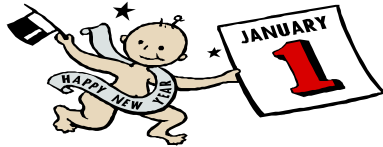


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LOOKING FORWARD

Our Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 12 at 12:30 pm at the Canoa Hills Recreation Center. All homeowners are urged to attend this important meeting. Letters containing information about this meeting will be mailed this month. Bring the contents of these letters with you and be prepared for discussing about and voting on important issues, including the Proposed Budget for 2009. See you on February 12.



SECURITY ALERT!



There have been numerous reports by the Sheriff's Department about attempted break-ins to homes in our Association. These incidents have occurred on Acala, Amulet, Circulo de la Piñata, Mariquita and Anastacia. Most of these incidents involved homes that were not occupied, or were owned by our "Snow Birds," were for sale, or were homes that gave a neglected appearance due to lack of maintenance of front and rear yards or patios. Lack of nighttime lighting inside the homes also contributed to the attempted break-ins. Damage to these homes was to the sliding doors or windows on the patio or rear entrances. Serious damage was done to some homes requiring expensive repairs. SIH HOA requests that you report any break-in or attempted break-in to the Board of Directors who has pledged to keep records on this problem.

Some simple ways to prevent this criminal activity include installing sliding window locks along the metal tracks; placing dowels in sliding door tracks; attaching timers to one or more lamps inside the house; and installing outside motion sensors in the patios or along walls facing open areas.

You are urged to inform personnel at the Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers (SAV) office of your extended absences. Keep your Block Captain aware also of your absences. Report suspicious activity in your neighborhood to 911. Be watchful, but be careful! Do not confront any persons observed in criminal activity. Remember that we are a Neighborhood Watch community and we need to be concerned not only with our own safety, but also with that of our neighbors.

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**PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP
IN OUR ASSOCIATION**



Homeowners in San Ignacio Heights usually make great efforts to keep their homes and property in fine appearance as befits our Association. They exemplify the idea of pride of ownership.

Both the CCR's and the Handbook of Rules and Regulations state that "Each lot shall be maintained by the Owner in a neat and clean manner. . ." Property owners have a responsibility for the upkeep of their property, not only of the home itself, but also the appearance of the grounds on their property.

It can be quite challenging to keep up with the growth of weeds, plants and trees on our property, especially during the summer Monsoon season from July to early September. Many homeowners in our Association are not year round residents. Many are so-called "Snow Birds" who return to their home states during the summer season. Others are year round residents who enjoy extended travel and are gone for great lengths of time. Still others rent their property. Sometimes property owners neglect to make arrangements for the maintenance of their property during their absences or when their property is rented.

Complaints are received throughout the year by the Association's Common Ground Maintenance/Residential Landscape Committee about the appearance of properties on individual streets in our Association. These complaints include comments from neighbors not only about unsightly weeds growing in the front yards of their neighbors, but also about trees, plants and shrubs that need trimming on those properties.

Unsightly front yards detract from neighbors' well kept properties. Safety problems also arise when sidewalks and entrance ways are covered with overgrown plants as well as debris and rocks that have been dislodged on owners' lots.

All homeowners are urged to cooperate in the maintenance of their properties. This includes the removal of weeds and grass that grow between the sidewalk and the road in front of their property. The overall appearance of each lot in our Association is important as it truly shows that we all take pride of ownership within our San Ignacio Heights Homeowners Association.

Hazardous waste collection will be held at the Valley Presbyterian Church parking lot on the morning of Saturday, February 28. Look for announcements in the Green Valley News. This is an opportunity for all homeowners to clean out their garages and take paint, solvents, insecticides, toxic items, and even computer parts to the collection center.

WEBSITE NEWS

How many times have you gone to our San Ignacio Heights website this year? A large percentage of homeowners in our Association have access to the Internet using their Dial-up, Broadband or DSL Internet Service Providers.

It is very easy to visit our website. Simply input www.sihhoa.org at the Internet anytime 24/7.

Or you could use your Yahoo or Google search engine and enter San Ignacio Heights. When a list of entities pops up, make sure you click on the Arizona site for San Ignacio Heights

You may access information found on our website for:

- Newsletters
- Board Minutes
- Social Events
- Ramada Calendar
- Committee Information
- Documents
- Timely Tips
- Contacts

All information on our Website can be printed for personal use. We submit files in PDF format to Bob Dahms, our webmaster, who then places them in their appropriate categories.

All you need on your computer to print out items from our Website is Acrobat Reader, 6.0 or higher.

