

Forty Niner Flyer

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“Interesting” or “Fascinating?”

These are two of the words I’ve been struggling with to try and describe all the recent happenings in our neighborhood. We’ve had a great start to our year beginning with our Annual Meeting and the election of your new HOA Board. Soon after a new Social Committee sprung-up and, I’m sure you’ll agree, has already executed one of the best events of recent neighborhood history with a St. Patrick’s Day Parade complete with green pancakes! There were close to 200 people in attendance and the adults had just as much fun as the kids! I can’t wait for the next event, the Cinco de Mayo potluck!

Now we find ourselves in the spring season and it’s always fun to watch how much more our neighborhood transforms than the rest of Tucson. Every time one takes a walk or rides a bike among our mature trees, one is quickly reminded just how awesome it is to live here.

One part that is not so awesome this spring is the condition of the golf course. If you didn’t already know, the golf course has been officially “for sale” for the last few months. The total purchase price for the golf course is “just under a million dollars” and many weeks ago we sent out an e-mail asking if you would be interested in buying the golf course as a neighborhood. With 350-375 homes among all of our HOAs, we could buy this course with as little as \$4,000 per homeowner and a monthly membership of \$100 that could entitle you to use all the recreational facilities. We heard many positive replies and valid concerns in regards to this idea. The next step would be to form a working group to further explore this and other ideas – are you that person? If so, let us know!

Meanwhile, the golf course employees have been working very hard with their extremely limited resources to keep the course open. Please support them in any way you can!

Have you noticed the recent flurry of home sales activity? There are never “a lot” of homes for sale in our neighborhood (a testament to living here) but it is certainly encouraging to see how quick some homes are selling compared to other areas and we can’t wait to welcome our new neighbors!

Interesting? Or Fascinating? Yes, these are “interesting” times for our neighborhood as we work through the golf course challenges. But they are also “fascinating” with the future possibilities that lay ahead. The most fascinating to me is the neighborhood solidarity that remains strong. Regardless of how soon the golf course returns to its former glory, we live in one of the best neighborhoods and have some of the best neighbors in Tucson!

See ya ‘round the neighborhood!
Anthony Mastrangelo
HOA President

Your 2012 Board:

President	Anthony Mastrangelo
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Next HOA Meeting:



Riparian Habitat Workshop presented by the Tucson Audubon Society--Tuesday May 22- 8:30 a.m.

(All interested parties R.S.V.P to Bob Hastings at bobhastings@me.com or 400-5526) We will meet at the clubhouse restaurant at 8:15)

This workshop would be informative, fun, appropriate for all ages and only take a few hours in a morning. The main focus of the workshop is to highlight the amazing riparian resource you live adjacent to and what you can do to help it thrive. The Tanque Verde Wash is an important ecological resource that was very recently recognized as an Important Bird Area in conjunction with Sabino Canyon.

The workshop will be about an hour of sit-down time talking about why your area is so important to birds and other wildlife, what actions the residents of the area have already taken to improve the area (removal of exotics, bank stabilization etc.) and what positive effects this has had, and actions the community can take in the future to ensure this ecological resource continues to thrive. Then there would be about 1 hour of walking through the part of the Tanque Verde Wash that is most convenient for you.. During this time, we could bird watch (all levels of birder welcome from beginner to expert!), look at the native vegetation and see living examples of the principals we talked about earlier in the morning. Participants should bring a hat, water and binoculars if you have them. Tucson Audubon will provide breakfast snacks!



Here's What's Going On:

Sun, Fun & Sombreros!



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Location: Soldier Trail Cul de Sac
*Forty Niner Drive – North on Soldier
Trail*

Next to the 2 ponds on the empty street

Time: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Come and enjoy a festive Taco
Bar with all the fixings!!

Share some amazing side dishes
with your neighbors.

Be prepared for a little water play!!

WHAT TO BRING: Please bring a side dish to
share, chairs and drinks.

**Cinco de Mayo
Neighborhood
Potluck
Saturday, May 5**



Friends of Redington Pass Update

April 2012

The Friends of Redington Pass (FRP) working group continues to meet monthly to discuss and work solutions in order to make the area more attractive for recreational use. While the overriding concern is still the proposed shooting range, there are a significant amount of other important issues the group is working to resolve.

- The Forest Service is reclassifying various roads throughout the pass area to better manage off-highway-vehicle traffic as well as for long-term wildlife and land preservation. This includes closing some roads and trails.
- Arizona Game and Fish and the Pima County Sheriff Department continue to combat illegal shooting to include discharging firearms in prohibited areas, shooting dangerously close to other recreational users, shooting at livestock and vegetation as well as littering. They are extremely limited in manpower to effectively patrol the area. A recent shooting event caused a small fire in the pass.
- Samples taken in Redington pass have confirmed lead and other soil contamination that needs to be remediated before there can be unrestricted public use.
- The present shooting range as proposed by the Tucson Rod and Gun Club has several significant issues that impact local landowners and farmers. The plan is still under review by the Forest Service which is limited in the amount of detail they can release at this time.
- Simultaneously, the Forest Service is drafting an Environment Assessment Statement for future use of the area. Once this is released for comment, FRP will be able to provide additional inputs to the Forest Service to improve the plan.

FRP continues to engage and work with as many groups as possible, educate our government officials, while working with government agencies to develop a long-term comprehensive plan to permit a safe, friendly recreational area for residents and visitors. More information and updates can be found at <http://friendsofredingtonpass.org>, info@friendsofredingtonpass.org or Kirk Emerson at kirk_emerson@mindspring.com.



Our Community Spirit Shows!

Pictures from the Saint Paddy's Day Parade





Do you have a photo you would like to share?

A photo from one of our neighborhood events? A beautiful sunset or the monsoon sky over the golf course? Send us one of your favorite photos of happenings within our 49er's community for possible use in our future publications.

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Reminder:

As stated in our CC&Rs, all trailers, no matter how great you think they look, must be stored OUT OF SIGHT in either your garage or in your back- yard so as not to be seen from the street, your neighbors, or from the golf course!

If you are unable to store your trailer in the above manner, you must store it offsite. www.49ersHOA.com

