

# The Town Crier

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## HAMP Approved, Outlines Future Development In SE Tucson

On June 7, the Tucson mayor and city council unanimously approved the Houghton Area Master Plan (HAMP). The plan helps define and regulate growth in the 10,800 acres of largely undeveloped areas south of Irvington Road along the "Houghton Corridor," which extends a mile west and three miles east of Houghton Road down to Interstate 10. Up to 75,000 new residents are anticipated in the area over the next 25 to 35 years.

HAMP promotes the "desert village" model, largely based on Civano's original design of environmentally friendly, pedestrian-oriented neighborhoods connected to mixed-use neighborhood centers and a higher density town center. Specifically, the plan calls for:

- Land use patterns that include mixed-use centers to provide goods and services in proximity to residential areas
- A variety of housing types that span a range of types and prices
- Mobility options including walking, bicycling, and riding transit
- Sensitivity to the natural features of the desert environment

The challenge will be implementing the desert village concept in a meaningful way, and at master-planned scales. HAMP recom-

mends a minimum of 500 contiguous acres to be master planned at one time. With nearly 8,000 acres owned by the Arizona State Land Trust—with its legislated mandate of selling to the highest bidder—it is unknown how functional and attractive residential-commercial interfaces, as well as the preservation of natural and other open spaces, are likely to be.

"I know it's a concept and some day someone might try to sidestep the program, and that scares me," said councilwoman Carol West, who has long been an advocate for the desert village concept. "My hope is that the basic concept is kept the same without any changes, just the way it's been presented to us."

Still, the plan is historical in that it involved a wide variety of constituencies—not only agencies like the Tucson Department of Urban Planning & Design, Pima County, and State of Arizona, but also citizen/professional groups like the Southeast Planning and Coordinating Committee and the HAMP Citizens Review Committee, as well as individual residents themselves.

Additionally, the city partnered with the Sonoran Institute and Lincoln Institute of Land Policy to create the *Growing Smarter at the Edge* report, a series of case studies and

lessons learned used to further refine HAMP language. The report, available on the Sonoran Institute's website at [www.sonoran.org](http://www.sonoran.org), evaluates both land use and market objectives, generating parameters such as providing a clear process to guide development of master-planned communities and maintaining a region perspective.

"Now it's time to roll up our sleeves and work out all the details—such as regional water, trail, and sewage systems," said Byron Howard, councilwoman Shirley Scott's chief of staff.

Lots of work remains, of course, but nearly everyone agrees that the HAMP is a powerful tool in Tucson's goal of developing village centers and "growing smarter at the edge."

For more information, view the HAMP website at [www.tucsonaz.gov/planning/hamp.htm](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/planning/hamp.htm). To be involved from a neighborhood association perspective, contact Rick Hanson at 520.546.2928.

-by *Simmons Buntin*

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## Civano Resident Simmons B. Buntin Publishes *Riverfall*

**R**iverfall, a collection of 32 poems published by Ireland's Salmon Publishing, is Simmons' first book of poetry. He read from the book at the June 26 Civano Speakers Series, and will read again at the University of Arizona Poetry Center on Friday, August 5. To purchase a signed copy for \$14, contact Simmons at sb@riverfall.com or 520.241.7390. Learn more about Riverfall at www.riverfall.com. *Coyote* and *The Last Harvest* appear here with the author's permission.

## Have A Prickly Pear Summer

by Scott Calhoun



**N**othing says summer in the Sonoran desert like a big prickly pear cactus loaded with magenta fruit. From the looks of the prickly pear in my yard it's going to be quite a summer. Thanks to the winter rains, the plants this year are loaded with fruit just waiting to be picked, processed, strained, frozen into ice-cubes and plopped into a margarita glass or lemonade pitcher.

The prickly pear harvest, which usually takes place from mid-July through early August, is one of my favorite times of year in Tucson. The sheer abundance of fruit, the magenta juice all over the kitchen, the freezer bags and purple stained ice cube trays all come at a time when we are generally tired of the heat and sticky desert living and are ready for something new.

