

The Town Crier

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Scott Highlights March Members' Meeting

The Honorable Shirley Scott, Council Member, Ward IV, will be the featured speaker at the Civano Neighbors meeting on March 16, highlighting the latest happenings in Ward IV. Currently serving her third term, Scott's passions are the quality of life for children, families, seniors, the environment and public safety. Scott hosts an annual event for school children, The Ward IV Back to School Bash, where breakfast, immunizations, school supplies and raffle prizes are given free of charge to participants.

In December of 2005, Council Member Scott was one of 40 elected officials in the United States to be elected to a 2-year term to the Board of Directors of the National League of Cities (NLC).

She had recently completed a one year term as the Chair of the NLC's Community and Economic Development Committee, after having served two one-year terms as its Vice Chair. She has also served in the international, national, state and local arenas dealing with issues of the environment and community sustainability. She was previously a member Governor's Advisory Task Force, improving outcomes for incarcerated women and their children.

Her "other" full-time job is as Program Director for the Pima County Sheriffs Department at the Pima County Jail. As the former owner of a small business in the city, Mrs. Scott is also keenly aware of the issues that face these owners.

Among Mrs. Scott's other awards and achievements, the Pan-Asian Community Alliance had named her the Woman of the Year, The Korean American Cultural Foundation awarded her a Certificate of Appreciation. The League of United Latin American Citizens honored her with their Silver Award. She has also been honored by the Alliance of Construction Trades and the Arizona Human Rights Fund.

The Southern Arizona Home Builders Association (SAHBA) named her 2002 Public Official of the Year. She was recently awarded the annual "Friends of the Trails" honor from the Pima Trails Association.

Mary Ann Cleveland will also attend our March meeting to present information on the "Passages of Tucson." The 300-acre outdoor center will include unique cluster villages. Location: Frontage Road of I-10 and Camino Loma Alta.



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Join us at the meeting (7 p.m., Civano Community School, 10673 E. Mira Lane) to learn more about development and transportation issues along the Houghton corridor, the outlook for mass transit services reaching Civano, and the location and development of schools and parks in the area.

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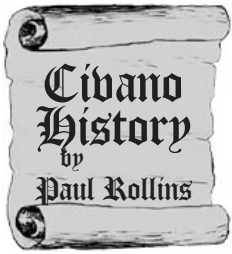
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The Continuing Evolution of the Civano Vision



In 1988, at my high school reunion in North Carolina, I stood up and proclaimed to my classmates that we should find a special community where we could live together as we aged. My high school class never acted on that spontaneous suggestion, but I did. Now, eighteen years later, that vision is coming to fruition and Civano is becoming that special community.

When I was growing up in Winston-Salem, NC, it was really like a Happy Days environment—screen doors slamming, mothers calling their kids. My parents were very close to five other couples. They even had a name for themselves: the Big Six. They were always having picnics and birthdays together, and there was a wonderful kind of joyousness in that community.

But they didn't anticipate growing old, and almost overnight their friends moved away, or died. When my parents became infirm, they were on their own. They hadn't planned for it. Their friends were gone and, except for immediate family, they were being cared for by strangers. When they died among strangers in a nursing home, I made a life-changing decision. I wanted to age with friends, not strangers. I wanted to find a special community and I didn't care where it was located.

After considerable research including co-housing and other intentional-type communities, my partner, Jan, and I enlisted an old friend, David Case, in our quest for the ideal community. A search through North

Carolina and Florida finally led to Tucson, where David became the co-developer of Civano in 1996.

When we arrived in Tucson to be a part of developing the long-planned Civano community, we were greeted warmly by many others who shared our vision.. and more. From those early Civano "Pioneers," we learned there had always been a physical vision (built environment) operating in parallel with a spiritual vision (conceptual environment) for Civano.

In physical terms, Civano was to be a demonstration of sustainable development that would influence future development in Tucson, but to the early Civano Pioneers it was much more than that. Civano was seen as an innovative, thoughtful community that would serve to sustain the health and well-being of residents of all ages...not as a utopia but as a vibrant, evolving community. There was much support for the "wellness community," with particular emphasis on the aging-in-place or "conscious aging," we had envisioned.

Though always influenced by financial realities, the physical and spiritual visions for Civano have often flowed in unison. That was certainly true in the early years when the Civano developer and the Pioneers worked closely together, openly discussing the more ethereal hopes for the Civano community. Over the last few years, the spiritual vision has taken a decidedly more sub rosa role but it has

thrived in the hearts and homes of many Civano residents nonetheless.

