

The Town Crier

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Educating Our Community

Education will be the focus of our January Civano Neighbors meeting. The meeting will be highlighted by a special presentation by Calvin Baker, Superintendent of the Vail School District. Other speakers will include Pam Bateman, our Civano Schoolmarm, Tahnee Robertson, active with the Civano Preschool group, and Dirk Matthias, chair of the Civano Neighbors Education Working Group and organizer of the Civano Middle School.

Baker will take a look at the Vail district's long range plans for new schools, including plans for a school or schools immediately adjacent to Sierra Morado (east of Mesquite Ranch) and the possibility for integration of the school with a regional park. He also will discuss educational programs which affect the greater Civano area and how the district's decision to implement a computerized high school is progressing.

Baker has been the superintendent of the award-winning Vail School District for over 17 years. He also has ten years of experience as a principal and in that role has served at all three levels: high, middle and elementary school. Almost all of his principal experience occurred in small Native American communities in Northern Alaska. Baker lives in the Vail School District and has been highly

involved in community planning activities. With the student and adult population increasing more than tenfold since he became superintendent, he has had the opportunity to see the results of many planning efforts (including Civano).

Bateman, Robinson, and Matthias will focus on the life of schools within the community. What are the benefits and shortcomings of having a "local" elementary school within the neighborhood? How does it affect children, parents, and the community at large? What would be the impact of potentially adding a middle school/pre-school

across the street from the Civano Community School? Could such a facility meet the need for a public community gathering place originally intended to be provided by a public park/school in Civano?

Also on the agenda will be a discussion of what adult educational opportunities currently exist (such as the Civano Speakers Series) and what other offerings would be of interest. If time allows, we also will discuss how we can help educate others about Civano, particularly the unique features and benefits of the Civano 1 Neighborhood 1 portion of the development.

Civano Neighbors will be asked to take a position on having the Civano Middle School of Expeditionary Learning locate in the commercially zoned area at the north end of Sierra Morado along the rerouted Drexel (now Mira Lane) at our January meeting. The location is across from the Civano Community School. Some background information about the school and the proposal, written by Dirk Matthias, the Middle School's lead teacher, can be found on page four.

Please join us January 19, 2006 at 7 pm at the Civano Community School, 10673 E. Mira Lane, for a full evening on the state of education in Civano.



Calvin Baker,
Superintendent of the Vail School District

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Forming Our Neighborhood Association

By Simmons Buntin, Guest Columnist



On May 29, 2002, fifty Civano residents and City of Tucson staff—representing the Neighborhood Resources, Police, and other departments—gathered in Civano's Neighborhood Center to discuss the creation of Tucson's newest neighborhood association: Civano Neighbors.

Residents and city staff rolled up their sleeves to discuss the organization's purpose and benefits, noting the differences between city-chartered neighborhood associations and developer-created homeowner associations. Agreement from the audience to move forward triggered the city's official recognition and a six-month window to go from start-up to reality, and Civano Neighbors was born.

For months prior to that meeting, dozens of Civano neighbors opened their homes for neighborhood association discussions. The need was clear: Neighbors, coming together with a shared passion for Civano's sustainability goals and community-oriented vision, needed to be on a more equitable basis with the developer, builders, and the city itself. Promises made by the developer were not being met, the developer and developer-run HOA sidestepped communication with residents, and the city put little stake in the concerns of unorganized neighbors.

Neighbors wanted the full benefits of being recognized by the city, including:

- Receiving direct information relating to city, development, traffic, and related activities and decisions in and around Civano
- Ensuring the neighborhood sits at the table on major Southeast-side planning and policy activities, such as development of the Houghton Area Master Plan
- Qualifying for funding and technical assistance for grant-seeking, workshops, and neighborhood action planning

One of the first and most significant decisions was determining which rules of order to use. From running the meeting to advocating for and making decisions of community-wide impact, effective rules of order are critical.

The predominant methodology for Tucson's neighborhood associations, and indeed most U.S. organizations, is Robert's Rules of Order. These fundamental procedures are noted as being efficient for moving meetings through an agenda, and for their predictability. However,

they often produce competitive win-lose situations, result in frustration and divisiveness, and leave little room for creative solutions.

Because of Civano's unique design and impassioned neighbors and stakeholders, however, founding members considered a broader approach. A consensus process, which can take longer but usually results in higher-quality decisions with broad community support, was suggested.

