

The San Ignacio View

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BY-LAWS CHANGE

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Article III - New Section 11: No Balloting or Vote in Uncontested Elections.

If after the nominating committee selects a slate of nominees to be presented to the Members as candidates for election to the Board pursuant to Article V, Section 1 below, the number of nominees is less than or equal to the number of open director positions to be filled, at the option of the Board, there shall be no balloting or vote conducted or held for the election of such nominees, and in such event, the nominees shall be deemed to have been elected as directors by acclamation or unanimous consent of the Members.

Article IV – Revise Section 2: Election.

Subject to Article III, Section 11 above, election to the Board will be by a written ballot to be returned and received by the Association not less than 7 days prior to the annual meeting. The Members may cast, in respect of each vacancy, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration. The persons receiving the largest number of votes will be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted. Ballots must be separate documents.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Bob Hill, Jim Loveland and Dave Roubos have been appointed to serve as a nominating committee to fill two board positions at the February 2012 annual meeting. If you are willing to serve on the HOA board please let us know prior to December so that the Nominating Committee can contact you to obtain the needed information to include you on the January ballot.

2012 DUES INVOICES

The invoice for the San Ignacio Vistas Homeowners Association 2012 dues will be mailed December 1, 2011. If you have not received your invoice by mid December please contact me and I will make sure that a duplicate invoice is provided. The association has been operating well within our budget for the past three years but interest income is almost non-existent affecting future projections. So it is foreseeable that we will be required to raise the dues this year. The last increase was 2009 in the amount of \$30. The Financial Advisory Committee is in the process of reviewing our Long Range Plan/Reserve Budget and will be making recommendations to the board at their November meeting.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (MC) CORNER

BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT:

In mid-May a subcommittee of the MC conducted test plantings along Prairie Hills and Harvest Moon. These consisted of Valentine Emu, Texas Ranger, Quail and Hackberry bush, Red Agave and Mexican Bird of Paradise. Some plants were hand watered several times per week while others had an emitter connected to the drip systems of some homeowners' who volunteered to participate. The plants that did the best are the Mexican Bird of Paradise, Texas Ranger and Red Agave.

In conjunction with the beautification project we are developing a plan to have AAA Landscaping remove the overgrown and collapsed cacti and other debris providing a haven for pack rats. Once the cacti are removed this will leave barren spots, so in order to provide more color throughout our common area the MC would like to introduce some of the test plants that did well. In order for them to survive until established, they will need to be adopted with water provided.

If you would be willing to sponsor a plant by allowing us to run an irrigation line thru your common area wall in order to sustain one of these plants please call the Secretary at 520-625-4924. The MC will install the line. We would also like to start more Santa Rita Prickly pear or varieties of Agave pups. When Santa Rita cacti get larger they do not have the same tendency to fall over as cow's tongue which is presently populating our hillsides. If you have any Agave pups that you would like to donate contact the Secretary.

IMPORTANT CUT-OFF DATE:

Last year many requests were received in late November and early December. Since the annual tree maintenance in the common area will be performed in December 2011 the cut off date for receipt of special requests is November 15, 2011. This will allow the committee to evaluate requests and prepare a plan keeping within this year's budget.

YARD MAINTENANCE

DAMAGED TREES AND BUSHES

Thanks to all that did such a great job of removing from your yards the dead limbs, fronds and plants damaged by this past winter. Some homeowners had to leave prior to knowing if many of your plants or trees would revive during this year's growing season. In walking thru the sub-division there are still a few dead plants or trees that need attention, but for the most part we have recovered.

We have just experienced one of the hottest Augusts on record in Tucson. Let's hope that we don't experience another 3 day stretch this winter of temperatures that don't get over 32 degrees. Hey, compared to other parts of the country/world we have NOTHING to complain about!

MONSOON RAIN As of 9/13: 6.70" Rain gauge located at 4799 S View Ridge Drive

WEST NILE VIRUS - Due to all the recent rains we have had please avoid standing water around your property. Turn buckets or containers upside down so they won't collect water and create a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Make sure ponds or pools are properly maintained or empty if you are not circulating or treating the water.

WEEDS & GRASSES FLOURISH

I have been walking in our area almost every morning and know our common area is starting to look like a jungle so you don't have to call or stop me while I am walking. As soon as the monsoon is over AAA Landscaping will be starting to manicure our common area and cutting grasses. They just did a pre and post emergent spraying for weeds on September 9.

If you aren't sure if your contractor is keeping up with weeds and grasses in your yard while you are away from Green Valley please check on them. Out of sight is often time out of mind. I really don't like having to send individual reminders.

