeting and assisting in obtaining supplies for the picnic.

Opinions about reinstating the CC&Rs (voluntarily instituted restrictions regarding property use) were put forward. CC&Rs were in place for the first fifty years of the sub-division. When they expired in 1997, efforts to renew them failed. George Genematas, a current resident and descendent of the developer of Oracle Foothills, is willing to finance the legal work required if the CC&Rs are drafted for reinstatement. While CC&Rs can provide safeguards to property holders, some present indicated they were not interested in strict regulations of everyday life, such as where to place one's garbage can. A call was made for committee volunteers to explore the matter further. If interested, contact Jay DeAngeli.

Greg reported on the status of the OFNA web site, which has been dormant for the past couple of years. He and Travis Wheeler developed a new web site which requires modest computer savvy to oversee. He called for volunteer contributors, offering instruction for what needs to be done.

Carolyn Hoenig, new Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Watch Area Leader, reminded all of the need for vigilance in reporting observed suspicious activity to block leaders and the sheriff. Problems over the past year have occurred with mail theft and fraud. One trial of an offender is known to be pending. Members were advised not to use mail boxes for out going mail and to install mail boxes that lock. An example of hesitancy to report suspicious behavior at an address, that turned out to be the site of illegal activity, was shared.

Camille Zachmeier reported on the annual picnic to be held October 27 in the wash next to the "chocolate house," (aka the Eisner residence) from 1 p.m. – dark. As usual, Chef Jay and assistants will barbeque chicken and hotdogs, planners will purchase meat, bread, water & soft drinks, and everyone is asked to bring side dishes and, if desired, beer and wine. Planners are open to new ideas. A call for a coordinator for next year was made.

Camille also reported on nominations. All of the current board was unanimously elected to another term (Jay DeAngeli, Sig Eisner, Gene Isaak, Sharon Laird, Scott Odom, Karl Oxnam,

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Carolyn Redmore, Tom Scarborough, Barbara Schuessler, Richard Schwartz, Greg Smith, Travis Wheeler, Jesse Wood and Camille Zachmeier). Rebecca Spencer, nominated from the floor, was also unanimously elected to serve.

In Open Forum the following was discussed:

- How to increase OFNA membership? Personal invitation, beginning with attending the picnic, seems to work best. Carole DeAngeli's faithful outreach to each new family was given as an example.
- More on pros & cons of CC&Rs and what makes them most palatable to the most people.

- Comment on original intent of CC&Rs: To keep the integrity and desert esthetic of the neighborhood.
- Development on Lady Lane on the newly subdivided properties has not begun, with no building permits issued.

A raffle of door prizes was held. Carolyn Hoenig and Marge Pellegrino won vouchers for Vivace Restaurant, Sig Eisner won a membership to Tohono Chul Park, George Grimm and Phil Williams won passes to the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn D. Redmore, Vice President

Picnic Report

The Neighborhood Picnic was a great success thanks to so many willing folks who lent a hand and pitched in to help. We gathered on a beautiful fall day, somewhat warm for the end of October, and we were all thankful for the shade of the big tent. Manning the grills were **Jay DeAngeli, Richard Schwartz** and **Tom Scarborough**. The chicken and brats were delicious, as were all the wonderful potluck dishes everyone contributed. This year the soft drinks and ice were generously provided by **Scott and Devon Bronson**, neighbors on Yvon Drive and owners of the Coxco stations on Oracle. **Sig and Nan Eisner** once again provided us their property, electricity and water for the event. **Barbara Schuessler** created the fantastic photo board which showcases the flora and fauna of Oracle Foothills. Barbara also joined with **Leisa Forman** in providing an entertaining flamenco dance. **Merrill Peterson** brought the sound equipment and also took some great photos. **Kitty and Richard Schwartz** provided the piñata and all of the goodies inside. The fun children's activities were provided by **Monica and Jude Cook, Jacki, Hank and Angus Elder and Camille Zachmeier**. Many of you helped with set up, decorating and clean up, and for that I am very grateful! **Bill Broyles** hauled away all the trash and recyclables. A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to the effort!

Carole DeAngeli

New Board and Officers

At the Annual Meeting in September, the new Board of Directors was elected to serve for the '08 year. The Board then met to elect officers. The new President is **Camille Zachmeier**, a Realtor who lives on Agave near First Ave. Elected to the Vice President position was **Richard Schwartz** who also lives on Agave. **Jay DeAngeli** will continue as Treasurer, and the new Secretary is **Greg Smith**. The contact information for the Officers and Board members is listed on the back page. Please don't hesitate to contact any of these officers with your concerns or questions.

Contributions

OFNA would like to acknowledge the following generous contributions to our Annual Meeting drawing:

- **Tohono Chul Desert Park**
Annual Membership
- **Arizona Sonora Desert Museum**
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