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From the Town Manager

Welcome to the new and improved Oro Valley Vista! We hope that you will find this larger, brighter and more comprehensive publication easier to read, more informative and valuable in providing you with stories and resources about your Town.



David Andrews

Over the last several months, the Town has made several changes in the area of communication in an effort to provide our citizens the greatest access to their local government. The redesign and shift of this publication to a monthly schedule is just one area in which we have enhanced our outreach. We have also added the "Citizens Be Heard" portal on our web site that allows you to connect with our Constituent Services coordinator, Sue Novelli, on any question or concern you may have. To date, Sue has responded to nearly 300 inquiries since this feature was added this past summer.

Improving our communications tools with the citizens of Oro Valley is an important priority for all of us who work at the Town. We value the dialogue that we share with residents in all areas, whether it be Public Safety questions, Planning & Zoning issues, or kudos that you would like to share for a job well done. Open communication benefits all of us, in allowing the staff to do a better job to meet citizens' needs, and having you feel that you have a local government that you feel good about.

In this issue you will read about several other major initiatives designed to improve communications with our citizens, including the Reverse 911 system, upcoming meetings involving the planning of Steam Pump Ranch, and a community-wide survey that we will conduct this fall. We hope that you will take advantage of all of these opportunities to engage with your Town's staff and government for the good of all of us in Oro Valley—truly a Community of Excellence!



Steam Pump Ranch Planning Needs Citizen Input

In August, the Town of Oro Valley celebrated the acquisition of Steam Pump Ranch, a community landmark that represents a historically significant jewel in the crown of the Town's cultural heritage. Now embarking on the master planning for the property, Town staff is seeking input from the community as it lays out ideas for the property's use.

"The Steam Pump Ranch will provide a sense of place for our community and can become a focal point for the Town's history and traditions," said David Andrews, town manager. "It is also important as a visible reminder of the ranching lifestyle that was so important

PUBLIC MEETING
November 1st
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Town Council Chambers

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PUBLIC MEETING
Steam Pump Ranch Facts & Findings
PUBLIC INPUT REQUESTED
 The consultant for the Steam Pump Ranch Master Planning Process will provide a presentation of "Steam Pump Ranch Facts & Findings."
 Public input is requested and we encourage all citizens to attend.
 For more information please visit our web site:
www.townoforovalley.com/steam-pump-ranch-master-plan/spc.htm
 or call Pamela Pelletier: (520) 229-4813

in southern Arizona's history. Public involvement in planning for the site's future is important because everyone has a stake in its success."

The Town Council appointed a task force in May that has been charged with evaluating

studies, the public's input developing use and site design alternatives and formulating the final recommendations to be considered by the Historic Preservation Commission and the Town Council. According to Sarah More, director of Development Services for the

Town, one of the initial goals of the planning process will be to develop the overall theme or story for this site. "This theme will then form the foundation for everything that will follow, including overall site design standards, appropriate complementary uses, coordinated infrastructure, and active and passive recreation," she said. Ultimately, the master plan will include the following major elements:

- Existing site and building condition assessment
- Building stabilization plans and specifications
- Building restoration plans and specifications
- Site potential and constrains inventory
- Master Site Plan

One public meeting has been held and two others are set for November and January. The community can also offer input online through the Town's web site at www.orovalleyaz.gov. To learn more about the planning of the site, or to speak with the project manager, contact Pamela J. Pelletier at (520) 229.4813 or ppelletier@orovalleyaz.gov.

Reverse 911 First in Southern Arizona

This September, Oro Valley became the first town in Southern Arizona to implement the Reverse 911 system, a community-wide communications tool that will allow the Oro Valley Police Department (OVPD) to alert citizens in the event of a major emergency or situation.

Reverse 911 will automatically call the contact numbers that are programmed into the system. Currently, all land lines—both published and unpublished—have been installed for all citizens and businesses within the Town limits. Within the next month, citizens will be able to log onto the OVPD web site and elect to have cell phones, emails or other alternative contact information included. Reverse 911 can also respond to

answering machines and is programmed for devices that serve the hearing impaired.