Now that the physical community...the "bones" as I call it...is essentially built and the developer is moving on, the dreamers can emerge once again. The developer has stretched the canvas, now the community can paint the picture.

Much of that picture is coming into focus with Civano's numerous clubs, civic organizations, websites, focused working groups and nearly 100 home and commercial business operating in Civano. Not to mention the Rincon Community Hospital at Civano, the retail "Town Center" now under development and the ownership of the Neighborhood Center round building by the HOA.

There are plans for a new middle school to compliment the K-5 Civano Charter School. Others envision a leading edge, assisted living facility or other independent living facilities that support aging-in-community.

The Civano vision is alive and well. While there is no requirement that people who move to Civano ascribe to any particular vision for Civano, for those residents who do, opportunity abounds.

The next few years will be the most exciting ever for the Civano community. With the hospital and the built community functioning like bookends, we have the opportunity to fill in the spaces between the two. Now is the perfect time to let our voices be heard...to be clear about what we would like to see on the Civano parcels that have yet to be developed. We have the opportunity to add color and texture to the picture, taking the ever-evolving vision to a whole new level.



the 1997 Civano Pioneer Celebration held under a giant tent in the neighborhood center area.

Did you know?

The hospital and retail center will use only about 30 of the 55 acres of commercially zoned land on Houghton Road. Between the hospital and Pulte's Sierra Morado there are 21 undeveloped, mixed-use lots. Additionally, there is a 2 ½ acre, mixed-use parcel east of the Civano School and a 1 ½ acre commercial parcel to the South. There are 5 mixed-use lots around the Neighborhood Center that have yet to be developed.

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Plans for a New Town Center Moving Forward

Initial infrastructure engineering for the Civano town center (the retail area on Houghton Road north and south of Drexel) is underway. 2006 will be largely spent on paperwork to prepare both our retail and the TMC sites for future development. As the owners of the 9.1 acre retail parcels, we are working closely with Tucson Medical Center on the integrated infrastructure plans, including rights-of-way, easements, water, sewer, electric, and gas.

The first step in this process has been working with the City of Tucson on the development of a block plat. The block plat, among other things, divides the large parcels, defines rights-of-way to be dedicated to the City, and defines shared utility/access easements among the owners.

We are also working closely with TMC on the numerous site and engineering studies that must be carried out prior to actually beginning building construction.

This phase of work includes conducting drainage studies to determine how water will be handled on the sites; building a utility infrastructure to deliver adequate electricity, gas, potable water, reclaimed water, and sewer; and designing and building the actual extension of Drexel Road from Houghton east.

This civil engineering preparatory work takes time. All of this is to say that you likely won't see any dirt move in the town center until the end of the year, even though there is quite a bit of work underway behind the scenes.

Once the infrastructure improvements are physically started, we will begin in earnest to site plan and talk with potential retailers. An important part of this process will be your feedback, which we will solicit through neighborhood meetings and a survey. We believe this collaborative approach to developing the site will create a project that is welcomed by Civano and regional residents alike.

We look forward to seeing you at the Civano Neighbors meeting in March, and formulating our plans together over the coming year.

John Jump and Tom Warne
Houghton Drexel LLC

Civano Community Crime Prevention Tips

Spring is coming. It's time to spruce up the yard. Are you aware that a few minor changes can make a big difference when it comes to crime prevention? Before you head to the lumber yard and the nursery, consider these tips from The Tucson Police Department:

TRIM SHRUBBERY - Windows and doors should be clearly visible to neighbors and the street. Trees should be trimmed so that branches are cut away from the trunk below 4 feet so that no one can hide under them. Bushes should be trimmed to below window-sill level so no one can hide behind them while tampering with the window, or looking in.

ADD SECURITY PLANTS - Plants such as thorny cacti, pyracantha, and acacia bushes or trees all provide natural security barriers when planted along your property lines and underneath windows. Additionally, they are low water users and require little maintenance once established.

HOUSE NUMBERS - Front, Rear, & Roof-House numbers at least 5 inches high should be clearly visible from the street. If possible they should be lighted or reflective and be located near the street, facing both directions. House numbers should also be located on the rear fence or gate. House numbers on the roof assist the helicopter crew. These should be NON-reflective, and be done in a color that contrasts to the roof. They need to be 2-4 feet high to be visible to the helicopter crew.



