

**GOLDFIELD RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
NEWS BULLETIN
DEC. 1, 2009**

HOLIDAY BONFIRE A ROARING SUCCESS

The second annual Goldfield Holiday Bonfire was celebrated Nov. 21st at Marty White's vacant corral on Vista del Oro, and by all accounts was a great success. The weather and especially the wind cooperated, and over one hundred Goldfield residents and guests attended, The partying ran well into the night. The event began with a chili cook-off competition, at three in the afternoon, and with 18 entries, judging was no easy task. First place was awarded by consensus of the judges to Anita Glenister for an incredible green-chili pork recipe. She won a \$100 gift certificate to Terra Nostra, a Fountain Hills favorite restaurant. Tami Bowser took second place, a \$50 certificate to El Encanto in FH. This new Mexican restaurant is a spin-off of the popular Cave Creek El Encanto, and brings to our area a dining spot where reservations really are a good idea! Third place went to Anne Dutton; a \$25 gift certificate to Nello's Pizza in Mesa. Nello's is owned by Goldfield residents Brian and Sheila Mei, and if you get a craving for pizza, Nello's is worth the trip to the flatlands. People's Choice winners were Steve Feyer-Melk, Fred Wolfe, Jodi Storms, and Roseanne Fracci. Most of the prizes were donated by Goldfield residents, or those with ties to Goldfield, and we thank them. We also thank the overwhelmed chili judges and especially Marty and Debbi White, for the use of their property and the huge amount of work they put into this event. Also to David Smith, who donated four tickets on the Desert Belle for a cruise on Saguaro Lake. Clear your calendar for next year's bonfire. It's a great opportunity to touch base with old friends and to make new ones. And it's fun!

PRESERVE COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

The Ellman Group held an open-house on Dec. 1st at the Fountain Hills Community Center, to offer us the opportunity to view their plans for water treatment and reclamation facilities intended for The Preserve. The planned elevations of the buildings appear to blend in with the surrounding desert, and if drawings are accurate, we will not be looking at huge white water tanks on our ridgelines. Ellman Group's Don Kile was there to answer questions, and claims that his group has reduced intended water use by 65% and those plans will not effect the aquifer that supplies our residential water. As he put it, we will "...not be left with hanging pumps" at our homes. It should be noted that turnout by Goldfield residents was extremely light. If you're not sure whose expert to believe, consider attending these meetings. This is an important issue that we should all be following.

EMERGENCY PHONE TREE

Thanks to everyone who sent email and phone number changes to Chris Zukowski, GRHA Secretary. Chris updated our records and passed this information on to Anne Dutton, who has been updating the Emergency Phone Tree. This latest phone tree will be mailed to all Goldfield Ranch residents in the next few days. Watch for it in the mail, and put a copy in a safe, easy access place. An Emergency Phone Tree is no use, if you can't remember where you put it.

2010 GRHA MEMBERSHIP

Included in the envelope that brings you the Emergency Phone Tree will be a membership form to join or renew membership in GRHA. It's a grand total of \$75.00; that's a whopping \$6.25 a month, and it supports YOUR community.

ROADS

Goldfield Property Owners Association is continuing to work with the County to overcome barriers to progress in improving our horrible roads. Bear in mind that these barriers were thrown up not by the Ellman Group, The Preserve, or Maricopa County, but by a small group of local residents. GPOA anticipates that planned roadwork will be approved by Maricopa County as road maintenance, which will not require individual permits by every property owner whose land abuts our platted roads. Look for GPOA's proposed test strip to be started soon.

REPAYMENT TO GPOA

GPOA awaits payment of almost \$27, 000 from the Haines' and GCCA as a result of their latest lawsuit against GPOA. The courts dismissed their filings "with prejudice". In addition, GCCA was ordered to pay GPOA's attorney's fees and other expenses incurred as a result of the dismissed lawsuit. However, these monies remain tied up, as GCCA and the Haines's have filed an appeal of the Superior Court Ruling. Expect more time to pass before GPOA recovers YOUR funds.

BOARD CANDIDATES

GRHA boardmembers Marty White and Virgil Dutton will soon be completing their terms of office. Elections for two new boardmembers and an alternate will be held at our annual meeting in January. So far, we have three candidates for these positions. If you are considering helping out your community by participating on the GRHA Board, please talk to one of the current boardmembers ASAP.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting for GRHA will be held on January 19th at 7:00 PM at the home of Virgil and Anne Dutton. Mark your calendars and plan to be there. Elections of new boardmembers will occur that evening. Any GR resident who is a 2009 GRHA member and who has paid their dues on or before December 31, 2009 is eligible to vote. Meeting Agenda will be posted later.

GOLDFIELD DIRECTORY

The Goldfield Ranch Directory has been updated. Copies will soon be made and the new 2010 directories will be available at the January Annual meeting to all GRHA members.