"Citizens can be assured that their personal contact information is protected by a firewall and that we will only use this information to notify them in the event of a major situation," said Commander Jason Larter. "This is an amazing tool that will allow personnel to respond much more



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Town Citizen Academy Begins



The Town's Citizen Planning Institute (CPI) began Oct. 4th with 27 "students" attending from both Town staff and the community at large. The Institute is designed to provide citizens an overview of planning and zoning practices, zoning rules and enforcement, general plans, legal constraints and opportunities, and the role of citizens in the planning process. Classes run through Dec. 19. Enrollment is required and there is a \$50 fee for materials.

More than 300 participants have graduated from the award-winning program since it launched more than 10 years ago. Many have gone on to serve on Town boards and commissions, and several graduates have moved into local government positions or run for office.

This session, OV Vista will profile two participants as they go through the program and learn about the Town's decision-making processes. Their evaluations and insight regarding CPI will be published here.

Meet the Students

Joe Hornat, a retired Telecom manager, moved to Oro Valley with his wife, Betty, just

over a year ago. He says he is excited to learn how the Town evaluates growth decisions. "Growth is inevitable, and I feel it's important to understand how it all works when evaluating these decisions."

Joe said he would like the opportunity to possibly participate as a volunteer on one of the commissions at a future time.

Gerri Ottoboni-Gilmore has been a resident in Oro Valley since 1991.

Now retired, Gerri says she is very interested in getting more involved with Town administration and hopes the CPI the series will help her better understand the PAD and planning processes.

"We have a lot of families moving here now, which is great," she says. "I'm interested in the future of the town not only for me, but for my two grandchildren."



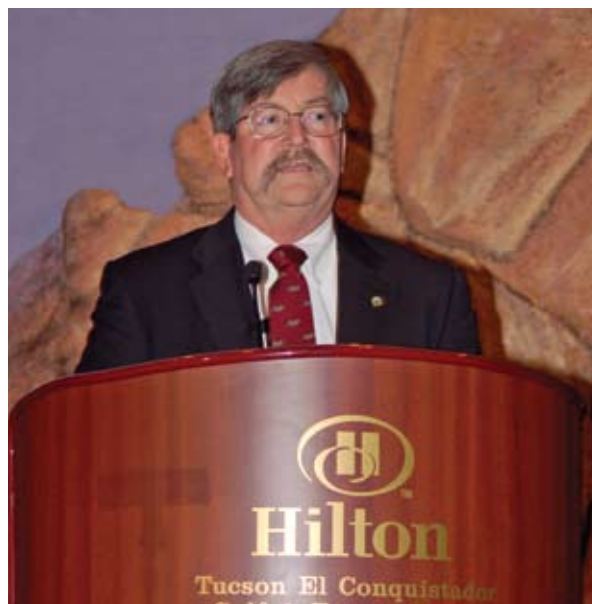
Joe Hornat



Gerri Ottoboni-Gilmore

State Of The Town Sends Strong Community Message

Nearly 600 people attended the annual **State of the Town** luncheon, presented by the Northwest Pima Chamber of Commerce and featuring Oro Valley Mayor Paul Loomis as the keynote speaker. Mayor Loomis focused his message on the importance of "community," encouraging the residents and businesses of Oro Valley to come together in a shared vision for the next generation. He also reported healthy economic growth, discussed enhanced communications systems to benefit residents, and provided updates on improvements to the Town's infrastructure and water resource planning.



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quickly in reaching our citizens, saving resources and possibly saving lives."

Reverse 911 will be used by both the police and fire departments, who shared the \$60,000 expense in purchasing and installing the system. The Town's Water Utility staff will also be trained on how to use the system within the next month. For more information, visit www.reverse911.com, or contact Liz Wright at 229-4920, lwright@ovpd.org.



