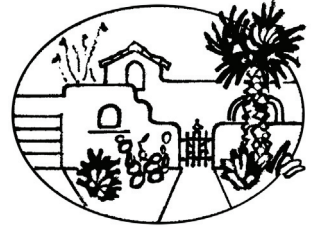


September 2010



Periodico de Esperanza

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President's Message

By Tom Cooke

September marks the beginning of our fall season here in Esperanza Estates.

HOA Board meetings begin anew after the summer recess, and are always held on the third Monday of each month, at Sunset Ramada, beginning at 1 o'clock. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend our monthly meetings, learn what your Board is doing, and ask questions. Your attendance is always welcome.

With this issue of the Periodico, we welcome our new editor, Denise Roessle. She is a professional in this field, and has a lot of great ideas for keeping the publication lively and interesting. We look forward to her efforts, which we think you will find enjoyable. Denise has been very active within EE, and knows what is happening—and how it happens. She will be terrific in this position. You will find many new features in this, and succeeding issues.

Over the past few months, we have accomplished some major capital projects with the re-plastering of our pool and spa and the completion of our street light head replacement program. In addition, some very attractive beautification work with decorative tile has been completed by our Enhancement Team on our entrance monuments and the Sunset Ramada arch. These accomplishments are in line with the Board's plan to do all we can to maintain our amenities and keep EE moving forward and looking good, and we are always thankful for the continuing help of the Team.

In the next few months we will be welcoming back our winter visitors, and planning for the usual series of social events which we all enjoy. Our first one, the traditional Labor Day Potluck, was well attended and a big success. We hope you will attend all of these your schedule permits. Watch for details in both the Periodico and the Monday Morning Memo.

Enjoy Esperanza!

EE "Goes Green" with New Street Lamp Heads

Delores and Jerry McCall were among the volunteers who installed new lamp heads.

See article inside...



Board Meetings 2010-2011

Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20, Jan. 17,
Feb. 21, Mar. 21, Apr. 18, May 16, June 20

*Board meeting minutes are posted at
www.esperanzaestates.net*

Committee Reports



Green Valley Community Coordinating Council

Joe McCalpin

There were no GVCCC meetings over the summer. However, EE used the Council as an ombudsman, which resulted in the following accomplishments:

- Sidewalk repairs on upper and lower Napa
- Yield sign on the corner of Vereda Calma and Napa
- Meeting with Pima County Flood Control to assist with sand erosion on Portillo and consequently lower Napa
- Sent a work request to the County for sand removal on Portillo and lower Napa.

Enhancement Committee

Barb McCalpin

Annual Ramada Sale

This is a good time to clean out your closets and drawers and get rid of all those items you no longer use. Please remember to set them aside for our annual Ramada Sale. We can accept most items, except clothing. If you have any questions or have items for pickup, call Barb McCalpin at 867-8067 or Eileen Stremme at 648-2255. All proceeds from the sale are applied to projects that improve or beautify Esperanza Estates. We can't do it without you!

Monday Morning Memo

Are you receiving the Monday Morning Memo? This weekly email update from HOA President Tom Cooke contains the latest announcements and event reminders. If you aren't getting the MMM and would like to, email Tom at tecooke1@cox.net

Neighborhood Watch

Mary Beth Wallace

Neighborhood Watch is looking for a volunteer to join our group. We need a Block Captain for Zone 8. This zone includes the Quad on the corner of Napa and Regalo, and homes on Ensalmio from 703 to 759, i.e., the corner of Ensalmio and Napa to the pool. Contact Mary Beth Wallace at 399-0299 or email merrymary7@q.com.

Reminder to all and especially winter residents. It is *very important* you keep your information current with Neighborhood Watch. We have had 4 water leakage problems over the summer that I am aware of. Two of these were from irrigation systems of winter residents. If you employ a House Watch person or have a neighbor checking your home over the summer, we need this information so we can contact them if there is water "running out" the gate. It is important you provide us an emergency contact number and your summer phone number so we can contact you in a timely manner if you do not have a local contact.

Full-time residents this applies to you too as most of us leave the area for summer vacations.

All residents: Be sure your water shut off valve to your house is in working order. If it is not working, it would be wise to have a plumber repair or replace as needed.

Neighborhood Watch Volunteers are available to help as needed. Contact me, your Block Captain or any Board Member. Thank you for your cooperation.



