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Oro Valley Vista

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Take a Hike! (and help the community at the same time)

Oro Valley's roadways, trails and washes are looking for adoptive parents—organizations or families who will take good care of them and help to create a sense of civic pride.

Over the years, the Town has initiated three programs that have helped to save taxpayers thousands of dollars while also giving residents and businesses a meaningful opportunity to see the fruits of their labors.

In addition to the miles of streets in the community, Oro Valley also has dozens of miles of trails that loop through the Town, skirt along rights-of-way and connect up with many of the multi-use paths that are so popular. If you add the streets, trails and washes together, you get an idea of the number of linear miles of throughways that need your attention.

Perhaps you've seen the decorative signs alongside areas that have already been adopted. These signs represent a commitment on the part of sponsoring organizations or families to participate in regular clean-up efforts. The Town provides all the tools, work vests, and bags for the participants. There are also rules about age limits and adult supervision, and the Town provides training to ensure that all the participants remain safe during their project hours.

Adoption programs are perfect for non-profit and community groups such as scouts, special interest clubs, school organizations or private industry representatives.

Oro Valley is fortunate to have such a magnificent natural setting at the base of the Catalina Mountains. It is a shame when that setting is impacted by trash or by natural events like storms that damage some trails and washes.

If you or your organization would like to participate in an adoption program, contact the following people for more information:

- Adopt-A-Roadway—Carmen Ryan 229-5070**
- Adopt-A-Wash—Rich Hawkinson 229-4879**
- Adopt-A-Trail—Nancy Ellis 229-5057**



There's still time to recycle your Christmas tree

There's still time to bring your Christmas tree to the Town's recycling lot, located on the Naranja Town Site at 660 W. Naranja, about half-way between First Avenue and La Cañada. Volunteers from the Kiwanis Club of Sun City Vistoso will be on the site most days to help you.

The lot will be open through January 16. Once the trees have been received, they'll be ground into mulch that will be available free of charge to the public between January 22-28, 2007. Just bring your own container and help yourself to fresh pine mulch.

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Crowd Turns Out to View Park Plans **Citizens Fill Council Chambers to Preview Naranja Town Site Layout**



Nearly 150 citizens turned out last month to see the most recent refinements to the Naranja Town Site park plans. The Site contains 213 acres and is located between Naranja and Tangerine, about half-way between First Avenue and La Cañada Drive.

Representatives from the Town's Parks and Recreation Department and the architectural firm of Burns Wald-Hopkins were on hand to share the plans plus a new scale model of the park.

According to Parks and Recreation Director Ainsley Reeder, the consultants are nearing the completion of their programming study that will define the actual costs to develop the property. Those plans are scheduled to be presented to the Town Council at a Study Session on Tuesday, February 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 11,000 N. La Cañada.

The Town purchased the property from the State of Arizona in 1997 and 1999. A citizens committee worked for nearly 2 years to develop the first concept plan for the park. The current study refines the details and provides cost estimates for each of the park's amenities.

As proposed, the park will have 8 ball fields for both baseball and softball, 4 soccer fields, 9 basketball courts, 12 tennis courts, a performing arts center and a community center, volleyball pits, a complete aquatics facility, a dog park, a BMX bike track, ramadas, walking trails and other recreation areas.



A second open house is scheduled for Monday, February 26 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Plan to stop by to view the plans and to meet with the staff and architects for answers to your questions about the park.

For further information, contact Ainsley Reeder at 229-5051, or visit the Town's website www.townoforovalley.com for a copy of the architect's reports.

Are you experienced?

The Volunteer Center of So. Arizona is recruiting Americans over the age of 55 to serve as members of the "Experience Corps" in select elementary schools in the Tucson and Flowing Wells districts. You can choose to give between 1 and 15 hours per week to tutor youngsters in reading for grades K-3. There is a biweekly stipend of \$107.92 for volunteers who can give the full 15 hours. Requirements are simple: Time, patience, and the willingness to share your experience. Training is provided. Contact Linda Krause at 881-3300, Ext. 107.