After a comprehensive evaluation of both approaches, neighbors recommended a modified consensus process "that allows all sides of an issue and proposals to be heard and discussed in a free exchange of information." This approach also allows the use of more traditional procedures, such as Robert's Rules of Order, for making decisions when consensus cannot be reached after a specified period of discussion.

"We live in a unique community environment and the consensus form of decision-making reflects that uniqueness and lets all of us participate freely and openly," said Mike Eng, a Civano neighbor who led the evaluation.

Application for neighborhood association status was made in late April 2002, city recognition was triggered in May. It wasn't until a July 29 meeting that organizational structure was discussed and approved, including the creation of an interim leadership team jointly led by Simmons Buntin and Patrick Whelan.

The modified consensus approach was selected as the rules of order, a design for a "leadership team" rather than a board of directors with traditional officers was set, membership was openly defined, and dues were decided against.

A month later, the Civano Neighbors Bylaws were adopted (available at www.civanoneighbors.com/about/bylaws.htm) and initial working groups were formed. Working group chairs, it was determined, should also sit on the Civano Neighbors leadership team. Initial working groups were Houghton Corridor, Long-Range Planning and Community Building, Responsible Pet Ownership, Youth Issues and Activities, Environmental Issues, Safety, Neighborhood Center, and Merchant's Association.

On October 21, Civano Neighbors elected its

first leadership team: Simmons Buntin as association spokesperson (similar to president), Patrick Whelan as treasurer, and five at-large members: Craig Altschul, Alan Boertjens, Mike Eng, Jack Kelly, and Tahnee Robertson. To ensure an even mix among the roles, meeting facilitation and other responsibilities were shared among leadership team members.

By the end of the year, Civano Neighbors had initiated a number of significant activities: creation of *The Town Crier*, founded and edited by Craig Altschul; launch of the CivanoNeighbors.com website; and new discussions with Fannie Mae (the developer), Pulte Homes on Neighborhoods 2 and 3, builders, and city representatives.

The purpose of Civano Neighbors was defined early: To provide a collective voice and forum for community action for the residents and businesses within the Civano Neighbors boundaries in order to enhance neighborhood quality of life.

From its inception, its direction and success have been defined by neighbors' participation. As a flyer delivered to neighbors back in June 2002 states, "Civano Neighbors is a forum for the entire community and not just a few interested parties, and your participation is essential to ensure this happens." This is just as true today.

Did You know?

There are 130 official neighborhood associations in the City of Tucson, and neighborhoods must be within Tucson's city limits to qualify. Support is provided by Tucson's Department of Neighborhood Resources (www.tucsonaz.gov/dnr), and Tucson is one of the few cities in the country that actually provides departmental-level support for neighborhoods.

Only ten neighborhood associations fall within Ward 4, on Tucson's southeast side. All but two—Civano Neighbors and Rita Ranch—lie above Irvington Road. Rita Ranch Neighborhood Association is the largest in the Ward and one of the largest in the city, by land area.

The Civano Neighbors boundaries are Irvington Road on the north, Pantano Wash on the east, Bilby Road on the south, and the Harrison Road alignment (Davis-Monthan Air Force Base) on the west.

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Rick's Ramblings

A column by neighborhood association spokesperson Rick Hanson

No Grinch Found in Civano

I'm writing this just a few days after the wildly successful Civano Holiday Party held on December 11 at the Neighborhood Center. What a wonderful afternoon and evening it was. This is what community looks like.

Special thanks to Simmons Buntin, Donna Gustafson, Jan Moran, Glenn France, Anika, Alana, and Eliza Weber, and Ann Williams who met to start the planning, and to all who contributed, passed out leaflets, gathered

donations, shopped, helped set up, baked some cookies, donated food for the food shelf, provided entertainment, or helped clean up. And thanks to all of you who came out to enjoy the festivities. I met new folks who aren't even moved in yet and reminisced with Civano pioneers who have been here more than 6 years.

Deirdre Calhoun observed that societies get to a level of 150 (people or households) and then a different society emerges or new societies are formed. Personal interactions work in groups of 150 or less; not in larger groups. In the case of Civano Neighbors, we have good interaction within our working groups and the Leadership Team, but the overall organization already exceeds 150.

