

Cielito Lindo COMMUNITY

NEWSLETTER OF THE CIELITO LINDO DE TUBAC HOA VOLUME TWO, NO. 2 FEB/MAR 2021

WELCOME 2021 FROM YOUR PRESIDENT!

I'd like to take this opportunity to explain the job your board and volunteers do, acting in the best interests of our community as a whole.

A key responsibility is to set the annual budget for the operation and maintenance of the community. For the upcoming year, we reviewed last year's expenses, anticipated the cost of upcoming projects and reviewed the amount needed to maintain sufficient funds in the HOA reserve account.

The reserve fund is designed to cover planned maintenance expenses, such as the pool and clubhouse refurbishment in 2020 and road maintenance (asphalt repair and slurry coating) in 2021. We also drew from the reserve fund to cover the unplanned storm damage expenses last year. We, just like you, are aware that there was a HOA maintenance increase last year and we have tried to keep costs in mind while planning for future needs.

As you know, our community runs on volunteers. Although serving on an HOA board or committee can be challenging at times, it can also be rewarding. Volunteers are essential to the harmonious functioning of our community. If you are interested in serving on the board or in any volunteer capacity we welcome you to give it a try. You just might like it!

Changing subjects, this year our board adopted a Code of Conduct and a Communication Policy. These were items that were recommended during our Board training session with our HOA attorney. You'll soon be able to find those on the website.

Coming up in 2021:

A community garage sale, worker bee day, road repair and maintenance, replacement gravel and storm drainage improvements.

Bob Roberts and Ken Veal, both engineers in our community, have formed a Storm Drainage Task Force to research and provide options for the drainage issues that are causing flooding in our community. Bob and Ken will provide their first report on February 10th. On January 20, 2021, John Hayes Floodplain coordinator for Santa Cruz County, reviewed the areas of concern in the neighborhood. Those areas are between lots 21-22, 33-34 and 36-37 and along Calle Acequia from lot 38 to lot 32. Mr. Hayes provided his report to the task force and it was shared with the community on January 27th.

There is always maintenance in a community like ours, not unlike the maintenance required in your own home. Window replacement, gutters leaking, sidewalks cracking, mice sneaking in, toilets backing up, faucets dripping—we know it is a never ending battle. Our homes are around 20 years old now, so everyone should be vigilant to stay on top of repair work that needs to be done.

Thank you everyone for your assistance and input during the past year. I'm hoping we will be able to start having "normal" lives again, talking, hugging, and sharing time with our friends!

Best Regards,
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A brief history of **ANZA PARK**

*Text by Sharon Pierce
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Most of us visit, walk or drive by Anza Park daily, without knowing how our beautiful park and charming Gazebo came to be. In an interview with long time Tubac resident and one of the Barrio's original developers, Gary Brasher, he shared the inside story. "At the time we designed the Park," he began, "we used the actual dimensions of one of the parks we found in Spain.

The Early Days

"The whole concept of the 'Ramada' or bandshell was that in the early days of the Barrio, we would have concerts outside during the Summers. People would bring their blankets, wine and cheese and enjoy the music. One evening we even had the string section of the Tucson Symphony Orchestra!" Early resident Bob Roberts remembers not long after he began spending winters here in 2005-2006, he and his wife Sandy rarely missed a concert.

Gary went on to talk about the weekly Farmers Market, also held in the Park. Bob Roberts reminisces, "The Farmers Markets were incredible! There were probably twenty plus vendors. A Tucson baker brought a van full of bread, pastries, and more and left with nothing! A produce vendor came from Sierra Vista with six kinds of lettuces, avocados, and beautiful vegetables. A fruit vendor came from Nogales with oranges, lemons, limes, and various other fruit. Another came with smoked meat—salmon, brisket, on and on." Gary added, "The Market had a huge, enthusiastic following but unfortunately the County eventually insisted that each individual booth have a health permit costing several hundred dol-

lars, which many of the small businesses just couldn't justify. We also had Christmas celebrations in the Park, which were very popular, with hot chocolate and cookies, and one year Santa was holding forth under the Bandshell posing for photos with the children. Overall it has been a wonderful central location for the entire Barrio."