Is Your Home Office Tax Deductible?

You can deduct certain expenses if your home office is the principal place where your trade or business is conducted or where you meet and deal with clients or patients in the course of your business.

Your home office will qualify as your principal place of business if you use it exclusively and regularly for the administrative or management activities associated with your trade or business. There must be no other fixed place where you conduct substantial administrative or management activities.

Generally, the amount you can deduct depends on the percentage of your home used for business. Your deduction will be limited if your gross income from your business is less than your total business expenses.

Here are some basic facts to consider if you work at home:

\$ A home office may qualify for deductions if you use it for administrative or management activities of your trade or business if there is no other fixed location to conduct such activities.

\$ The home office deduction is available to you whether you rent or own.

\$ If you rent, figuring your home office deduction is relatively simple. Just multiply your annual rent payment by the percentage of the total space occupied by the office. That prorated portion can also be applied to utilities, insurance, repairs and maintenance.

\$ There are limitations to home office deductions based on your income. The taxpayer must be able to itemize deductions, using Schedule A. The home office deductions - along with other miscellaneous deductions - must exceed 2% of your adjusted gross income.

\$ If home office deductions exceed net self-employment income, those deductions may be carried forward to the next year, again, only if the self-employed has sufficient net income.

\$ For telecommuters, the business use of an employee's home must be for the convenience of the employer, and the employee must not be renting the office space to the employer.

5 Tips On Understanding Home Office Deductions

\$ Take advantage of every legal opportunity to reduce your taxes. Recent changes in the law benefit business owners who use their homes as an administrative and management base but work at other locations.

\$ Ask your tax professional to analyze your business regularly so you don't miss important deductions.

\$ Document deductible items. These usually include such costs as computers and other equipment, telephone charges, furnishings, and prorated portions of rent, utilities and home insurance. You may not deduct expenses for lawn care or those related to rooms not used for business.

\$ If you are a homeowner, discuss with your tax advisor whether or not to take a depreciation deduction for the office space.

\$ For detailed information, go to the Internal Revenue Service website, and download IRS Publication 587, Business Use of Your Home.

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Rick's Ramblings

A column by neighborhood association spokesperson Rick Hanson

As I pondered what to talk about in this month's column, several folks contacted members of the Neighborhood Association requesting tours of Civano or information about the development. Although this has been happening some in the past few years, it has become a more common experience with the sales function moving out of the Neighborhood Center and Fannie Mae almost completing its responsibilities as developer.

In the experiment called Civano, Neighborhood 1 is close to completion and Neighborhoods 2 and 3 (Sierra Morado) are well underway. Now folks interested in urban design, new urbanism, town planning and environmental issues want to see both what the built up Civano looks like and what happens after the builders and developers are gone.

I knew when we moved here that we were part of an urban experiment, one that I happily joined. I think we, as the current owners of the Civano dream, should now take stock of where we are and see what we can do to share that vision with others.

A couple of the obvious ways to do that involve our Neighborhood Center's Round Building. The HOA will be managing the building on behalf of the neighborhood and I'd like to encourage that we, if at all possible, either exhibit the old informational displays or come up with some new ones to describe Civano. Another thought is to recruit volunteer docents, trained to give mini-tours and answer questions, who could staff the building for some part of each day (we'd post the hours.) I know I'd be willing to do that.

We also should see if the exterior informational signs that were displayed around the Neighborhood Center could be reinstalled. Those were useful in explaining different building materials and environmental ideas to visitors. And we should expand on that, educating both

our visitors and ourselves.

I know from a tour I recently led for a class from the University of Arizona that there are at least six water harvesting or water conservation features located within two blocks of the Neighborhood Center. I would guess many of us who live here don't know about some of them. Simple signs could be obtained to describe some of these and other Civano features that should be highlighted.

There was a wealth of good information on the old Civano website. If that could be made available, both the Civano 1 and Civano Neighbors web sites could be used to share the information.

Finally, I think we need to plan on a once-a-year seminar about Civano to remind all of us of the different theories and ideas that coalesced to make this community and to describe what's been successful and what still provides an opportunity for improvement.

Civano, although it had many initial growing pains, has proven to be successful. I think we should celebrate and share that heritage.

- Yours in community, Rick.