As we head into the new year, I invite you

to become active and make a difference in one of our working groups. A new one, Aging in Community, has just formed with a dozen people attending the first meeting. The Energy and Environment group is very active as are the Education, Pulte, and Commercial Areas working groups. The Houghton Corridor working group will be gearing up, especially if the land is sold at Houghton and Valencia and/or the transportation ballot measure passes. Feel free to contact me (546-2928 or rickandlinda@cox.net) or contact the working group chair(s) directly (found on our website at <http://www.civaneighbors.com>) to get connected.

Happy New Year! Enjoy 2006.

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Middle School Seeks Site In Civano

By Dirk Matthias

This past July the Civano Middle School of Expeditionary Learning opened its doors to 23 middle schoolers in Corona de Tucson. By the time of this edition we will have completed our first semester of learning and are operating at capacity. Our first graduating class has attended high school orientation in the Vail School District and the foundation of the academic program is laid.

The purpose of this article is to inform you about a meeting held on Monday, December 5 at the Civano Community School to discuss the middle school's progress and the ongoing pursuit of a permanent site here in Civano. Members of the Civano School community, members of the pre-school working group, stakeholders, and other neighbors interested in the project attended the meeting.

The meeting started with an update on our current site in Corona de Tucson. We have a lovely little site with a very supportive landlord and don't intend to seek another venue until we can relocate to

Civano. As many of you may recall, our vision for the school has always been to continue the educational efforts of the Civano Community School within the context of the possibilities that Civano offers.

As an Expeditionary Learning school, two important components of our program are fieldwork and service. Our intentions are that students use the natural and social environments of their community as sites for purposeful fieldwork and service connected to academic work. Fieldwork has a clear purpose that results in service that in turn meets authentic community needs such as the sports field, the problem with dog droppings in our parks, maintenance and development of the community garden, or baby-sitting. The need for a community preschool, for example, might be addressed by combining resources - resources such as Rosemary McCain, coordinator of the Vail School District preschool program, who was in attendance and has expressed an interest in learning more about a possible middle

school/pre-school collaboration.

Calvin Baker, Superintendent of Vail School District, talked to those in attendance about the district's negotiations with Pulte. In a nutshell, Mr. Baker explained that developers usually provide school sites when there is a need, but that they are under no legal obligation to do so. At the current time, the district and Pulte are engaged in conversations about a 1.4-acre site on the other side of Mira Lane southwest of the Civano Community School. We also discussed sharing our ideas with the Tucson Medical Center.

If you are interested in participating in this project, or would like to know more you are invited to our next meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Civano Community School.

The goal of relocating in Civano comes from a deep understanding of the value of our community and its potential for enhancing the educational experience of our children. We believe that it could be a win-win situation for the community and the middle school.

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In My View

A Column by Judie Kelly, Editor of The Town Crier

Now that we've made our last airport run for the season, put away the good china, and checked the bathroom scales to assess the damages, let us visit a bit about the new year.

I am sorry to report that Peace on Earth probably won't be ours anytime soon despite all of our singing and praying about it over the past month or so. However, peace in Civano seems more likely now than at any other time in my three years here. If the holiday party is an indicator, I think we may be on our way.

Co-sponsored by the Neighborhood Association, the HOA and many Civano residents and businesses who provided door prizes, food and other festivities, this was a groundbreaking event. The cooperation needed to pull this party off was awesome, and folks had a great time doing it.

I would hope that this spirit of working

together as a community could continue throughout 2006. Whether we're affiliated with one group or another, we all want Civano to be the best place it can be for all of us. What's so hard about that?

Sorting out issues such as when we get ownership of the round building and who can use it when and for what – or not - will undoubtedly raise some controversy. But we don't have to get paranoid and contentious about it. Let's just work it out.

One thing on my wish list that doesn't cost any money or require a committee would be for drivers to slow down when traveling our lovely, narrow streets. Too often we are startled by the speed at which vehicles fly by our house on Zenith Way.

I don't think anybody really wants to put in speed bumps (they do cost money.) And I will concede that some of the offenders are

construction workers who will never see this column, but some are Civano residents like you and me. So, please everybody, keep your speed within the posted limits and use common sense.

Another wish I have is for people to pick up pet waste. I see many pet owners with their plastic bags doing the right thing, but obviously not everyone does. It so detracts from the beauty of our special little corner of the world to come upon dog poop on the sidewalks and in the common areas. Come on folks, be good neighbors won't you?