Announcements

Deadline for the 2011 GVCCC Directory!

This is the one and only notification EEHOA Homeowners will receive for additions or changes to the upcoming 2011 Green Valley Community Coordinating Council Directory. Look over your copy of this year's issue (it's the large directory with the vibrant red flower on the cover). A copy was delivered to your house last Feb. If you don't have a copy, you can pick up one at the GVCCC office at the south end of Green Valley Village. There is no charge.

If you missed having your listing included in the 2010 edition and would like to be in the next edition, or would like to change your listing in it, please call Charl Petry at 648-2541, by Oct. 20th, or fill out the lavender colored "Residential Listing Card" that you'll find just before the Table of Contents in the 2010 issue, and mail it before Oct. 21st.

The Periódico Needs You!

Charl Petry

The Periodico Delivery Committee needs you. Once a month, usually sometime during the last week of the month, your Periodico is delivered to your door by volunteers, who enjoy a short walk and the opportunity to say "Hi," to neighbors. Would you like to join us? We need substitutes when someone is away or full time deliverers to replace those who move out of the area. We'd love to have you join us for this fun activity of about a half hour once a month. Interested? Call Charl Petry, chairman, at 648-2541.

New Street Lamp Heads

Over the summer, we were able to completely accomplish our long-planned program of changing our street lamp heads, both to unify and update their appearance. The old ones were generally in poor condition, and it had become impossible to obtain parts for them. Many had been changed over the years to other styles, and our streets had a sort of hodge-podge look. Along with the new heads, we replaced all light bulbs with CFL types, which put out an adequate light, using far less electricity.

Thanks to a number of volunteers, this change-over of all 331 lamp heads was made in fairly short order. The Board wishes to thank the following residents, who worked hard on the project: Jerry and Delores McCall, Boyd and Linda Morse, Lothar Koenig, Richard Magnuson, Joe McCalpin, Bruce Liljegren, Emil Ziemer, and the several owners who changed out their own. Ben Sheffield did a great deal of the legwork on finding and ordering the new heads as well. Esperanza Estates received a nice write-up in the *GV News* about this program, as well as accolades from Trico Electric Coop, the utility that services our subdivision.

At a special meeting held on July 19, the EE Board voted to assume responsibility, on a trial basis, of maintaining the light bulbs in our streetlights. This means when your streetlight burns out, the Board will provide you with a new CFL bulb, at HOA expense and at no direct cost to you. This is being done to assure continued use of a uniform wattage bulb in all Esperanza Estates street lights, which the Board deems important for aesthetics and safety.

For a new bulb, call 867-8067 or 398 4829. Please save these numbers in a place where you can locate them. The Board has reached an arrangement with a supplier of bulbs that enables us to purchase them at a cost less than wholesale.

Upcoming Events

Hospitality Committee... Scottie Blum

FIRST HAMBURGER NIGHT OF THE SEASON

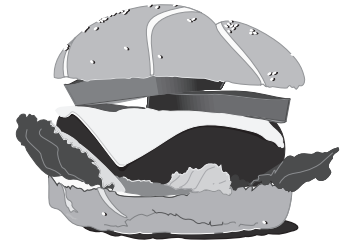
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

4:30 Cocktails, 5:00 Grilling Begins • Sunset Ramada

\$5.00 per person (hamburger, cheeseburger or veggie burger)

Beer and mixes supplied

Come and mingle with your neighbors!



HALLOWEEN PARTY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31st

4:30 at the Sunset Ramada

Hospitality will provide all drinks

Please bring your favorite appetizer/snack to share

COSTUME CONTEST

Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

There will be a Costume Contest with prizes
for the Best Dressed Man & Woman



KARAOKE

Patrick Carmody will provide music of the 50s, 60s & 70s



PLUS A FORTUNE TELLER

You won't want to miss this fun evening!

FOOD BANK DONATIONS: *As usual, there will be a collection bin at all events held at the Sunset Ramada. Please help us support the local Food Bank by bringing a can of food or a non-perishable item.*

Completed Sales

Don & Lu Fritson
831 W. Circulo Napa
Lot #239

Steven & Maria Ries
852 W. Calle del Regalo
Lot #174

James & Patricia Rodemeyer
721 W. Calle del Regalo
Lot #118

In Memoriam

April 2010
Loretta Sayce, 760 Circulo Napa



Thank You, Sandy!