And So Much More

The Gazebo has been the site of a myriad of activities over the years, including yoga classes, Qigong classes (an ancient Chinese exercise and helping technique), Good Samaritan meetings, and even wedding ceremonies, but perhaps no activities have been as popular as the ongoing series of Concerts.

Anza Park Swings!

Our neighbor and long time stand up bass player Dave Dunham kicked off the fun seven or eight years ago with his weekly Green Valley Bluegrass/Celtic jam sessions that eventually ended up at the Gazebo, much to the delight of his neighbors. Meanwhile, the Tubac Sixpack, composed of more Cielito Lindo musicians and Golf Resort friends, began diving into country & western, rock 'n' roll and even folk music, preparing for their Gazebo debut and other appearances. Much more on both of these groups in our next Newsletter. Stay tuned!

(Special thanks to Gary Brasher, associate Broker/Realtor @Russ Lyon Sotheby's Int'l Realty and a member of the original development team for Barrio de Tubac.)

BARRIO FOUNTAIN RETURNS TO ANZA PARK

A recent survey of all Barrio residents, conducted by the Barrio Management Co., indicated a majority want the fountain refurbished and returned to its place in Anza Park. A few years ago the fountain was removed, stored, and replaced with the remaining base planted with cacti. Look for the restored fountain to make a reappearance soon. An exact date is not available for the installation due to the uncertainty caused by Covid.

Two hundred forty five ballots were returned to the Barrio de Tubac Office, with 191 for reinstalling the fountain and 94 opposed. The initiative was passed with the required majority vote. There will be an assessment of \$13 per residence. More details on the return of our beautiful fountain will come as available.

Questions should be directed to Barrio Management Company Agent Kathleen Buske, Platinum Management Inc. (520-623-2324)

Tubac Nature Preserve PROPOSAL

TUBAC GROUP SEEKS TO CREATE TUBAC NATURE RESERVE IN BACK OF TRAILSHED NEIGHBORHOOD OF BARRIO DE TUBAC

The Tubac Birding Group has always had a special fondness for the area behind Trails Head that contained water, cattails and a partial wetland environment. This area was called the ‘borrow-pit’ because it was created by excavating fill to be used in the building of the lots in the subdivision. Several years ago we proposed calling it the Tubac Cienega and I believe that John O’Neill wrote about this area in an article in the Villager.

The Tubac Cienega has various amounts of standing water throughout the year and is sometimes full of ducks, blackbirds, and the hard to see and elusive Sora. (Soras are small, chubby, chicken-like gray and brown birds with long toes.) Some years the water would extend to a large area outside of the cattails providing good views of birds in the water, but lately the water levels have not been high. This may be due to overgrowth of the invasive trees and bushes.

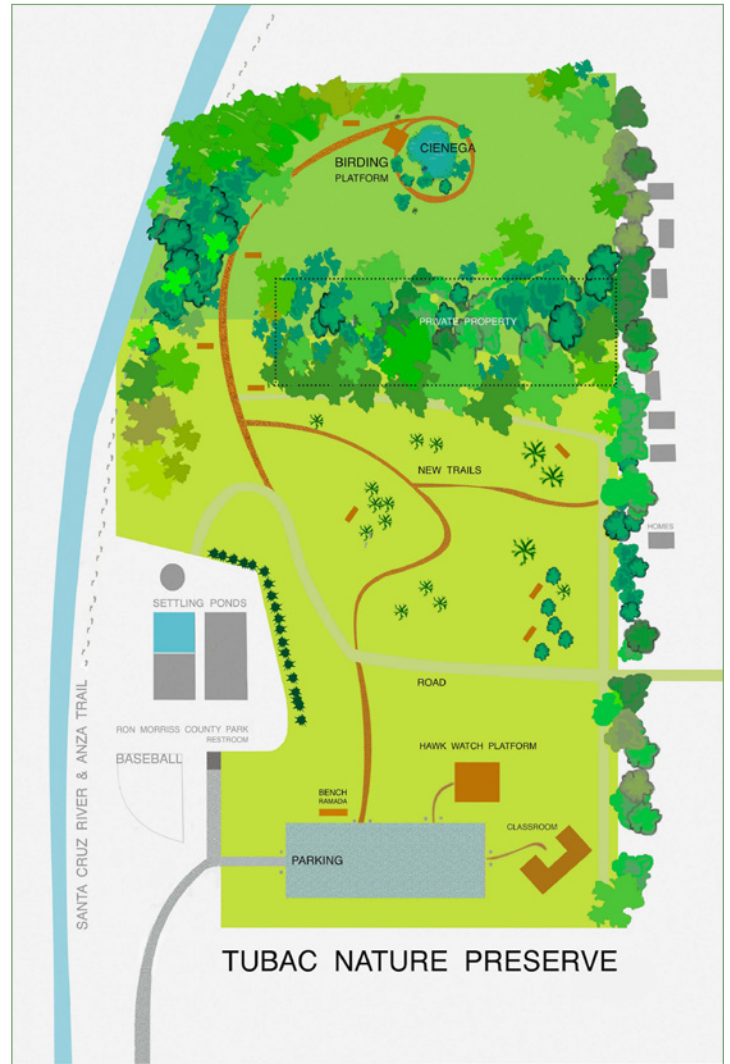
The Tubac Nature Center has included in its long-range planning the restoration of the Tubac Cienega into a viable wetland environment. Even in its current state, it is still a haven for many birds.