I really do have high hopes for an even better Civano in 2006 where cooperation among individuals and groups will be common, reciprocal and expected. In my view, it can happen if each of us steps back and thinks about how our words and actions affect those around us.

Let there be peace in Civano and let it begin with me. Happy New Year everyone.

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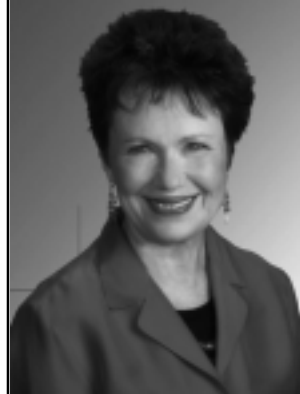
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Solar Water Heaters In The Early Days Of Civano

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



"It's not easy being green."
- Kermit the Frog, 1972

Civano was and is the grand experiment to demonstrate sustainable development. The use of solar energy, particularly for heating water, is the key for this development. About 100 homes in Civano have a "passive" solar water heater, needing no mechanical or electronic components.

An "In Collector Storage" (ICS) type made by Thermal Energies Conversions Technologies (TCT) out of Florida, and freeze-proof in Tucson, was installed in about 150 Civano homes. These attractively priced units came with a 10 year warranty.

Unfortunately, failures occurred as these collectors came on line. Some failures were due to "the number of welds it takes to build the collector components," others were caused by pinhole leaks.

The manufacturer then changed the warranty to exclude areas with "aggressive water" and sold the company about 2 1/2 years ago. The new owner, Steve Gorman, wants to boost his reputation and he offers some assistance with repairs. He also says that the manufacturing process has improved. The official company statement is as follows:

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For the month of January, expect: average temperature - 51.3 F (10.7 C), relative humidity 48%, wind speed 8.5 mi/hr (3.8 m/s) and 236 heating degree days with 0 cooling degree days base 65 F (18.3 c).



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Council Member Shirley Scott Elected To National League Of Cities Board of Directors

Washington, DC, December 15, 2005 — Council Member Shirley Scott of Tucson, Ariz., was elected to the Board of Directors of the National League of Cities (NLC) at its Congress of Cities Conference held in Charlotte, NC, December 6 - 10. NLC is governed by the Board of Directors which includes the three top officers – president and first and second vice presidents – as well as all past presidents still in government service, and 40 local elected officials and state municipal league directors.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to work with Shirley in the coming year,” said NLC President James Hunt, council member, Clarksburg, WVa. “Shirley has been an outstanding leader in the National League of Cities and will serve as a valuable asset as we shape the policies and agendas of this organization over the next 12 months.”

Scott was one of 22 new Board members elected at the meeting and will serve a two-year term. The Board meets three times a year and plays the lead role in shaping priorities and directing the advocacy, research, and membership activities of NLC. All Board members serve on one of three standing committees: Finance, Membership or the Policy and Legislative committee.

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George Brookbank, Master Gardener, Comes To Civano

Long-time Tucson resident and master gardener, George Brookbank, attended a “Brookbank Party” on December 18. Residents of George Brookbank Place and Civano Garden Committee members attended a holiday reception in his honor. Sharlene and Lynne Gillette hosted the event in their home.

Mr. Brookbank said he has had his picture taken with the George Brookbank street sign and now is happy to have met some of the residents living on “his” street.

“We are honored to meet the Tucson folks whose names are on our Civano streets,” Sharlene said. “Maybe more Civano residents will want to hold similar events in 2006.”

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Best Bet Home Improvements

If you're looking to improve the appearance of your home there are a few things you should consider before beginning any costly project.

Exactly how much of your investment you'll recoup depends on a number of factors, such as the "big picture" housing market, the value of the homes in your neighborhood, when you plan to sell and the exact nature of the improvement. Also, consider that the longer you live in your home after a project is completed, the less likely you are to recoup its value. Just try to convince a potential buyer that Harvest Gold is cutting edge.

Below are some examples of a few improvements that usually pay off - and some that rarely make a difference when it comes time to sell your home.

Painting

If you're planning to sell your home in a year or two, a fresh coat of a neutral-toned paint could make the sale easier. A professional exterior paint job may also recoup close to

75% of its cost. Let's face it - we all like things fresh-looking.