As I have done in each the last four years, I will be teaching the Prickly Pear cooking class at Civano Nursery again this August 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Although I'm no longer employed at the nursery, I'm looking forward to this class. I will promise, as I do each year, that participants in the prickly pear harvest may get prickles in their hands, arms, feet and derrieres, but if they follow my method, they will not get spines in their mouths.

So as July approaches, get out your taco tongs and get ready. Enter the cult of the prickly pear pickers and eaters. You'll feel better about living in the desert. I promise.

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## Coyote

I cannot follow the river of her myth.  
Perhaps Papago, or Hopi.  
In legend, she was born of the sharpest  
cactus—the cholla—and spread her thin  
roots into the desert soil.  
She broke the underground river  
and blossomed into life. As punishment,  
the Great One gave her thickened fur,  
and naked pups. Confined  
to the desert,  
she was weaker than the wolf,  
could not hide like the fox,  
took heavy heat from the white sun.  
She ate the horned toad spitting blood  
into her eyes, the gila monster leaking  
venom through her veins, and the prickly pear shooting spears  
through her tongue.  
And she became strong.  
I said, I cannot follow the river  
of her myth; but I can  
follow her sweet desert song  
like a stream through the fiery hills.

## The Last Harvest

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She was taught that river systems  
tree branches & veins are all mathematically

equivalent That a skein of geese  
is directed by the electromagnetic pull

of iron within the earth's core  
That the brilliant wash of a sunset &

the enlargement of the harvest moon are due  
simply to condensed particulates

in the atmosphere She was taught this  
& believed it but wanted to learn further

why the geese shining in flight like a string  
of pearls know the line of Old Hansen's

ranch the harvest moon lies swollen  
against the starless sky & the dying

sun flares longest before the frozen night  
Why the cottonwood's branches reach

highest above hidden stones  
the Colorado's tributaries course dry

through her father's fields & the blue-red blood  
in her mother's veins does not move at all

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## Civano Sewer Credit Money – Where It Went

By Resident Engineer Al Nichols (alnichols@aol.com)

Where Did All the Money Go, a Long Time a Waiting, Where Did All the Money Go, a Long Time Ago....

Did you ever wonder where the \$234,000 Civano sewer credit money went? Turns out, Fannie Mae gave the monies to the City M & C to disperse as they saw fit. This was no doubt a move to stay out of any debate as to how the funds should be spent within Civano. The City then took the money and posted a Request For Proposals (RFP) from entities that have, or have had, an affiliation with Civano, and that were interested in using Civano energy and water conservation methods in building affordable housing.

Four proposals were submitted -

**ANE, Inc. with Nader Chalfoun (The House Doctor):** We proposed building 110 housing units within about two years for \$12 million, meeting Civano energy and water standards. We would provide engineering and monitoring services, making the results available on the Web. Five Certified Housing Development Organizations would apply building, water and energy standards, and site development, all in keeping with the current generation of affordable housing. In addition, we would post on the Web information about materials used, generic plans and details, and the Civano lessons learned.

**Drachman Institute (U of A):** They proposed building four prototype low-cost energy and water efficient dwellings, with two of the dwellings meeting Civano Standards. **The Next Generation Affordable Housing Project Alliance and Chicanos Por La Causa:** They proposed building at least 58 new homes, surpassing the Civano standards for energy, water quality, affordability, livability, and sustainability. In addition, they would complete a "Lessons Learned" study for the edification of those planning the next generation of housing

**Old Pueblo Community Foundation:** They proposed using lessons learned from Civano to build four affordable new homes in the Mercado District. The would also retrofit 30 to 50 existing homes in Ward 4 and the Westside Coalition neighborhood. The building and retrofitting would be used to provide in-field training.

**AND THE WINNER IS** —> The Drachman Institute (U of A) with two built homes and students trained in the Civano design principles.

All the other proposals presented solutions for efficient, affordable housing, and they would have used production builders to build the housing right now. The U of A will do a good job, no doubt, but what will this accomplish? Will production builders use the designs or any of the lessons learned in a productive way? What was the rationale behind M & C's decision?