Civano Cycling Club Hosts Mountain Biking Clinic

The Civano Cycling Club will host a mountain biking clinic on Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.. The clinic, intended for newcomers to mountain biking, will be conducted by Civano resident and professional guide John Heiman, owner and operator of Southwest Trekking. Topics covered will include: bike handling skills, safety and trail etiquette, environmental responsibility, equipment, basic maintenance, field repairs, nearby mountain biking trails, and local mountain biking resources.

We'll finish up by riding a loop together around Fantasy Island, the mountain biking trail complex across Houghton Road from Civano that has garnered a local, regional, and even international reputation. Mountain bikes, helmets, gloves, water, and transportation to and from the Fantasy Island trailhead will be provided for those who need them.

The mountain biking clinic is free; however a donation of \$10 per person or \$20 per family is suggested. Money will be given to Civano Neighbors, our local neighborhood association. Kids, 10 years old and over are welcome, if accompanied by a parent.

Advanced sign-up is required for the 14 spaces available for the clinic. Contact Mark Levine at mcmsl@msn.com, 886-8825 or Mike Eng at michaeleng@cox.net, 731-9763 for further information or to sign up for the clinic. Information about Southwest Trekking is available at: <http://www.swtrekking.com>.

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So You Want to Start a Business in Civano

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



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

It is every red blooded American's right to have a business in his or her home, so long as it meets all the criteria set by the City to insure one remains a good neighbor. In fact, it was always a goal of the project to have a mixed development where the services of the neighbors are available within walking distance.

Some refer to this concept as New Urbanism, others see this as one of the Civano goals to have one job for every two homes thereby reducing transportation needs by at least half. In most cases the automobile uses more energy and produces more pollution, by far, than our houses. As most of you know, there are four types of businesses we can have in Civano

- 1) Home business without any real visibility or signage (see the full list of regulations.)
- 2) Mixed use where there is a combination of residential space and commercial space that can have signage and assigned parking spaces at half of normal commercial requirement (because it expected that half the employees would walk to work.)
- 3) Full commercial space like the nursery (retail) and neighborhood center (offices and maybe retail). Parking will limit the type and number of businesses in the mixed use and neighborhood center.
- 4) The roughly 45 acres of commercial employment space to include retail, office and light industrial (this is where TMC plans to build a hospital.)

Our newly formed CEDA group (Civano Economic Development Association) has a mission statement that says: "Our mission is to advance the Civano vision as a model of sustainable growth by fostering an environment that integrates residents and business to create a thriving community. We act as a collective voice in support of our members to other organizations. We are dedicated to promoting, educating and mentoring new and existing businesses in order to encourage the economic development of the Civano community."

So look forward to the final build-out of Civano to meet most if not all of our needs within our own "Village."

Meanwhile, for the month of March you may expect: Average Temperature 58.6 F (14.8), Relative humidity 37%, Wind speed 8.9 mi/hr (4.0 m/s) and 127 Heating degree days with 18 Cooling degree days base 65 F (18.3 C).



In My View

A Column by Judie Kelly, Editor of The Town Crier

Did I tell you about the nine javelina that were lumbering across our front porch the other day? At three o'clock in the afternoon, yet. And three more strolling up the sidewalk as if they'd just written their \$54. checks for homeowners fees. Scrounging for water, I presume.

I'm not sure why they chose our front porch for the parade, unless their vision is so poor that they didn't know where they were. We do have some occasional water going on for the potted plants, but nothing to get excited about. Unless you're a thirsty javelina, perhaps.

Our neighbors must have changed bird seed flavors recently. They were attracting great flocks of pigeons there for a while, but now a bevy (I wanted to say covey, but I understand that bevy means a large group) of quail has taken up residence in the underbrush next door. A huge improvement in the class of diner, in my view.

And now that spring is almost here, I hope to see strings of little fluff balls marching around the neighborhood behind their vigilant parents. Watch for them and be ready to slow down or stop to let them cross the street.

Our resident hummingbirds have been humming around all winter, feeding on the flowers that never got the message that winter had arrived. We quit filling our feeders because the little guys obviously prefer the real thing, and it saves the mess of making that sugar water and cleaning the bees out of the jars. Natural is better, for sure.

I can't help but revel almost every day in our surroundings here in Civano. The gorgeous weather (which we have to share with those who are not lucky enough to live in our community,) the amazing landscaping and colorful homes as well as the natural flora and fauna all combine to

make this place a little piece of heaven. Oh sure, we still have issues such as barking dogs and wandering cats, pet waste and speeding drivers, but show me a neighborhood without any issues and I'll show you a neighborhood where nobody is paying attention.