Kitchen

With just a few basic improvements, your kitchen can practically pay you back with interest. New paint, wallpaper and flooring are always appreciated; plus, you might even consider sanding, staining or painting worn-looking cabinets. Replacing old cabinet hardware is a low-cost improvement that makes a big difference in appearance. According to Remodeling magazine, the average spent on major kitchen-remodeling is around \$39,000; refinishing an outdated one averaged \$15,000. The full kitchen remodeling recouped 80% of its cost, the more moderate remodeling was valued at 87%.

Extra Bathroom

You usually can't go wrong by adding an extra bathroom. At an average cost of \$14,200, a new full bath can recoup 81% of its total cost.

Deck

Adding a deck is a very cost-efficient way to add square footage to your house. Decks cost around \$6,000 and generally recoup 75% of their value. Compared to other outdoor improvements (except painting), that's an excellent return.

New Windows

Your utility bill savings may make up for the iffy resale value, however, a good set of standard windows should get you around 68% back. If you start getting too fancy with custom shapes and sizes, though, don't expect to get as much in return.

Picture-Perfect Gardens

Another nicety, but who's going to spend all that time - and money? If the potential buyer is not horticulturally inclined, chances are your floral handiwork won't add to the offering price. The same can be said for expensive fences and stone walls - they look nice, but buyers don't pay up for them.

Basic Is Better

It may not sound very exciting, but it's the basic improvements you make to your home that may have the greatest return on its value: a beautiful new bathroom won't make up for a leaky roof. So if you're thinking of selling your house in the next year or so, be sure to address any problems the home may have before you, say, install those sunken gardens you've always dreamed of.

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Saturday, March 17, 8:30 - 11:00
Hosts: Catherine & Glenn France
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Scott Calhoun's 'Wildflower Highway' Kicks Off 2006 Civano Speakers Series 7 p.m., Sunday, January 22, 2006 at the Civano Activity Center

Garden designer, author, and photographer Scott Calhoun once again kicks off the Civano Speakers Series, now in its second year, with a slideshow and lecture on the Wildflower Highway. Scott will take us on a visual tour of his recent Desert Southwest journeys to photograph wildflowers and other unique plants on both sides of the border. All Civano neighbors and their guests are welcome to join us for this free event. Refreshments will be served. More information about the Civano Speakers Series, including other upcoming events, is available at www.civanoneighbors.com/speakers. Or contact Series director Simmons Buntin at 520.241.7390 or sb@terrain.org.

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The Silk Road: Xian to Khiva 7 p.m., Sunday, February 26, 2006 at the Civano Activity Center.

Rick and Linda Hanson will discuss their journey across Central Asia with slides and music from China, Khirgistan and Uzbekistan.

Aging In Community Working Group Formed

Bob Small chairs this newest of our Neighborhood Working Groups. The group met for the first time December 11 and will look at assessing the needs and possibilities for our unique community here in Civano. Many service organizations and volunteer training groups exist to help this group form a Civano Plan and to examine issues relating to "aging in place." Contact Bob Small, 398-7100 for further information.

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Computer Help 721-0909 jp@sunkids.org
Computer Tutor Mare 296-5428
Flying Blind call Mike Couzens 885-7232
Splinters Handyman Civano Business Owner for Five Years, Paul Coache 885-6645
Healthy Home Tour Mary Pagel 296-5428
Civano Pet, Plants & House Sitting 733-0409
Water Purification Systems 546-1206
John Lauer Window Washing 751-1645

Health

Aquatic Massage Monica Eng 909-1585
Massage Therapy Monica Eng 909-1585
Counseling at Civano J. Raymond 886-1446
Catherine France Hypnotherapist 471-3879
Yoga and Pilates in Civano 731-8768
Ballet Rincon Academy of Dance 574-2804
Ceci's Salon, Hair and Nails 867-6162
Spinal Energy Healing Dr. L. Palermo 546-1582

Artisans

Diane Young at Art 207-0824
Barbara's Beads www.beadedjewelbox.com
Natural Handmade Soap 721-0909
Stephanie Johnson Mural Artist 722-9733
Judie Kelly Paper Art 885-6601
Photography Art, Dan McPeak 731-0665
Original Art Stain Glass/Mosaic 664-0114
Canada's Tranquility Chimes 975-7447
Tom's Trellis and Metal Art 664-0114

Music

Children's Music Together 731-0572
Jane Hallett Cellist/String Tchr 751-2050
Mary Morganti Piano Lessons 296-1813