The Enhancement Committee would like to extend a very special thank you to Sandy Reed. Sandy very generously donated all of the profits from the sale of the "Love Stories" book to the Enhancement Committee to be used for a project for the betterment of our community. The Committee used the money to fund the tile work project on the monuments on Esperanza, Portillo, and at the Ramada. We've already had a great response. Thanks again to Sandy and to all of the people who contributed to the book.



Trivia Corner

Each month, we'll pose six trivia questions. To play, email your numbered answers — along with your name and phone number — to Denise Roessle at droessle@mac.com or drop them at 801 W. Circulo Napa. The entry with the most correct answers will win a free meal at the next hamburger night. In the likely case of a tie, all the top scoring entries will go into a drawing to determine the winner.

This month's category: Arizona Trivia
Deadline for entries: Friday, October 8th

1. In what year did Arizona become a state?
2. What city was the capital of the Arizona Territory before Phoenix succeeded it in 1889?
3. From what now-ghost town does the train depart in "3:10 to Yuma?"
4. In the Eagles' 1972 hit, Take It Easy, what Arizona town is mentioned?
5. What movie actor was killed in a car crash in Florence in 1940?
6. What future U.S. president spent some time as a ranch hand on the J-Six Ranch near Benson in 1936?

Your Fascinating Neighbors

"Hey Gang!"

by Mary Hess

"Hey Gang! We can have the show right here!"

Remember those great productions put on by Spanky and Alfalfa? One EE resident remembers them in a special way, because she was in them. Elaine McDonnell appeared in several films with the Hal Roach "Our Gang" entourage, including a segment where she danced the minuet with another actor.

"It was so long ago, I don't remember much. But one time there was a plot where the kids fed salted peanuts to the neighborhood so they would get thirsty and pay two cents for a glass of lemonade at a "free" show. I had something to do with the curtains and I recall peeking out from behind them as the show started," McDonnell said.

She went on to dance in several major Hollywood films, including "Babes on Swing Street" starring Donald O'Connor and "Tonight and Every Night" with Rita Hayworth. She was a high school student dancing with the Rubenettes, a troupe affiliated with Universal Studios. Their choreographer was Louis DePron.



"We would spend two to three weeks in production, and my favorite memory is the 'dance challenge' that would fill time in between takes. The orchestra played, and we competed with each other by presenting dance steps to be copied by the other dancers. It was a jam session for dancers. For example, Donald O'Connor would offer up a challenge, and the rest of us would match it and try to do one better. It was lots of fun."

An EE neighbor helped her set up a DVD player so she could watch one of the movies she appeared in, but the complexities of electronic access confound her and she has yet to watch the film. "When they are back, I am sure they will help me get it started," she chuckled.

McDonnell still has the sparkle of a Hollywood ingénue. Her film and dancing career ended with the death of her mother on the day before the premier of "Babes,"



Elaine (right) with the Rubenettes Dance Troupe

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*Elaine during her
"Our Gang" days*

and she married a handsome sailor shortly thereafter. You can read more details of her life journey in "Love Stories of Esperanza Estates."

Perhaps her Hollywood film experiences are most notable, but her prowess on the golf course is a more enduring legacy. She boasts a handicap of five. Elaine's association with the West Covina (CA) Country Club was a pleasant and long one, where she not only excelled in the game, but delighted in producing stage extravaganzas to entertain invitational golfers and a public audience.

"We made our own costumes and put a lot into those shows," Elaine said.

She was also a witness to history in Washington D.C. on VE day. "A friend was dancing in a theatrical production downtown and I went to see her. When I came out of the theater, it was chaos. Cars and people jammed the streets celebrating victory. I couldn't have made it home without the help of a security officer who led me to my street. My poor husband was frantic with worry by the time I got home."

Esperanza Estates is populated by many folks with interesting pasts and brushes with fame. The editor of the Periodico would like to bring the community together by sharing these noteworthy experiences. We welcome your suggestions.

If you know someone who would make an interesting profile, contact Denise Roessle, 399-3312, droessle@mac.com, who will turn you over to one of our talented EE "cub reporters" (Mary Hess and Cynthia Surprise).