Commander Jason Larter

BRIEFLY NOTED

Holiday Parade Planning Underway

Plans are underway for the 2007 holiday parade. This year's parade will be held Saturday Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. For float applications and other information, log on to www.orovalleyparade.org, or call Joyce Contrades at (520)219-3023.

La Cholla/Lambert Lane Road Construction Continues

Work on Oro Valley's first Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) project continues at the intersection of La Cholla and Lambert Lane in Oro Valley. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Motorists are being asked to use extreme caution when traveling through the area. Traffic controls and patterns will change throughout the project, and drivers are asked to be alert for lower speed restrictions and construction personnel. Avoidance of the intersection if possible is encouraged.

8th Annual Giving Tree Lighting

Share in the festivities at Town Hall on Friday, Nov. 30 from 5:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. Children and families are welcome in participating in fun holiday crafts, hot cocoa, cookies and more. For more information, call Town Hall at (520) 229-4700



Fall 2007 Programs

Parks and Recreation

Beginning Guitar (8 years—adult)



Fridays, November 2 – May 16
Beginner Youth, 3:45 – 4:30 p.m.
Beginner Adult, 4:45 – 5:30 p.m.
Intermediate Mix Ages, 5:45 – 6:30 p.m.
Fee: \$60



Oro Valley Winter Hoops Youth Basketball League
December 8 - February 9
Registration deadline is November 15

Kinder Basketball
(5 yrs. of age, coed)
Fee: \$70

Future Stars Basketball
(Grades 1 & 2, coed)
Fee \$80

OV Hoops
(Grades 3-8)
Boys & Girls separate
Fee: \$100

Tennis Winter Break Camp
December 26 - December 28
(8 - 15 yrs. of age)
Wednesday - Friday
8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Fee: \$95

Dog Training in Flyball
Sundays
9 a.m. - varies
Fee: \$95
James D. Kriegh Park

T'ai Chi for Beginners
November 1 - December 13
Thursdays 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Fee: \$48

KidzArt • TeenzArt • SeniorzArt

KidzArt Preschool
October 2 - October 23
Tuesdays, 12:30 -1:15 p.m.
Fee: \$35

KidzArt Discover!
(Preschool - Ages 3-1/2 to 5)
November 6 - December 11
Tuesdays, 12:30 -1:15 p.m.
Fee: \$55

KidzArt Explore!
(Elementary - Ages 6-11)
November 6 - December 11
Tuesdays, 2 - 3 p.m.
Fee: \$65

TeenzArt Fashion Forward Design
(Grades 6 - 12)
November 6 - December 11
Tuesdays, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
Fee: \$125

Saturday KidzArt Workshops KidzArt (Ages 6-11)
November 3 and December 1
Fee: \$20 per Saturday

Painting Pure & Simple
(Oil & Acrylics)
October 26 - December 7
Fridays 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Fee: \$94



All activities are located at
Oro Valley Recreation Room
11143 N. La Cañada Dr. #107

To Register:
Oro Valley Parks & Recreation
(520) 229-5050

WWW.OROVALLEYAZ.GOV/PKREC/





Programs for October



Thursday, October 18

Dance Dance Revolution for
Twens (11-13 years)
4 - 5:30 p.m.

Friday, October 19

Master Gardeners (Adults)
1 - 2 p.m.

Chess Club (Adults & Youth)
1 - 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 20

Mahjong (Adults)
1 - 3:30 p.m.

Email 101 Computer Class (Adults)
10 a.m. - noon

Monday, October 22

Basic Microsoft Word 2002 XP
Computer Class (Adults)
10 a.m. - noon

Scrabble (Adults)
1 - 5 p.m.

Tuesday, October 23

TZ Art (11-18 years)
6 - 7:30 p.m.

Library Reading Café (8-12 years)
4 - 5 p.m.