Miscellaneous

Civano Comm. School 731-3466
Civano Middle School 751-3858
Dinners for Eight 546-4500
Civano Book Club 885-8211
Civano Cycling Club 886-8825
Civano Kids Krops 731-8768
Civano Tykes stephcam@mindspring.com
Civano Motorcycle Club 731-0665
To Be On This Roster call 296-7060

Responsible Pet Ownership

A campaign to ensure responsible pet ownership in Civano has been undertaken. In particular, the campaign is targeting appropriate disposal of pet waste and control of pets within our neighborhood. In informal meetings of concerned homeowners with board members Thais Young and Jennie Lending, it was decided to launch a campaign to educate Civano residents about the responsibilities of pet ownership.

In addition to food, water, and general care, responsible pet owners are good neighbors when they:

- Obtain a dog license and ensure that the dog wears a collar with the dog tag and an identification tag.

- Confine dogs and cats to private premises with an appropriate fence or keep them inside.

- Clean up solid dog/cat waste on private premises within 24 hours.

- Prevent dogs/cats/birds from barking, howling, meowing, or making other noises on a continuous or intermittent manner that disturbs neighbors.

- Restrain dogs on a leash when not confined to private property.

- Immediately pick up and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, any solid dog/cat waste outside of the pet owner's private premises.

Pet owners who fail to exhibit these behaviors create antagonism among neighbors and erode our sense of community. Individuals who witness irresponsible action should immediately call it to the attention of the pet owner. Pet owners should expect to be prodded by neighbors when pet actions diminish our community.

The few pet owners who do not wish to exhibit good neighbor behavior should know that Tucson and Pima County Codes and Ordinances regarding dogs are enforced by Pima County Animal Care Center, with fines ranging from \$50 to \$750. Information about Pima County Animal Care Center may

2005 Neighborhood Association Financial Report

2005 Beginning Balance		\$2,406.15
2005 Income		
CLOTHING SALES		
Deposits		
Jan	\$120.00	
Feb	\$15.00	
Mar	\$60.00	
Apr	\$480.00	
July	\$40.00	
Oct	\$125.00	
Nov	\$170.00	
TOTAL		\$1,010.00
DONATIONS		\$10.00
APRIL PICNIC		
Sales	\$340.00	
Returned supplies	\$114.92	
		\$454.92
WAYNE MOODY DVD		\$14.00
TOWN CRIER ADS		\$4,293.00
GRAND TOTAL INCOME		\$5,781.92
2005 Expenses		
CLOTHING		
Jan Old Pueblo Trophy	\$420.45	
Mar Old Pueblo Trophy	\$344.32	
Aug Old Pueblo Trophy	\$147.41	
Sep Old Pueblo Trophy	\$345.40	
		\$1,257.58
APRIL PICNIC		
Permit	\$24.00	
Supplies	\$430.92	
		\$454.92
TERRITORIAL NEWSPAPERS		
Jan	\$321.00	
May	\$321.00	
Sept	\$552.00	
Nov	\$415.14	
		\$1,609.14
WEB HOSTING		\$100.00
BANK SERVICE FEES		\$40.00
MISCELLANEOUS		
Postage—Stephanie	\$7.72	
Stamps—Ardi	\$3.70	
Paul—office supplies & printing	\$203.87	
Rick—postage & ice cream	\$77.74	
Jan—visors	\$72.00	
		\$365.03
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES		\$3,826.67
Difference to the good		\$1,955.25
Balance as of November 29, 2005		\$4,361.40

be found at its web site, <http://www.pimaanimalcare.org>. Restrictions for pets, including cats, may be found under Article 5.3.3 Animals, p. 31, in Civano 1, Neighborhood 1 CC&R's. A summary of Tucson and Pima County ordinances and Civano CC&R's regarding pets will be provided at a later date.

Meet Your Neighbors

... is a regularly occurring column featuring Civano residents old or new.

If you know an interesting neighbor or are one yourself, submit an article and a photo to the editor.

When you come by the Tumarkin/Norman home...

When you come by our home, (not *if...when*) one of the first things you'll notice is a unique piece of artwork hanging on its own wall in our main living area. It's a *kethubah*—a traditional marriage contract.

"Ok, so it's like a Jewish prenup."