NEIGHBORHOOD PHONE DIRECTORY UPDATES

NEW HOMEOWNERS:

Striker, Ann & Diamond, Valerie 4731 S Harvest Moon home phone: 520-829-6924

REPLACES: Wood, Lucien & Jean

OTHER UPDATES:

Cate, Jim: Add wife Dawn Add home phone: 520-393-1115, note 520-399-9361 is a cell phone

Replace phone number published for:

New Phone Numbers:

Bivins, Gary & Ellen

Gary: 520- 310-9406 Ellen: 520- 247-0757

Nowak, Greg & Mary Jane

812-0998

Ross, Jack & Jean

Jack: 909-648-7701 Jean: 520-990-3967

Our SYMPATHY is extended to:

Kathy Curran 4825 S Desert Sunset on the passing of her husband, Peter Falch

Jane Hilsenhoff 4915 S Prairie Hills on the passing of her husband, Bill

Jeanne Russell Soule 1737 W Sonoran View on the passing of her husband, Scott

Congratulations to one of our own.

Joyce Finkelstein was recently awarded the *AARP volunteer of the year award*.

SECURITY UPDATE

We suffered 3 break-ins in March (Harvest Moon and View Ridge) see April newsletter. There was another on Harvest Moon in late July. Nothing appeared missing but the door was left open several days allowing pack rats entrance. The evening of August 7 an attempt was made to enter 5031 S Gloria View Ct. The homeowner heard noise and the intruder fled. Authorities say the best deterrent is to keep your doors and windows locked; either motion lights or a barking dog don't hurt either.

NEW SINGLES GROUP ???

On Sept. 27at.4 PM anyone interested in organizing a monthly get together where singles can get to know other singles in San Ignacio Vistas you are invited to attend a meeting to be held at Dorothy Blakely's home at 1749 W. Sonoran View Dr. Look for more information in the next newsletter in December. Call her at 625-2003 if you cannot attend but would like to be included in any plans. Till then, want to be kept in formed? Send me an email.

DEALING WITH PACK RATS

By Mary Lou Catino

As one of the first residents in SIV, we have had more than our share of pack rat problems! We've learned how to handle the problems and how to live with them.

1. Don't EVER leave your garage door open even a crack "just to cool it off in there a little"! This leaves the chance that Pack rats will set up home in your car motor, and then you ARE in trouble.
2. Don't EVER leave a bag of bird seed outdoors, even if it's in a trash barrel, unless the barrel is made of iron. If you keep it in the garage, make sure the bag is inside a trash barrel with a tight cover, inside a closet with the door always shut tightly. This goes for your garbage as well.
3. If you have mesquite tree in or near your yard, constantly pick up all the pods that fall and put them in the garbage. Pack rats love the beans inside and use the pods to help build their nests.
4. Pack rats (and snakes) are one reason to have a wall around your house. Fasten small square-weave wire fencing across the bottom half of all your gates and check them periodically to make sure they haven't been bent to leave a space.
5. Scrunch up wire screening and tightly pack the "weep holes" in your walls so that water can run out when it rains but will stop these creatures from coming in.
6. If you have vines going up the house walls keep them clipped well below the eaves. This goes for having bushes or trees close to the house with branches and limbs that are near the roof. From the roof they can gain access to the attic or cause damage to the roof.
7. Buy mice/rat pellets and put them where rats can build a nest but where pets can't get at them. Check and replace when 'food' is gone.
8. If you have plants that are being dug up and/or eaten, "house" them with some of the chicken wire mentioned in No 3, using small stakes to hold it upright around the plant(s). If you see that the stems are very cleanly cut at an exact 45 degree angle, that's pack rats.

Note: One association reported good results using "Just One Bite" which is available at Ace Hardware. Remember this is poison. Directions call for placing several pellets at the entrance to a nest. Since rats typically carry things back to the nest and this is faster acting than Decon (hence the name Just One Bite) this should reduce the exposure of dying rats being a target for prey and increase the likelihood that rats die in the nest.

THIRSTY THURSDAY SCHEDULE

This community mixer is held on the last Thursday of each month between 4 and 6 PM, except for a month with conflicting holiday (such as Memorial Day, Thanksgiving or Christmas). Those attending should bring something in the way of an appetizer, finger food or dessert to share in addition to their own beverage. The "host location" is responsible for providing name tags, paper plates and napkins, plastic cups, utensils and ice.

DATE	HOST	LOCATION	RSVP
9/29/2011	Wally & Karen Leibengood	1429 W Hidden Crest Ct	648-5461
10/27/2011	Ed & Elizabeth Mergens	4947 S Harvest Moon Dr	269-7675
NOVEMBER	NO EVENT		
12/29/2011	Delores Leavitt	1773 W Sonoran View Dr	399-2210

We are looking for host locations for 2012. If you have been attending this popular get-together but never hosted one this is a good time to reserve one of the months when the weather is cool enough to hold the gathering on your patio! Send an email now to info@sivhoa.org in order to reserve the month of your preference. Never attended? Come see what you're missing!