We have made our Website user friendly, so why not access it today? If you have any comments or questions about our Website, feel free to contact Marilyn McClellan at:

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LET'S GET TOGETHER THIS YEAR

SIH HOA CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2009

AT THE CANOA HILLS RECREATION CENTER & RAMADA

The starting and ending times for each social event at the Canoa Hills Recreation Center will be contained in the announcements to be delivered to homes by the Block Captains. The announcements about our Annual Membership Meeting will be delivered by mail to all homeowners.

Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009	Annual Membership Meeting 12:30 p.m.	Board of Directors
Saturday, April 25, 2009	Spring Party	Pot Luck Campina Court Janell Christmann, Chair
Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009	Neighbors Night Out	Pot Luck Block Captain Chair
Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009	Holiday Party	TBA TBA

The success of all our social events depends on the homeowners who volunteer their time and efforts on behalf of the Association. We thank you in advance for your volunteering.

RAMADA CALENDAR

Here are the remaining dates, host streets and volunteer organizers for our Coffee Klatches held on the third Saturday monthly, September through May, 8 -10 a.m.:

January 17, 2009	Campina Court (Mayme Specht)
February 21	Mariquita (Block 17 (Pat Harris)
March 21	Mariquita (Block 14/15) (Marjorie McCants)
April 18	Anastacia Court (Margaret Moore)
May 16	Acala (Marilyn Zeigner)

BLOCK CAPTAIN VACANCY

Communication within our San Ignacio Heights Homeowners Association is top on the list of Board of Directors goals. Each person is a valued member of our community and everyone is encouraged to participate in our Block Captain process. For several years Howard Zirkle has been an outstanding Block Captain Chair. Due to many commitments in a busy personal schedule, Howard has resigned his position. We appreciate his hard work and unselfish involvement in our Association.

This leaves a gap in our communication process. There is an opening for Block Captain Chair. Any homeowner living year round in our Association is encouraged to volunteer for this extremely important position. The chair participates in the Neighborhood watch activity and works with the Sheriff's Department and the Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers (SAV) to provide up-to-date information on safety issues in Green Valley. He or she distributes to individual Block Captains notices to be delivered to homeowners. These notices are usually about a planned social event but also might be related to safety issues or as reminders of SIH HOA meetings. You are encouraged to participate in this vital communication program. Contact the Board of Directors for further information or for volunteering for this position.



Thanks to all the “Angels” who made our Holiday Party on December 4, 2008, such a grand success.

Enthusiastic and creative volunteers from the Hand and Foot Club worked tirelessly to produce the 2008 Holiday Party. These included:

Decorating: Nyla Quiñones, Pat Randall, and Julie Miller **Welcome Table:** Marjean Stokes and Pat Randall
Coffee Table: Joyce Mitachek **Drink Table:** Mary Nagle **Entertainment:** Jane Bryant
Notice & Name Tags: Lou English **Food:** Lou English and Hand and Foot Committee
Reservations: Anne Picone

According to Phil English, Master of Ceremonies for the evening, this year’s Holiday Party was the most successful one he had witnessed since moving to San Ignacio Heights. He reported that 91 residents attended this special annual event. New residents to San Ignacio Heights were welcomed. Tom Chambers, Tucson cowboy singer, song writer, and poet, provided the entertainment to an appreciative audience. Everyone enjoyed the food and conviviality. A great time was had by all! It’s not too soon to put April 25, 2009 on your calendar. (See page 3).



Passings

Joanne “Puddy” Clark Catlin of 1575 Mariquita Street and longtime resident of Boulder, Colorado, died on Dec. 13, 2008. Her husband, Lou Zeman, has suggested that contributions in her name may be made to Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center, 11968 Mineral Rd., Longmont, CO 80504 or the American Cancer Society, 6857 Paiute Ave., Niwot, CO 80503. *We will miss her presence in Green Valley.*

Candidates for Election to the SIH HOA Board of Directors

As announced in the letters recently mailed to all homeowners in our Association, there are two seats available on our Board of Directors beginning on February 12, 2009. This is an opportunity for you to actively participate in the governance of San Ignacio Heights, Inc. As an elected member of the Board of Directors, you contribute to the success of our Association. Have you turned in your résumé? We welcome all candidates for election to the Board of Directors.

Treasurer’s Report on Special Assessment

As of December 24, 2008 we have received \$78,062.50 for our Special Assessment Reserve Fund. We have not received payment from four residences. Follow up letters will be sent. There is a possibility that one of our homes will undergo foreclosure and we will not receive money from that property. JMP