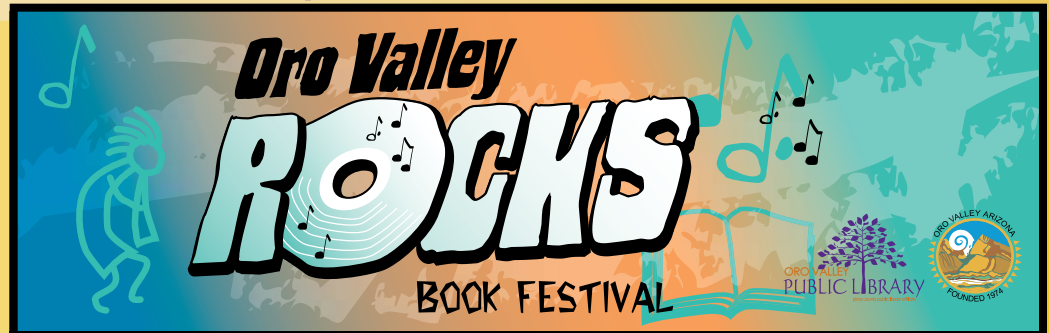
Wednesday, October 24

"Showing Off" Computer
Class (8-12 years)
3 - 4 p.m.

SCORE Business Counseling (Adults)
9 a.m. - noon
Pima Council on Aging (Adults)
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday, October 25

Pet Partners: Read to a Dog!
4 - 5 p.m.



Second Annual Book Festival 'Rocks' in Oro Valley!

Come one, come all to the second annual book festival, "Oro Valley Rocks!" Sat., Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oro Valley Public Library, 1305 W. Naranja Dr.

Featuring more than 50 local and regional authors, the day provides book signing programs and activities for readers of all ages. Richard Shelton, author of the acclaimed "Crossing the Yard: Thirty Years as a Prison Volunteer," and "Going Back to Bisbee," will be the keynote speaker at 10 a.m. Other activities include entertainment by Jukebox Journey; rare books and jewelry appraisals; books and other items on sale; refreshments and the chance to win raffle prizes. It's all sponsored by the Town of Oro Valley and the Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library. For more information, call 229-5300, or log onto www.orovalleybookfestival.com

Friday, October 26

TZ Games (13-18 years)
3 - 5 p.m.

Chess Club (Adults & Youth)
1 - 5 p.m.

Arizona Cancer Center
Lecture Series (Adults)
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Master Gardeners (Adults)
1 - 2 p.m.

Saturday, October 27

TZ Movie & Popcorn (13-18 years)
"Nacho Libre"
2 - 4 p.m.

Bike Rodeo (6-12 years)
2 - 3 p.m.

Email 102 Computer Class (Adults)
10 a.m. - noon

Mahjong (Adults)
1 - 3:30 p.m.

Monday, October 29

Basic Microsoft Word 2002 XP
Computer Class (Adults)
10 a.m. - noon

Scrabble (Adults)
1 - 5 p.m.

Wednesday, October 31

Surfing the Internet Computer Class (Adults)
3:15 - 5 p.m.

SCORE Business Counseling (Adults)
9 a.m. - noon



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- Helen DankwerthVice Mayor
- Paula AbbottCouncil Member
- KC CarterCouncil Member
- Barry GillaspieCouncil Member
- Al KunischCouncil Member
- Terry ParishCouncil Member

Contact (520) 229-4700 for Mayor & Council members

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	01	02	03 Regular Session 7 p.m. Council Chambers	04	05	06
07	08 Water Utility Commission 6 p.m. HOPI Room	09 Development Review Board 6 p.m. Council Chambers	10 Study Session 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers	11	12	13
14	15	16 Home Owners Assoc. Forum, (HOA) 5 p.m. Council Chambers	17 Regular Session 7 p.m. Council Chambers	18 Storm Water Utility Commission 7 p.m. Calle Concordia Conf. Room	19	20
21	22	23 Board of Adjustment 3 p.m. Council Chambers	24 Study Session 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

All Council meetings are held in Council Chambers at Town Hall. Meetings are subject to change of location and times. For more information call (520) 229-4700 or visit www.orovalleyaz.gov

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