On the up side, as a result of seemingly unrelated events, ANE, Inc. is now working on the City of Tucson's Westmoreland infill project for low income affordable homes (14), using the Civano Sustainable Energy Standard (SES). We are considering using gray water, and also solar hot water! This is the first low income project to do so since the City voted to use the SES on all of it's projects in a M & C resolution dated back to 1998. The City has used the SES for it's major projects but perhaps thought it too expensive for affordable housing. Our plan is to show that low/affordable projects can be built to the SES at no additional cost. As in Zero, Nada, Nothing as in Zip extra cost, possibly even less! 'Cause that's what we do around here.

Meanwhile for the month of July you may expect it to be hot: Average Temperature 86.5 F (30.3 C), Relative humidity 42%, Wind speed 8.9 MI/hr (4.0 m/s) and 0 Heating degree days with 257 Cooling degree days base 65 F (18.3 C).



# Rick's Ramblings

A column by neighborhood association spokesperson Rick Hanson

The glorious Tucson summer is upon us and I've found myself in a reflective mood. I've been ruminating about the idea of whether we as a people need enemies.

There has been much national discussion about how the United States "needs" enemies. Back in the '50s and '60s there was the cold war; the Soviet Union and its satellites arrayed against the United States and its allies. Once the Soviet Union collapsed there was a period of a few years where there were no enemies that I recall and a national discussion around the idea of what do we do with no enemies.

Locally in Civano I (and we) often have, I think, been caught in the same mentality. We, or Civano's ideals, have been under attack and we have reacted against the enemy. Whether that was the potential sale of Civano 2 and 3 to Diamond Ventures or the perceived lack of amenities provided by the Civano developer or the building of an unexpectedly large number of homes on Block 1 (Northridge) or how Pulte's Sierra Morado is not utilizing New Urbanism as Civano 1 did; we react in an attempt to change the outcomes and someone or some institution becomes the enemy.

Even one of our local papers, the **Daily Star**, got into the act. The reporter wanted to run a story about Sierra Morado and the approval of the revised Civano PAD. Although we had reached an acceptable compromise with Pulte and were supporting the PAD as revised, the reporter was interested in the conflict, playing up the disagreements rather than the positive outcomes.

Art and KT Burdett were visiting when the reporter called. When the article came out, Art commented to me, "You were more balanced on the phone than what the reporter wrote."

Some of this rumination comes from recently reading a book by Walter Wink called **The Powers That Be**. Wink contends that powers in the world don't have to be enemies. There can be creative solutions, alternative ways of approaching problems, new ways of looking at things, better ways of living together.

So now we have Civano, a place where some of the problems listed above still exist, we now have responsibilities to work with Pulte on the buildout of Sierra Morado, and there will be countless issues confronting us as the areas around us are developed. But do we need "enemies" in any of these instances to accomplish positive things? I think not.

One area I'm interested in is the Houghton Area Master Plan (HAMP) just approved by the City Council in June. I hope some of you had the opportunity to see: "Harmonizing Houghton," a story on the HAMP, in the June 16<sup>th</sup> issue of the East insert in the **Daily Star**. What was approved translates the master plan idea of Civano to the entire HAMP area.

Council Member Carol West noted in the article "I know it's a concept and someday someone might try to sidestep the program, and that scares me." That scares me as well but perhaps for a different reason.

I think the HAMP should be viewed as just a first step. I believe what has been built in Civano should be how all developments in the desert Southwest are built, with a focus both on all aspects of the environment (energy savings, water conservation, appropriate land use, recycling and solid waste reduction) and human living (building community, crime prevention, affordable housing with a mix of neighbors). To encourage these ideas and support them; well, as the old saying goes, the devil is in the details.

Many of the energy saving ideas are currently being codified in new Tucson energy standards, due in part to the great efforts of Civano resident and business

owner Al Nichols (thanks, Al). Now we can work on codifying water conservation and the use of reclaimed water, making sure land forms and water flow are followed as the HAMP details and continue to support the City's recycling efforts.

Community building and crime prevention are another matter. I would contend that because of Civano's design and the building of community, crime is prevented. If I'm right, the City can reduce the overall tax burden created by having to hire increasing numbers of police officers to "respond" to crimes, (police don't prevent crimes – unless one of the few on duty at any one time is at exactly the right place at exactly the right time).