Well, kinda, but not really in the way most folks think about it. It's a document that lays out the goals that each party has going into the relationship. When we got engaged, part of the process leading up to our wedding was our collaboration in writing the text of our *kethubah* that we would both sign on our wedding day over 10 years ago.

"Ok, so it's like a scoping document for your married life."

For you business-types, that's exactly what it is. It lays out the high-level ideals that we'd use to build the cultural environment of our home.

"So what?"

Well, when we were asked to tell a little bit about ourselves and our lives here in Civano, we can look back at that document that we wrote together in 1994 and see that our moving here is part of the realization of the goals we laid out that very year.

Among the many commitments we made in that text, two are particularly apropos to our life here. The first is "to establish a home where we respect and welcome people of all heritages." To us, this has meant many things. At the time, we had close friends



representing the entire spectrum of humanity—different cultures, skin colors, orientations and abilities. It was important to us to explicitly state that *everyone* would be welcome in our home.

While we hadn't planned on it when we wrote this, it turned out to be prophetic. In 2001 and again in 2003, we experienced the honor and joy of adopting our wonderful girls from China. Ann Lei is 5 and Lyle Yi just turned 3 in November.

Our *kethubah* also talks about how we promise to honor and recognize the flow of the seasons and build "a home joined ever more closely to the community of the Earth." As a community conceived around the ideas of sustainable development—with energy efficient homes, community gardens, walking

paths, and the power of the Sonoran desert all around—Civano is a place where we look forward to approaching this ideal.

Finally, when you come by (again—not *if...when*) and take a look at this piece of art, you'll see that right in the center is an image of a harp and lute—symbols of music. We are both serious about being amateur musicians. More often than not, you can find me sitting on the front porch playing my guitar, with Joanna and I singing familiar tunes. For us, the music we make provides a soundtrack for our lives.

If you're ever walking by and see us out there on the stoop or hear us making music, stop and say hi. You're always, always welcome to sing along.

Pet Forum

-by Beth Morgan

Along with a diverse population of humans in Civano, there is a sundry population of pets. I feel they deserve an article to recognize and celebrate the role they play in completing our lives. I would like to inform and entertain neighbors as well as profile our local furry, scaly, flying and amphibious friends.

Many of the pets we own have been obtained through the Humane Society of Southern Arizona, a non-profit organization that is dedicated to the general welfare, sheltering and placement of animals. For information on adoptions, training classes, vaccination clinics, spay and neuter clinics, school programs, volunteer opportunities and events, check out their website at www.humane-so-arizona.org or call 321-3704.

For those who enjoy being silly with your dog, here is a tip from Jenny Langbehn's very entertaining book, 97 WAYS TO MAKE A DOG SMILE. #97 Hot Pursuit. Strap a stuffed animal on top of a remote-controlled car and let her rip! Note: This is especially fun for racing or hunting breeds.

Pet profile:

My dog Darcy is a catahoula hound (I think). According to the website www.catahoulaleopard.com they are the

largest and most aggressive of the cattle dogs. They are the only known domesticated native North American breed developed by Native American Indians and early settlers. Catahoulas are used today to work livestock and to hunt game ranging from squirrels to coons to bears. They are bred to find livestock in a variety of terrain. They trail nose to ground or head up to "wind" (catch the scent) their prey. Darcy's terrain to "wind" her prey is often my kitchen!

Because of their ability to work livestock, they are good candidates for agility training. Catahoulas are very loyal, loving, intelligent and independent, but they need good obedience training with consistent reinforcement. Like other breeds, their personality is often a product of the life style they lead and the love and attention they receive.

Darcy is a medium sized dog with the blue/gray base color and black liver spots that are typical of the catahoula. She is gentle with children and big humans, loving and loyal, but a bit aloof around other dogs. She loves the dog park for its interesting smells and opportunities to "work" and receive

human attention.

Occasionally she finds a dog with whom she will cavort, but she ignores most overtures to play. She loves to race after dogs who run "wild" in order to intimidate them to "behave." At home Darcy's favorite game is "tug & growl" with her toys.

If you would like to have your pet's profile published, as space permits, in the Town Crier or have questions, send me an e-mail at ermorgan@att.net.

Thank you to all responsible pet owners who have been picking up after your pets. The problem we have been experiencing is improving. As pet owners we have the responsibility under the city laws and the Civano HOA CC&R codes to clean up dog waste wherever it may fall!

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