



Cielito Lindo **COMMUNITY**

NEWSLETTER OF THE CIELITO LINDO DE TUBAC HOA VOLUME TWO, NO. 5 FEB-APR, 2022

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we start another year in Cielito Lindo, I want to thank you for your support of the Board and participation in our recent election. Owner/resident support is essential to keep things running smoothly.

Board Members

The votes were unanimous for me to remain on the Board. With your continued support, I will remain as your Cielito Lindo HOA President.

We are thankful to have had outgoing member Jim Horn on the board for the past three years. We will miss his insight and expertise. Trudy Nowak, now a full-time resident in Cielito Lindo, had expressed an interest in becoming a board member earlier in the year. As the date for the annual meeting drew closer, Trudy contacted me to say she was still interested in serving. The board members agreed to appoint Trudy to the board for one year. Trudy will submit a self-nomination form for the next annual meeting, and if accepted, will continue on the board for the remaining two years of a three-year term. The board members happily accept Trudy to the board.

Master Barrio Annual Meeting

During the Master Barrio Annual Meeting on January 26th, it was requested by owners/residents that they would like to have input into actions that are taken by the Master Barrio Manager and Board member for projects and updates in the common areas, such as Anza Park. Gary Brasher, sole board member agreed that a Resident's' committee to help provide input would be a good idea. The Embarcadero already has a committee like this. Several Cielito Lindo residents have already responded to Gary's call. Gary has also requested one

board member from each of the HOA's in the Barrio. Trudy Nowak volunteered from the Cielito Lindo board.

Home Painting for 2022

Robert Moore, Paint Committee Chair, is working on acquiring additional quotes. The quote from our usual painter is approx. \$31,000, an increase from \$20,900 we spent last year. The price of paint and labor has risen dramatically, as have many items these days.

The following homes will be painted in 2022:

10 Calle Dorado
122 Calle Barrio de Tubac
32 Circulo Diego Rivera
13 Circulo Diego Rivera
1 Circulo Diego Rivera
2 Circulo Diego Rivera
5 Circulo Diego Rivera
38 Circulo Diego Rivera
Community Clubhouse

Painting Schemes (house colors)

At our annual meeting, it was requested that the color schemes that are available for our homes here in Cielito Lindo be reviewed and possibly updated. Board members Jerry Barden and Trudy Nowak are looking for owners who are willing to assist with this committee. If you are interested in color changes, contact either of them and get involved.

As always, much of the information for Cielito Lindo, including design changes, parking requests, meeting minutes, the welcome packet, budget, and the directory are all on our website. www.cielitolindohoa.com

Respectfully submitted,
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BARRIO DE TUBAC'S

Private Wastewater Treatment System

One of Barrio de Tubac's most important assets comes out of its residential faucets and flushes every day — WATER — which is processed in its ahead-of-its-time watershed treatment system.

HISTORY

The Barrio's watershed system was originally designed in 1995 by one of the industry's most highly respected firms, Biohabitats, headquartered in Santa Fe, NM. This was long before issues like saving the environment, assuring clean, recyclable water, and preserving our wildlife, ever became daily news headlines.

The Barrio's original visionary environmentalist and developer Roy Ross envisioned a wetland treatment system for septic long before it became a commonly accepted alternative. Environmentally sensitive, our private system uses a minimum of energy, no chemicals, and has created a habitat attractive to wildlife, one of the reasons Tubac has become a widely recognized mecca for birdwatching.

Created exclusively for the seven Barrio de Tubac communities, our system serves Cielito Lindo, Trails Head, Santiago, the Embarcadero, and the cluster of three smaller communities The Bosque, San Miguel, and Sentinel Hill. It is located east of the Barrio, running parallel to it, beginning north at Ron Morris Park (aka the Dog Park) and continuing south to the Anza Trail Kiosk east of Valley Verde Ranch.

HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS

Our sewer system is probably unlike any other to which you have been connected. It has been constructed to use a natural, organic process

of treating our waste water. It uses wetlands vegetation and soil with its innate microbiotics (good bacteria, fungi, etc.), and is *very sensitive* to what we put down our drains and toilettes. (More on that later!). This system uses many of the same processes that take place naturally in wetlands in the wild but in a controlled environment. This is beneficial to the environment in many ways, not the least of which is that reusable water is produced which can be used for irrigation of landscaping and crops. What a gift in our desert environment!