Some of the things I think lead to crime prevention include front porches (people are visible and interact with the neighborhood), the pedestrian orientation (again, people are out and interacting), common areas within the neighborhood where people gather, community gatherings and celebrations (potlucks, parties, Dinners for 8, this list would be waaaay too long!); all of these contribute to folks knowing each other, caring for each other and looking out for each other.

The stranger in our midst is welcomed but also known, the unknown car is noted, folks see something unusual and take steps to report it or question it. Crime prevention in action.

So, as I explore these ideas I invite your thoughts and suggestions. Am I on the right track? Do we really need enemies or can we find mutual concerns and interest which would allow us to find a better way to "be" with all the powers that surround us?

I also invite you to join our community at the July Neighbors meeting where we'll learn more about what's happening with Fantasy Island, explore how we might help, list our concerns around Civano for the coming year and then discuss what Civano Neighbors might undertake to encourage improvements where needed.

See you around the neighborhood!

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Yours in community,  
Rick

## New HOA Board Seeks Unity

Austin Gavin, formerly a member of the Civano Neighbors Neighborhood Association (CNNA) Leadership Team, is the new president of The Civano Homeowner Association (HOA). Thais Young, currently on the Design Review Committee, is also new to the Board of Directors. Both Austin Gavin and Thais Young join current Board Member, Les Shipley.

While the functions of CNNA and HOA differ, both groups are interested in promoting unity and working for the good of the community at large. Toward this end, the new HOA Board has created opportunities for us, the homeowners, to participate in the community governance.

Volunteers are needed to keep the community running smoothly. See the periodic HOA Newsletter for a list of committees needing help. In addition to the standing committees, a Transition Committee will be in place while

transferring the Civano Neighborhood from the Declarant (Fannie Mae) to the Civano HOA. (I like homeowners myself – Austin)

The new HOA Board plans to hold Town Hall Meetings on a regular basis. These will be informal meetings where homeowners may speak about any topic or issue regarding our community.

Gavin expects the round building to be dedeed to the HOA by September or October. The Declarant will probably begin the transfer process of the common areas to the HOA by mid July. The transfer process will include a 120-day due diligence period and probably will be completed by the end of the year. After



Austin Gavin, president of Civano Homeowner Association

completion of the transition process, the Civano HOA will be the governing authority, or business entity for the Civano community.

The golf cart will also be turned over to the HOA and will be used by HOA Manager, Dave Stevenson, to stay in contact with the community. gavin says there will be a special contest relating to the golf cart but details of the nature of the contest are know only by him. (I like this version better than the one I sent earlier)

Unless the community decides otherwise, the current three person HOA Board will remain in office until the annual HOA meeting in March 2006. If there is a strong desire from the community, an election will be held immediately following the HOA takeover.

Resident homeowners who would like to work on the Transition Committee or another committee should contact Dave Stevenson at 546-3862.

Gavin's position on the CNNA Leadership Team remains open. Contact Spokesperson Rick Hanson at 546-2928 if you would like to fill this post.

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## “What Am I Bid?” Purchase Of Land For Civano



It was a hot day in July 1996 and the state land that had been set aside for the long-planned Civano project was to be sold at public auction.

There was a hush over the crowd when the State auctioneer called for additional bids after Case and Butterfield opened the bidding at the required minimum. A long silence as our eyes scanned the crowd. It seemed like an eternity but finally came the magic words...“SOLD FOR \$2.7 MILLION!” A great roar went up from the crowd of Civano supporters. It was an exhilarating moment...a truly peak experience and the beginning of what would prove to be a wild ride for everyone involved.

The beginning of the Civano saga for me was in the spring of 1996 when an old friend, David Case (Case Enterprises), entered into a partnership with David Butterfield (Trust for Sustainable Development) in an effort to become the preferred developers of Civano, an ambitious, sustainable development being promoted as a public/private partnership by the City of Tucson.

Butterfield had negotiated a Development Agreement, still in effect today, with the City of Tucson and the only remaining obstacle for the two Davids was the purchase of the Civano land from the State Land Trust. In July 1996, a public auction, required for the sale of any State owned land, was held in the courtyard (an Arizona tradition) of the Old Pima County Court House, the pink buildings on Church Avenue.

It was at this auction where we got our first taste of the enduring passion of the early Civano “Pioneers.”



Paul Rollins, David Butterfield and David Case listen for competing bids.