Last August we had a couple of storms that hit our community hard. There were downed trees, and lots of flooding. Kelley Rivers, owner of the Historic Valle Verde Ranch, incurred flooding over his property and Rich Kiker from the Anza Trail noticed the extreme high water levels in the wash behind his house in Trails Head. This wash runs to the river on the north side of the Tubac Cienega. Kelley wanted to get together with the county to see what could be done, and he invited Jim Karp from the Tubac Nature Center to the meeting. Kelley was well aware of the Tubac Nature Center’s interest in restoring the Tubac Cienega.

The meeting was held in early October. Besides Kelley, Rich, and Jim, the other attendees were Gary Brasher representing the landowners, Jesus Valdez from County Public Works, John Hays from County Flood Control, and Ben Lomeli from FOSCR who also is a hydrologist. Jim decided to go big and he presented the group with an extensive plan to not only restore the Tubac Cienega, but to incorporate the adjacent land all the way to the north edge of Ron Morris Park and create the Tubac Nature Preserve. Everyone at the meeting was excited to hear of the plan and promised to help.

The Tubac Nature Center group comprised of Jim, Carolyn Fowler and Susan Lindsay met to walk the area under consideration and discussed a plan for what should be done. The result was the artist’s rendering of the area by Susan, which is shown in the illustration. The entry for the park will be off of the existing access in Ron Morris Park, on the north side of the property. There will be a raised platform to accommodate the hawk watchers that descend on our area in March. There will be paths throughout the area with benches, areas of native plants and trees, and an outdoor classroom area near the platform. Around the Tubac Cienega, there will be a board walk and a viewing platform to get good views over the wetland.

We also reached out to the Sonoran Institute. They were very excited about what we were planning and they provided us with a contact at the University of Arizona School of Landscape Architecture and Planning. The school recommended a graduate student who is interested in doing her final studio and thesis project in designing the Preserve.



Jim met again with Gary Brasher to show him the plans for the Preserve. Gary is a managing partner of a large partnership group that owns the land in question. Jim proposed that the partnership donate the land to the Tubac Nature Center. This would allow us to utilize the Santa Cruz County resources as the land would no longer be privately owned. Gary was optimistic that this could be accomplished, but he indicated that he would have to present it to the members of the partnership group. He also agreed that the graduate student could go forward with her project to scope out the complete plan of creating the Preserve. This will include detailed planning of structures, native plants, water access, as well as surveying the homeowners in the areas around the proposed Preserve for their concerns.

It is amazing that in a span of about one month we took a future long-range plan and crystalized it into a tangible possibility. We are not there yet, and the process will be long, but the support of the major players seems to be there and we are really excited. I invite everyone to become members of the Tubac Nature Center by going to our web page, <https://tubacnaturecenter.com/membership>. Otherwise, send an email to tubac.nature.center.2019@gmail.com and request to be added to our email list. Either way you will be kept informed as this project develops.

Michael Dunn
Tubac Nature Center



Santa Cruz Covid **UPDATE**

As of January 31, Santa Cruz County has reported 7,382 confirmed cases of COVID -19, 505 hospitalizations and 149 deaths.