Recipe of the Month

Julie Hunton's Sweet Potato Salad

(as requested — more like demanded — by attendees at the Labor Day Potluck at the Ramada)

Good-For-You Sweet Potato Salad

Serves 6

3 large sweet potatoes
6 scallions, green & white part trimmed & thinly sliced
2 celery stalks, chopped
1/4 cup minced fresh parsley
1/3 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise
1/4 cup nonfat buttermilk (I used skim milk adding the lemon juice to it, creating sour milk)
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
Salt & freshly ground black pepper to taste

Cut sweet potatoes into bite-size chunks. Place in a steamer (over boiling water) for 10 minutes or until tender when pierced with a sharp knife. Let cool, then transfer to a large bowl. Add scallions, celery and parsley.

Whisk together mayonnaise, buttermilk, lemon juice and mustard until creamy. Pour over potato mixture and gently toss to mix. Season with salt & pepper to taste. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

To jazz up flavor, add a teaspoon of sweet pickle relish and several halved grape tomatoes or both.

Do you have a recipe to share or recommend?

Email it to Denise Roessle, droessle@mac.com, or mail it to 801 W. Circulo Napa, GV 85614.



A Two Minute Mystery

Walter Duke was the owner-manager of a small airport in northern Minnesota. It housed about twenty-five privately owned airplanes, and Duke employed one mechanic to help him service the aircraft. To lower insurance costs, he also employed an old friend as night watchman, the father of one of Duke's high school classmates. The father had been the manager of a chain grocery store, but retired too early and needed some additional income.

One evening Duke went to the airport to fly his own small plane to visit a lady friend who lived some 150 miles south. As he was preparing to taxi out of a hanger for takeoff, his night watchman came excitedly up to the plane and banged his hand on a side window. Duke slid the glass open.

"Walt. Don't fly this time - please! I had a horrible dream the other night that you took off like this - in the late evening - and you

crashed and died. It was so realistic that I beg you not to go on this trip!"

Duke ignored his old pal, flew to his destination, returned the next day, and reluctantly fired his friend. What was Duke's justification for the firing?

Answer will appear in next month's Periodico, along with a new mystery. (You may want to keep this issue as reminder when you see the solution.) If you are unable to come to a satisfactory solution and can't stand the agony of a month's wait, you can call the "Puzzlemaster" at 393-1427 or 648-0334. He may give you a further hint or two, but certainly not the answer.



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How do you like our new features? If you have ideas for columns or articles, please let me know... keeping in mind that 12 pages is our max. Also, contact me if you're interested in writing articles, taking photos, or otherwise contributing your talents to the Periodico. (Or think about joining Charl Petry's friendly delivery team; see her article on page 3.)

One idea is to start a Recommendations Column — home improvement and repair vendors, and even local retailers and restaurants, with whom you've had an exceptional experience. What do you think?

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Monthly Coffee & Donut Gatherings at the Ramada... coming again soon

Watch for an announcement in the Monday Morning Memo.



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Financial Facts... As of August 31, 2010

Joan Moreaux, Treasurer

Balance Sheet – Assets

Total of 4 CDs: \$ 67,559.18

Accounts Receivable:

2008 Special Assessment	165.00
2009 Dues	350.00
2010 Dues 1 @ 200.00, 1 @ 85.00, 1 @ 140.00	25.00
Weed & Bee Spray	45.86
Tree mistletoe removal 1 @ 300.00, 1 @ 345.00	<u>645.00</u>

Total: \$1,630.86

We are over budget for the month of August, 2010: \$13,669.31

This is due to \$13,445.80 year to date depreciation
not recorded until August

We are over budget for the year: \$2,696.71

Full financial reports will be published semi-annually in the Periodico. Residents are welcome to review financial reports at Board meetings. If you wish a copy of the current month financials, contact Joan Moreaux, Treasurer, at 648-7515.

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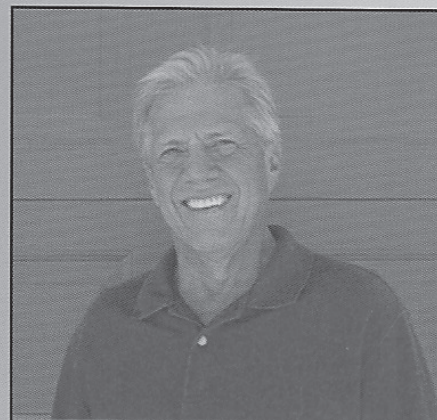
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