David Case, his partner Kevin Kelly, and I had transplanted from Connecticut while Butterfield was from British Columbia. Up until the auction, our Connecticut group had had little contact with the Civano visionaries who had made this day possible so we were amazed when more than fifty people showed up for the auction. In fact, we were not sure if they were friend or foe.

There was great expectation in the air. Many of the Pioneers had been involved with the Solar Village project, Civano’s original name, since the early 1980’s and the auction was their first real indication that their long held vision just might become a reality.

Little did the Civano crowd know that Case and Butterfield held a cashier check for only the exact amount of the minimum bid. Our big fear was there might be a competitive bidder lurking in the crowd ready to end our vision of building a truly innovative community. We were especially worried about a couple of guys wearing big cowboy hats since they fit our stereotype of Arizona land barons. A competitive bid above the minimum and we would be returning to Connecticut.

But there were no competitive bids and the Case/ Butterfield partners had the dubious distinction of being named as the Master Developers of the Community of Civano. Dubious because not one other developer in all of Arizona or, indeed, the whole country was willing to take of the daunting task of building the nation’s first and only sustainable New Urbanist development.

Some rough times lay ahead for us all but that day was all roses. Norma Butterfield and I quickly put together



David Case and David Butterfield pay state auctioneer for Civano land

Here’s something I’ll bet most of you didn’t know about our Civano neighbor, Paul Rollins. What a story, and yes, life is good.

## Pilot in Command or I in the Eye

by Paul Rollins

We are still 100 miles out and already the giant, Super Constellation is starting to roll and buffet as we fly towards the eye of the massive hurricane. For me, it’s the worst part; I tend to get airsick when I’m not actually at the controls. But not this time; I can’t. It might look bad. The crew might doubt my ability. Their trust must be absolute...lives are on the line.

The Radarman barks out...“40 miles to the eye”. Tensions mount; preparations are made. The intercom cracks as the Plane Commander reads the checklist. The 30-man crew buckles in; gear is stowed, nervous chatter slows. I take over the left cockpit seat now; pull on my

leather gloves and secure the shoulder harness extra tight. The adrenalin pounds through my body...my first time as Pilot-In-Command on a low-level hurricane penetration flight.

“Cockpit from Radar...10 miles to the eye.” I check my shoulder harness and grip the yoke with two hands as the aircraft pounds through the turbulence. The aircraft buffets more and more with each moment as we continue to parallel the counter clockwise flow of the hurricane winds.

“Cockpit, 5 miles to the eye; turn left to 270 degrees; I’m losing radar signal”. “Roger” I reply, “Control is now with the rear observer.” I bank the giant bird to heading 270...directly towards the eye of the storm. Altitude instruments are worthless in these conditions...taped over to avoid confusion. “Roger, I have the con,” responds the senior enlisted man seated at the bubble window at the rear of the aircraft. “Descend a 100 feet; I’ve lost contact with the water”.

I drop the nose slightly and descend to about 500 feet. I can see the raging waves. I call for more power and the Flight Engineer responds. The four propeller engines roar as we approach maximum power. Again from the

### Did You know?

The name Civano refers to the late Classic period of the Hohokam, the indigenous people who inhabited the Tucson area from A.D. 650 to 1450. During the “Civano Phase” between 1300 and 1450, the Hohokam developed sophisticated social and economic systems while striving to live in balance with their natural environment.

They emphasized community through social responsibility, recreation, artistry and central gathering places.

The spiral, stylized in the Civano logo, is often found on Hohokam pottery and is used frequently in North American pieces to signify “ascent” and the passageway to other realities. The triangle, among other things, related to ‘balance’.

Also, in many indigenous pottery design patterns, when an object is contained or surrounded by a line, it is said to honor the object in a hope of renewing it on behalf of the community. This ancient notion is relevant to the sustainable community Civano is creating today. Combining the triangle and the scroll in a continuous line bestows a quality of sustainability to the graphic while providing an interesting, memorable logo for use in a variety of media.



### Did You know?

a celebration plan and the next night about 100 people gathered at the Presidio Grill for a joyous party. We were welcomed like conquering heroes by a virtual who’s who of City officials, innovative builders and visionaries...Tucsonans who had been waiting for many years for Civano to come to fruition.