Although 70 percent of the cases are in the 20-44 and 45-64 demographics, 74.5 percent of the deaths are in the 65 and over age group.

According to Santa Cruz County, community transmission is still widespread. It is recommended you take adequate precautions if you leave your home and adhere to social distancing guidelines. Face coverings are currently required in Santa Cruz and Pima Counties in public places whenever you are unable to maintain a continuous distance of at least six feet from other persons.

Vaccinations are currently in Phase IB, beginning with education and childcare workers, essential and critical industry workers, adults over 75 and those with high risk conditions living in congregate settings — and those serving in protective service occupations.

Registrations are being accepted for the rest of Phase IB: Adults over 65 and all adults with high risk medical conditions or those living in congregate settings.

Pre-Registration is available online at the Santa Cruz County website: santacruzcountyaz.gov/732/COVID-19-Novel-Coronavirus

Once you have pre-registered, you will receive a phone call from the SCC Call Center when vaccine appointments are available for the

subgroup that you fall into. If you do not have access to internet, you can pre-register by calling 520-375-7626.

More information about vaccine eligibility and the vaccine distribution process for the remaining populations in phase 1B will be shared as soon as it becomes available.

Vaccine doses available are currently limited and state allocations are expected to be updated weekly, with a federal reserve available to ensure a second dose of the same vaccine is available 28 days after the initial dose.

A COVID-19 hotline has been set up to answer any questions from the public and healthcare providers about testing, symptoms, and any other questions you have about the virus. Call 1-844-542-8201 to reach a health care professional.

Testing is available in Rio Rico by appointment only. Location: 275 Rio Rico Dr., Rio Rico, AZ. Times: Monday - Friday: 8:30am to noon and 1:00 to 5:30pm. For appointments call: 520-604-9321.

Not everyone needs to be tested. If you do get tested, you should self-quarantine/isolate at home pending test results and follow the advice of your health care provider or a public health professional.

Save the **DATE!**

Cielito Lindo Upcoming Board Meetings & Work Sessions

FEBRUARY 10:
Annual meeting

MARCH 29:
Board & Committe Work Session

APRIL 12:
Board of Directors meeting

JUNE 7:
Board & Committe Work Session

JUNE 14:
Board of Directors meeting

Meetings are held via Zoom during the pandemic until further notice.

The Tubac (mini) FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays & Saturdays from 5:15pm - 7:00pm

Rio Rico resident Shawnette Storey grows or makes from scratch every offering in her mini Farmers Market, including complete dinners which must be ordered 24 hours in advance. A recent menu was broccoli/beef, Asian fried rice, and potstickers with a special sauce. Other goodies include:

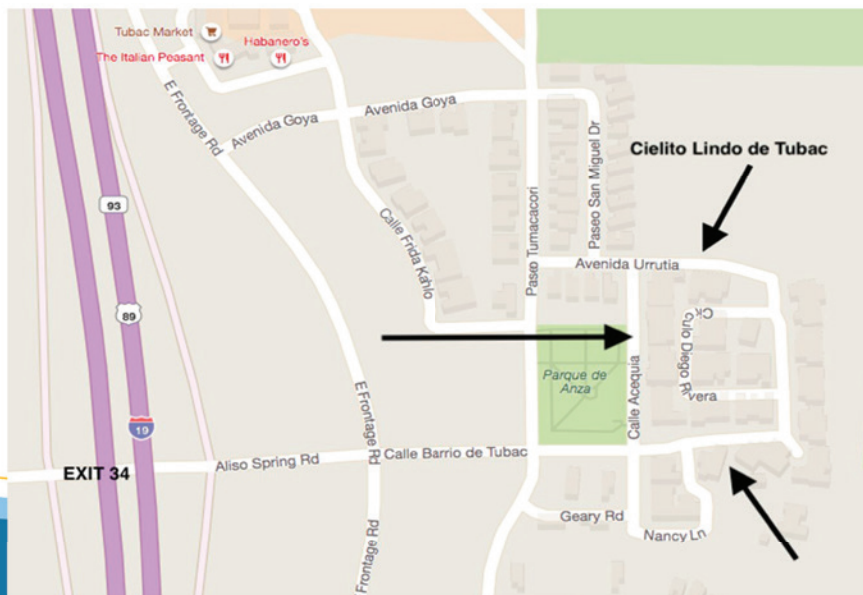
Pastries	Assorted greens	Lemons/Limes
Cookies	Spinach	Eggs
Quiche	Veggies	and much more!