Just take a look at the discussion forum if you don't think people know and care what is happening in Civano. I like living in a community where folks do know and care. How about you?

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Pet Forum

-by Beth Morgan

Spring is a good time to mention that many puppies and kittens are looking for new homes. The Humane Society of Southern Arizona has numerous youngsters brought in at this time of the year. Although one of the goals of this organization is to convince more pet owners to spay and neuter their animals in order to prevent unwanted litters, that goal has not yet been reached.

Some of the very young puppies and kittens that are brought in are not old enough to be adopted, so they are put into foster homes to be named, nursed and loved. Until the day when no animals need to be fostered, volunteers are needed.

In order to foster puppies or kittens, an individual must attend orientation and training classes to learn how to work with those who are too young, injured, or too ill to be adopted. Volunteers may have the young animals in their homes for a few weeks or a few months.

While the Humane Society of Southern Arizona provides around-the-clock guidance and information as well as medications, the process is involved and requires a large time commitment, lots of love and patience and an ability to recognize medical conditions. Jill Wohlfeil, Community Relations Manager for HSSA, says that fostering can be exhausting and frustrating.

However, she said there is a large network of foster care providers who share helpful suggestions and ideas. If you are interested in the foster care program, please call Karen Lauden, the Foster Care Coordinator, at 321-3704 extension 166.

Pet Profile

Karen Milligan, one of Civano's residents for part of the year, lives in Seattle, WA that other half of her life. In Seattle she is a foster mother to kittens every year. Our pet profile is with Karen's two adopted cats who were in her first foster group of four kittens. Curley is a Siamese, and Spike is a tabby.

Spike's litter had been abandoned and alone for about a week prior to being brought to the Humane Society in Poolsbo. When Karen took them in as foster kittens,

they were full of fleas and worms and had a cold. The good news was that they were very friendly, cuddly kittens who loved being around people. Now two years old, they are dignified adults with intriguing personalities. Spike is interested in whatever is going on, and loves to sit with his adults on the sofa and

watch television.

Curley, on the other hand, is shy around strangers, but playful with other cats. He enjoys stalking and pouncing on Spike when the latter is playing inside a large cardboard box. Curley also entertains himself for long periods of time by playing with a furry toy mouse or unsuspecting insects that venture into the house. (Natural pest control at work.)

Karen and Joe have taught the cats to stay close to home. When they first arrived here in Civano, Karen and Joe would spend time with them outside. When the kittens went over the wall, Karen or Joe would make loud noises with a rolled newspaper, by clapping their hands or by making strange sounds to startle or scare the cats back over the wall to the safety of their own yard.

As adults the cats now stay very close to home and are sometimes even cooperative about letting themselves be caught. Perhaps some of our Civano neighbors may be able to try this idea on their wandering feline friends.

And for your amusement and the entertainment of your pet, here is another idea from Jenny Langbehn's book, 97 WAYS TO MAKE A DOG SMILE: #50 The Treat Fairy. While your dog is asleep, attempt to sneak a treat under his pillow without disturbing him. Dogs love to wake up to a surprise.

I am wondering if there are ninety-seven ways to make a cat smile? Anyone have any ideas? If so, send them to me at ermorgan@att.net, and we'll publish them in a future issue.

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Solar Water Heating in Civano Frequently Asked Questions

Q. I just moved into a Civano home, I see that there is a solar panel on the roof. Where do I look for basic information on maintenance and operation of my solar hot water system?

A. If your home is new, the builder will probably have put solar water heating system warrantee, operation and maintenance information the owner's notebook or packet you got when you first moved in that had all of the owners manuals for appliances and energy systems. If it isn't there, contact your builder and ask them to correct this oversight.

If you are not the first owner or are a renter, you might try one or more of the following to locate the information.

- If you can discern the manufacturer and model, check on the manufacturer's website for operation and maintenance information.
- Check with your neighbors if they have the same builder and their homes were built around the same time, they might have just the information you seek.
- Call the local solar system installer who installed the system to see if they can help you track down the information.

You should take the time to find the operation and maintenance instructions. You will find that there is little, if anything, for you to do once the installer has started your system and checked its operation for the first time. Properly designed solar water heaters are completely automatic and are left in operation year-round. Active systems (like they are installing in the new Pulte homes) have a small electronic control with one or more indicator lights to let you know if there is a malfunction.