The big day had finally come...Civano had a Master Developer and the Solar Village vision had new life.

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rear observer, “I’ve lost contact with the water”... comes over my headset. I drop to 400 feet. I swear I could reach out and touch the waves. “Come left 5 degrees; wind 150 knots; 2 miles to the eye” barks the excited observer.

Need more power; we are losing airspeed. The engines roar as I call out... “max power.” I am wet with sweat. All my strength now just to control the aircraft. The copilot adds his strength to the yoke. The windshield fogs over with the heat of our efforts. “1 mile to the eye; left 2 degrees; wind 165 knots”. 300 Feet off the water now.... waves are white froth.

One-quarter mile to the eye. One more surge; one more effort to wrench the yoke from my white grip and the storm submits. We roar through the storm wall like an escaping beast. Suddenly.... perfect calm. We’ve broken through to the eye. We are in the eye of the storm...and we are safe...this time, at least. I reduce power and sink heavy into my seat. I’ve done it; I’ve done it. I am a hurricane virgin no more. I am a Navy Hurricane Hunter Pilot.

The air is perfectly smooth and I can see for miles. I smile with satisfaction. It was a piece of cake. Life is good.



# In My View

A Column by Judie Kelly,  
Editor of The Town Crier

I'm not sure if having lived in Civano for a while has given me a greater appreciation for the small town in Nebraska where I grew up, or if it's the other way around. At any rate, today I find myself loving both places with a new enthusiasm.

Three weeks ago, Jim and I left for McCook having just been there for a visit less than a month before. The reason for the quick return was that my mother had suffered a stroke. We went back, sure that we'd

be moving her from independent (almost) living to the nursing home.

That never happened, and I'm glad.

Mother's condition was far worse than we'd thought and it became clear within a few days that she would not survive, let alone recover. Almost blind before the stroke and unable to communicate after, at age 89 she was ready to surrender.

As we set about taking care of her end-of-life details and sitting vigil at the hospital, we found everyone from her doctor whom we've known since he was four years old, to the undertaker who was a classmate of mine to be helpful beyond anyone's reasonable expectations.

Old friends, neighbors and strangers just couldn't do enough to help us through this difficult time.

And I was reminded of Civano and the way neighbors support one another and this community in so many ways.

McCook is a pretty little town with mature trees lining her brick streets and some of the lushest diagonally mowed lawns in the entire midwest. The town center where my grandfather had his barber-shop next door to my grandmother's beauty salon has diminished since Wal\*Mart came to the west end of town on the highway. Like so many small

towns, McCook is struggling to survive the ravages of time and change.

And in Civano, our town center is just beginning to form. The developers and the Civano residents are making every effort to make it just right from the very beginning. I have high hopes for the successful completion of Rincon Community Hospital at Civano and an array of supporting services, stores and enterprises which will be a good fit for our community. (Maybe even a Trader Joe's or a Sunflower Market.)

Driving back to Tucson I had time to begin assimilating the events of the past three weeks and to ruminate about what it all means. When friends offer their condolences, I'm quick to say, "It's all right. She wouldn't have wanted to live in that condition". And I'm absolutely certain that is true. But it is the end of a relationship, not always as comfortable and satisfying as I would have liked, but an important relationship, nevertheless. Most of us are issued only one mother.

Probably the next time I'll visit McCook, Nebraska will be for my 50<sup>th</sup> High School reunion two years from now. Meanwhile, Jim and I are happy to be back in this wonderful community of Civano. It's a great place to come home to, in my view.



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July 2005

## A Strategy of Change from William McDonough

We are at a very dramatic point in the evolution of human intention and design, especially regarding land use and community. In many respects the modern cultural approach to design can be typified as exhibiting a kind of "timeful mindlessness". We race headlong to satisfy today's concerns without honoring the character and dimension of the human and natural systems we supplant, and we ignore the inter-generational effects of our current acts on humans and other species. If design is a profound signal of human intention, then we might well ask: Did we ever really intend for our land use to turn out the way it has? Do we intend to maintain the trajectory on which we find ourselves?