You Can Help Others By Completing Victim-Witness Training



Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall has announced that her office will be teaching crisis intervention concepts, skills, and techniques to interested participants and those seeking to volunteer with the Victim Witness Program.

Victim Witness staff and volunteers have been called upon to work with the victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks, the Oklahoma City bombing of the federal building, victims of the war and genocide in Bosnia and other local and national tragedies. Victim Witness makes more than 16,000 victim contacts each year and helps more than 5000 people at crisis scenes.

The 8-week class meets every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm beginning January 23, 2007 and ending March 1, 2007. The class will be held at the Pima County Courts' Training Center, 2225 E. Ajo Way, and will cost \$75 per person, with scholarships and group rates available. Training is eligible for 3 credit hours through Pima Community college, if the classes are completed in full.

After successful completion of the training, those interested in volunteering with the Victim Witness Program may interview. Selection of volunteers is highly competitive and is not based on a number of volunteer positions needing to be filled. The Victim Witness Program hopes to have a diverse volunteer core to reflect the diversity of our Pima County community.

For more information, phone 740-5525, or visit the County Attorney's website at: www.pcao.pima.gov/vicwit.



What Do You Know About Your Own Property?

You can practice your urban planning skills at the Town's "Be Your Own Planner" website, compliments of the Town's Information Technology Department.

By logging into the "Be Your Own Planner" website, you can view an aerial photo of your property as well as its location on an area map.

You'll learn your property's zoning, its Oro Valley General Plan designation, any conditions associated with building on the parcel as well as the specific legal description of your property. You can also view the official subdivision map that is on file with the County Recorder's Office.

Visit the "Be Your Own Planner" website at: www.townoforovalley.com/MAPS or phone 229-4824 for more information.

A Mile of Smiles Lights Up Holiday Parade



There were thousands of smiles up and down Naranja Drive on December 2nd as the community celebrated the second annual Oro Valley Holiday Parade.

Led by Mayor Paul Loomis (pictured below), the parade entourage included floats, marching bands, drill teams, private businesses, community organizations, school clubs, classic and antique automobiles, and—of course—Santa Claus accompanied by the lovely Mrs. Claus riding high atop the Golder Ranch fire truck.

The 2007 parade was organized entirely by a tireless volunteer committee that worked day and night to plan the event. Through major support by Hiremath Family Dentistry and other local businesses, the parade proved to be a bigger success than last year's. Viewers were lined 4 to 5 deep along some portions of the route.



Coming Soon to the Library

- Dr. Stephen Uhl, a local psychologist and former Catholic priest will visit the library on Wed., Jan. 10, to discuss his new book, "Imagine No Superstition"—11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- Alan Mussell, author of "The Last Crusade" will be at the library on Wed., Jan. 24 from 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- The Food Lover's Book Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
- Homeschool Open House—Thursday, January 25, 2:00—3:00 p.m.
- Want a "sneak peak" of the play "Aladdin"? Local students will make their debut at the library on Tuesday, March 29, at 4:00 p.m.

The Oro Valley Public Library is located at 1305 W. Naranja Drive. For more details, phone the library at 229-5300 or visit the website: www.orovalleylib.com.



Musical Programs Take Center Stage in Oro Valley

The Greater Oro Valley Arts Council has announced upcoming events for all ages:

- **Musical Magic for Kids**—The Tucson Symphony Orchestra's Woodwind Quintet—January 20, 10:30 a.m., Oro Valley Town Hall, 11000 N. La Cañada
- **Chamber Music Light**—The Tucson Symphony Orchestra's Piano Trio—January 16, 7:30 p.m., Ascension Lutheran Church, 1220 W. Magee
- **Masterwork Concert Series**—The Russian Festival, featuring the works of Rachmaninoff, Prokofiev, Rimsky-Korsakov and others—February 23, 8 p.m. with a pre-concert chat with the conductor—CDO High School Fine Arts Auditorium
- **GOVAC Annual Gala**—Saturday, February 10, 7:30 p.m.—Hilton Tucson El Conquistador—featuring dinner, dancing, live and silent auctions

For more information, contact GOVAC at 797-3959.