Other Civano solar water heating system information:

"Corrosion in Copper ICS Collectors at Civano Subdivision, Tucson Arizona" by D. Menicucci, R. Mahoney, G. Kolb, Sandia National Laboratories, 2003 http://www.nrel.gov/ncpv_prm/pdfs/33586P87.pdf
This is primarily relevant to the earliest Civano homes with Thermal Conversion Technology (TCT) manufactured systems.

"Designing and Installing Solar Water Heating Systems - Tucson's Civano Community is a sustainable success—but its solar hot water systems could be better" by Jennifer Kent and Bill Rittelmann, IBACOS, 2004 http://www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/building_america/pdfs/db/38097.pdf

This is of most interest to people in KE&G models who chose the recirculating pump option.

Q. I think something is wrong with my solar water heater, where do I go for help?

A. If your home is still under the builder's warrantee, you should call their customer service. If the builder is no longer responsible, and you know who installed the system, your best bet is to contact the installer. They will be able to help you determine what is wrong and figure out if the system or any part of it is still under warrantee. If you don't know, you can contact any of the certified local installers for help. If the problem is leaking pipes and not the solar unit itself, an ordinary plumber should be able to resolve the problem.

Q. The house I bought doesn't seem to have a solar water heating system. I thought all homes in Civano had solar water heating. What gives?

A. If your home was built by Contravest, the builders didn't provide solar water heaters. You can add one now and take advantage of federal and/or Arizona state incentives for solar. Contact a local certified solar installer for details or check out www.dsireusa.org for the latest federal and state incentives for solar and other renewables.

Q. What is a solar water heater?

A. A solar water heater is a pretty simple system. It usually includes one or two solar collector panels on the roof of a home. The panels resemble skylights, and will be about 4 feet wide and 8 to feet long. The cold water supply is connected to the solar storage tank. Water to be heated circulates between the storage tank and the solar collectors. The output from the solar storage tank becomes the cold water connection to the conventional gas, electric or oil water heater. When a hot tap is opened, pre-heated water is drawn from storage into the conventional ("auxiliary") water heater. The burner or electric element turns on only if the temperature cannot be maintained by the solar heater. Most properly-designed solar water heaters will supply 70 per cent or more of all the energy needed for water heating.

Links to Solar Water Heater Specs commonly installed in Civano:

<http://www.sunearthinc.com/CopperHeart-SRCC.pdf> (includes 10 year warrantee)

<http://www.tctsolar.com/>

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Welcome Breakfasts Scheduled

March 18, Breakfast, 8:30–11:00
5330 S. Civano Blvd.

Hosts: Joanna Norman and Paul Tamarkin
New residents will be our special guests.

April 15, 8:30–11:00
10588 Kay Gartrell.

Hosts: Jeff Perry and David Haycock

New Working Group Chair

In January Jeff Perry assumed leadership of the Newcomers Working Group.

Sharlene Gillette, stepped down after 5 years of head of the group.

Members of Jeff's working group are: Pat Canady, Maggie Hoeft

Kay Wagner and Sharlene Gillette. If you are interested in helping

with the welcome packets for new residents or with the once-a-month welcome breakfasts, you might want to join this working group.

Please call Jeff Perry at 721-0909.

Civano Speakers Series:

March 19 - 7 p.m., Neighborhood Center

Journaling Katrina

Civano resident Paul Tumarkin presents photographs and reflections on a life-changing week in October 2005 spent working with elementary school students in a state-of-the-art mobile computer lab in Pass Christian, Mississippi.

April 23 - 7 p.m., Neighborhood Center

Arizona Arthropods

Civano resident and arthropod expert Robin Roche presents a slideshow and discussion of Arizona's arthropods, including spiders, scorpions, beetles, and other critters.

Leadership Team

Bob Small has stepped up to replace Stephanie Mitchell on the Neighborhood Association Leadership Team. He is also heading the Aging In Community working group. Viviana Tornero has joined the Neighborhood Association Leadership Team as the chair of the Pulte working group.

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Aging In Community Group Off to a Fast Start

by Bob Small

Civano Neighborhood Association is in the process of developing a new free service for our community! This service, "Aging in Community" is a Civano NA working group consisting of neighbors volunteering to assist neighbors in maintaining their independence.

Initially the group will be providing a variety of services to the mature residents of Civano; i.e., transportation, home visits, occasional meal preparation, care giver relief, etc. However, depending on the availability of volunteers and the needs in the community, the program can be expanded.