In the making of our communities, many people in our nation are realizing that if we continue with our current mode we have tragedies in the making. We are seeing the degradation of the quality of our land, our air, and our water and the signs everywhere are too plentiful to ignore. If we actually had intended these results, one might say we have adopted a strategy of tragedy.

We can begin to contemplate something that begins to offer hope for something new, something richer in its potential. It is a time to be humble. This is not to say we know what to do but simply to say we know we cannot keep doing what we have been doing. It is time to move toward something else, a strategy of change.

In the area of community development and land use, we see people adopting strategies of change, revitalizing blighted neighborhoods and degraded commercial and industrial sites. We see strategies of change for urban cores, edge cities, strip malls, suburban shopping malls, and we see comprehensive compact developments like Civano. The one thing that characterizes all of these strategic actions is their insistence on "connectivity."

Success in community building is rendered by achieving a critically effective state of internal and external connections which, in effect, allow the system to "self-actualize". A biologist might say the easiest way to heal an ecosystem suffering from ill health is to connect it to more of itself. In this respect this new design instinct represents a kind of healing for our communities, even, perhaps, a strategy of hope. Civano has had so many years of development (not "development" as in dropping the latest commercial idea on the landscape and moving on, but as in the development of an idea, making it better and better, more and more comprehensive), that it represents one of our nation's finest harbingers of this strategy of hope. Civano is in the process of self-actualizing and it is a delight to see.

*William McDonough is the Dean of the School of Architecture at the University of Virginia and Principal of William A. McDonough & Associates*

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## Civano Tykes

Attention parents and caretakers of children pre-school age and younger! Civano Tykes is a group of neighbors that organizes play and educational activities for little ones and for those who love and care for them. If you are not already involved, consider joining us to meet other parents, find playmates for your little ones or just to have fun. For more details on the events listed below, please join the Civano Tykes Yahoo! Group page. This is THE spot for event information and group communications:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CivanoTykes>  
(click on the "Join This Group!" bar)

### Playgroups

Ages are approximate and older/younger siblings are always welcome.

- Baby Playgroup (< 18 mos.) –  
Fridays, 9:30 a.m. (location rotates)
- Toddler Playgroup (> 18 mos.) –  
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. (location rotates)

### Tykes Pool Time

- South Pool – Mondays, 4:00 p.m.
- North Pool – Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m.

### Tykes Special Summer Outings

A great opportunity to spend time with parents and kids outside your playgroup.

- 6/23 (Thurs.) 1:00 p.m. –  
Edith Ball Pool (next to Reid Park Zoo)
- 7/7 (Thurs.) 11:00 a.m. –  
Hanuman Puppet Theater at Columbus Library
- 8/8 (Mon.) 9:00 a.m. – Park Place (meet at play area)
- 8/24 (Wed.) 1:00 p.m. – Edith Ball Pool

### Moms' Night Out

Moms, save the third Tuesday of every month for a little down time with your sisters in motherhood! For events that require one, RSVP to Stephanie Mitchell at 519-0299 or stephcam@mindspring.com.

- 6/21 7:00 p.m. – Dinner at Fuego (RSVP)
- 7/19 7:00 p.m. – Wine Tasting at Soley Snyder's house
- 8/16 7:00 p.m. – Dinner at Sauce
- 9/20 7:00 p.m. – Manicure/Pedicure Party by Nails 2 Go Go at Stephanie Mitchell's house (see Yahoo! page for cost and RSVP details)
- 10/18 7:00 p.m. – Paint Yourself Silly (RSVP)
- 11/15 7:00 p.m. – Philanthropic Project TBA
- 12/20 – NO MEETING

### \*\* Tykes Babysitting Co-op in the Works \*\*

If you are interested in participating in a neighborhood babysitting co-op, please watch the Yahoo! group page for an upcoming survey (mid-summer). A general interest meeting was held June 6 and it was decided more specific input from interested families is needed. Please provide your feedback when the survey is posted; we need your input to build a co-op that truly works.

For those new to the concept, a babysitting co-op provides a formal way for families to exchange cost-free babysitting services. Many families in Civano already have informal arrangements with their neighbors. However, a co-op would expand the pool of available babysitters as well as strengthen relationships among neighbors.