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Cielito Lindo de Tubac COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday, March 6: 8am-4pm
Sunday, March 7: noon-4pm



No parking available in Cielito Lindo de Tubac, but parking available on the west side of Anza Park.

Jo Lyn Baker has volunteered to coordinate the Garage Sale again in 2021. She needs feedback ASAP from the neighborhood including a tentative count of who would like to join in the garage sale. Send her an email at sunbug78@hotmail.com or call her at 206-714-1314 with the following information and/or input:

- 1.** Who will be participating in the sale this year and what is your lot number?
- 2.** What you are planning on selling? (furniture, household items, art, etc)
- 3.** Are you available to volunteer?
 - Directing traffic at both entrances for parking and handing out maps
 - Assisting in loading any potential heavy objects for buyers
 - Advertising (will depend on how many houses are participating and will impact where we advertise)



Cielito Lindo de Tubac CC&Rs **SUMMARY**

Whether you are a full time or part time resident, renter or visitor, welcome to our community. In order to make your time here as enjoyable as possible, it is crucial we all adhere to the following Rules and Regulations that govern our HOA. The following are some of the most pertinent rules that apply to us all. If you need to consult the full CC&R's, you can always find a copy posted on our website at cielitolindohoa.com.

1. PARKING

Please be aware of our parking regulations. They are strictly enforced. Vehicles must be stored in your garage with the doors closed, not in the driveway, on the street, common area, guest parking, or easements. RV's cannot be parked on any public street except for temporary loading/unloading. A limited number of visitor parking spaces are provided in designated areas for temporary parking (up to two weeks) for short term visitors only. Please make sure your visitors place a guest parking permit in their vehicles on the dashboard when parked in guest parking. Visitors are also allowed to park in your driveway for 48 hours as long as no part of the street is blocked. If your guest(s) are staying for more than two weeks, an extended permit must be obtained from the Design Review Committee (DRC). Likewise, if you require a temporary parking variance because your garage is unavailable due to construction or other reason, please apply with the DRC. Full regulations are posted on our website.

2. NOISE & LIGHTING

No loud or offensive noise is allowed at any time. Cielito Lindo is part of the "dark skies" initiative and outdoor glaring lights are not permitted.

3. DESIGN GUIDELINES

To preserve property values as well as overall beauty in a planned community like ours, it is essential that common design guidelines be followed by everyone. Please consult the HOA CC&R's and make no alterations to the outside of your property (including landscaping) without first applying for a permit from the Design Review Committee. Permit applications are available at cielitolindohoa.com.

4. PETS

House pets are welcome at Cielito Lindo; the general rule is two pets per household. No pets may be confined unattended in the garden/patio for an unreasonable amount of time. All pets taken outside garden/patio walls must be kept on leashes at all times (Santa Cruz County Leash Law) and owners must pick up after their pets.

5. ANZA PARK

Owned and managed by our Master Association, Barrio de Tubac, this park is for the enjoyment of homeowners in all the associations. Please help keep the park clean. Doggie bags are available on both the east and west sides of the park. Do not deposit personal trash in the park trash containers.

6. COMMON AREAS

Any land outside your home and walls is considered a common area. No outdoor decor of any kind — including statues, bird feeders, or ornamental art — can be placed in the common area without permission from the Design Review Committee.

7. POOL

Pool use is limited to Cielito Lindo HOA members and their guests. Keys are to be carried at all times when using the pool area. Gates are to be closed and locked at all times; they should never be propped open. Absolutely no noise is permitted between 9pm and 9am. No pets are allowed in the pool area. Smoking and glass containers are prohibited. Children 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult and children under 12 are not permitted in the spa. Please remove your trash as you leave as there is no pickup.

8. TRASH

Cielito Lindo has no trash pickup. You must arrange with a service (Canyon Disposal or Rio Rico Sanitation) or take your trash to the local landfill. Covered containers for trash should always be hidden from view, except trash pickup day. No trash of any kind should accumulate on any lot including patios or porches.