This group was formed in Nov. 2005, and during the last few months more than 20 interested, motivated Civano residents have come together to lend their support and to define the scope of this volunteer effort.

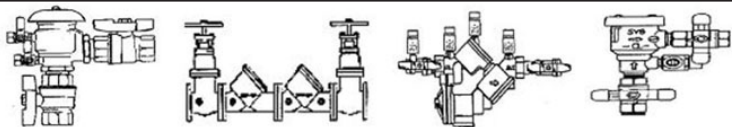
The Pima Council on Aging (with a considerable number of resources to help the mature residents of Pima County) has been very encouraged by our progress and has assigned Leslie Hunten as our group's coordinator.

The Aging in Community (AIC) group has now become a part of the Neighbors Care Alliance, administered through Pima Council on Aging (PCOA). There are approximately 14 such community groups within Pima County. The PCOA provides training for the volunteers in these neighborhood volunteers.

In order to determine the needs of our community, the AIC group will distribute a 22- question survey to the residents of Civano. It is very important that everyone (all age groups) take a few minutes to complete the questions and return the questionnaire. We need to know the depth and breadth of the community's needs.

There are still some important "milestones" that need to be reached, i.e., finding and interviewing volunteers, appointing coordinator(s) and assembling office equipment, but with strong support from our community we will start this important community support system.

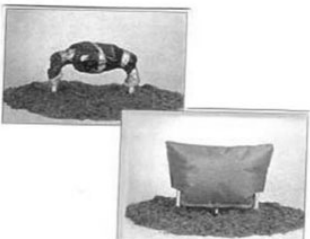
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Say Hello to New Neighbors, José and Viviana Tornero

By: Your Roving Town Crier Reporter

If you'd like to have a little south-of-the-border experience without leaving home, head on over to just what their entryway placard announces, "La Casa de Los Abuelitos." These two "little grandparents" and your Civano neighbors, José and Viviana Tornero, have quickly become active community members and integrated Tucsonans in the six short months since relocating from Portland, Oregon.

While it may be true that Portland is a long way from both Tucson and Mexico, it is where the Tornero's had made their home for the past twelve years. "We really miss Portland," José exclaimed. "It's the city where we fell in love. It's where we raised our family. But, originally coming from a warm,

southern climate, we both yearned to move back home. The problem was that home was a different place for each of us."

José, a native of Mexico City, and Viviana, a native southern Californian and second generation Mexican-American, came to pursue the everlasting sunshine and reconnect with their culture. Moving from an environmentally friendly state like Oregon made the move to Civano an added bonus that truly resonated with their values. They both agreed the second they arrived in Civano, they had found the perfect place.

The Tornero home is a true reflection of their ethnic culture, "...either the culture that was handed down to us," which Jose describes, "or the culture that we are rediscovering daily," which Viviana speaks of. Regardless of which you choose, their cultural dichotomy is showcased throughout their home in the form of artisan crafts, furniture, and photographs from their extensive travels in Mexico.

Both are award winning artists and successful entrepreneurs in their own rights. José is listed as one of the top 100 photographers in Latin America, and Viviana is the chosen designer of public art sculptures gracing an Oregon state highway. Both have colorful opinions of what looks good, where things should go, or how things should be (which means there's never a dull moment at their house). Their eclectic energies amalgamate two unique artistic styles into some sort of Latin-Chicano-Gringo fusion. "It's all very dynamic

– intense, and fun. We just can't wait until we paint the walls bright colors and landscape our backyard to really bring our home to life," they laughed as they recently spoke of decorating their Civano home. The irony is that they already have a home teeming with life even without all the bright colors.

On the business front, the Tornero's are very excited about their recent acquisition of a commercial property located near downtown between the Rio Nuevo district and south Tucson. As importers of gourmet Mexican delicacies and other products, they are working toward enhancing area economics and creating new jobs for local residents, focusing on pro-



viding employment for senior citizens. They each bring a unique blend of skills to the regional business climate. José is a business consultant for the Hispanic community with a business law degree in international trade, while Viviana is an illustrator and designer with a masters degree in writing and publishing. The Torneros look forward to meeting all their Civano neighbors. It's their pleasure to make your acquaintance and to introduce their two feisty and fun-loving dachshunds, Pepper and Moxie, soon to be featured in the Pet Forum of the Town Crier. Make sure to say hello when you see them out walking.

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