## Newcomers Working Group

No July Breakfast. Come to the Activity Center July 4 and join other neighbors in the parade and Pool-side celebration.

Next Welcome Breakfast: Saturday, Aug 20, 8:30-11:00. Hosts: Casey Stockdate & Donna Gustafson, 10541 E. Eleanor Maldonado. Open to all. Newcomers are the special guests; others, please bring a breakfast dish to share.

We broke our record at the June Welcome Breakfast. About 127 folks came to Scott & Deirdre Calhoun's new Zona Gardens Bed & Breakfast. Big thanks to the Calhouns and to all the hosts of the breakfasts.

New Residents: Did you get your "Welcome" Envelope? The Newcomers group delivered about 20 Welcome Packets to new residents over the last 60 days. If we missed you or someone you know, please call 296-7060.

Businesses\*Artisans\*Clubs. Our roster of Civano businesses, artisans, services, and clubs goes into every newcomer Welcome Packet. (Also, see the ad in this issue.) We hope for the broadest possible list showing what our unique neighborhood has to offer. Please consider putting your information into this list. If you are already in the roster, thanks. Many new folks have said the roster was helpful. Call 296-7060 - \$10 per year per line (pays for ads & paper).

“While the spirit of  
neighborliness was  
important on the frontier  
because neighbors were so  
few, it is even more important  
now because our neighbors  
are so many.”

– Lady Bird Johnson

J u l y 2005

## Book Club 2005-2006

	Leader	Book Title, Author
Sept.	Ardi Whalen	<i>The Color of Water</i> by James McBride
Oct.	Jack Kelly	<i>Snow in August</i> by Pete Hamill
Nov.	Jim Kelly	<i>His Excellency</i> by Joseph J. Ellis <i>George Washington</i>
Dec.	Sharlene Gillette	<i>The Horsecatcher</i> by Marie Sandoz
Jan.	Katherine Young	<i>Bel Canto</i> Ann Patchett
Feb.	Judie Kelly	<i>The Titled Americans</i> by Elisabeth Kehoe
Mar.	Pauline Roe	<i>Islands of Silence</i> by Martin Booth
Apr.	Linda Hanson	<i>Show Falling on Cedars</i> by David Gute
May	Ann Edwards	<i>The Clearing</i> by Gautreaux

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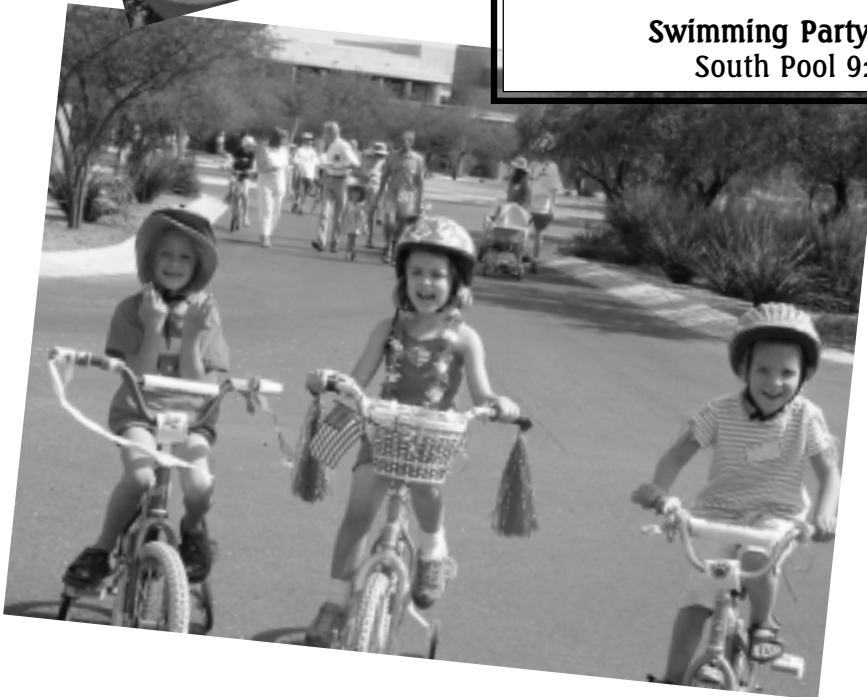
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