Another important part of our system is our unique mini septic tanks, placed strategically all over the entire Barrio. You can find them with their bright green round lids outside the walls of homes throughout the Barrio. These tanks perform a similar function to stand alone septic tanks and drain fields with which you may be familiar. And like with septic tanks, it is imperative we take precautions to maintain the health of both the tanks and the wetland fields into which they drain.

Septic tanks contain "good" bacteria and fungi that break down the raw sewage entering the tanks and send out properly treated fluid into the wetlands on the east side of the Barrio. Hence what we put down the drains either keeps the bacteria and fungi alive and working —or kills them and impairs our system.

DO YOUR PART!

We have included a list of what NOT to put down your drain as well as a list of products and their sources to keep the "good" bacteria alive, healthy and preserving our precious wetlands system.



Roy Ross (1933-2014)

Barrio de Tubac's co founder Roy Ross (along with Gary Brasher) positioned his large frame easily into the small space at the table—a big man with big plans for Tubac. He shared them in a March 1995 interview with the *Santa Cruz Valley Sun*.

It was when he was a small boy playing in the Tubac ruins (just North of what is now Cielito Lindo) that his plans were spawned. He remembered feeling that he liked it so much, one day he would live here. (And live here he eventually did at 122 Calle Barrio de Tubac, Cielito Lindo). And fortunately for Tubacans and the archeological and environmental community, that sensitivity was reflected in the development now known as Barrio de Tubac. From the beginning in 1987, Ross envisioned a wetland treatment system for septic, long before it was a commonly accepted alternative. Environmentally sensitive, the system would use a minimum of energy, no chemicals, and create a habitat attractive to wildlife.

Of the original 349 acre parcel, about 165 acres were to be developed as part of the Barrio de Tubac. The clustering of the commercial (Tubac Market, etc.) and residential units would allow Ross to preserve the ruins, and afford public access to the Juan Batista International Historical Trail, which weaves through the northern portion of the parcel along the Santa Cruz River.

"My different perspective of development was caused by my association here in younger days" he said. "The project is synergistic and a damn good idea!" he touted—like a visionary whose time had come.

(The Cielito Lindo Newsletter is indebted to Tubac's Nancy Valentine for permission to excerpt from her "300 Years of Tubac Times" published in 2002.)



Keep our good bacteria **ALIVE & HAPPY!**

Do not put down your drain/toilette
(Some will surprise you! Read the labels!)

HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS

- Bleach (Chlorine)
- Borax
- Drain cleaners
- Baking soda.
- Any phosphate or sodium/salt products

MEDICINES

- Antibiotics
- Epsom salts

COOKING INGREDIENTS

- All oils.
- Coffee grounds
- Grease.
- Non biodegradable food scraps

PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS

- Insect repellent.
- Toilet paper w/chlorine
- Cigarettes
- Hair
- Paper towels.
- Nail polish remover
- Rags
- Newspaper
- Bath oils

CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS

- Solvents
- Turpentine
- Acetone
- Paint etc.

OK TO PUT DOWN OUR DRAINS/TOILETTES

- Human waste
- Kitchen waste
- Dishwater
- Sink wastewater
- Shower and bath water
- White toilette paper
(See recommended brands)

RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS

Toilette Paper

(White and Biodegradable)

- Cottonelle Ultra Clean Care Soft
- Angel Soft
- Charmin Ultra Soft Strong
- Scott's Rapidly Dissolving

Laundry Detergents

- Seventh Generation (Amazon, Walmart, Target)
- ECOS Liquid Laundry Detergent (Amazon)

- Arm & Hammer Plus Oxiclean Odor Blasters (Amazon)

Automatic Dishwasher Detergent

- Biokleen Automatic Dish Powder (Amazon)
- Seventh Generation (Amazon, Walmart, Target)

All Purpose Cleaners/ Disinfectants

- ECOS Glass & Surface Cleaner Vinegar (Amazon, Walmart, Home Depot)
- Green Works 98% Naturally Derived All Purpose Cleaner Spray (Amazon)
- Seventh Generation All Purpose Natural Cleaner (Amazon, Walmart)

SAVE THE DATE *Upcoming Board Meetings & Work Sessions*

MARCH 28, 2022:
work session

JUNE 13, 2022:
Board Meeting

NOVEMBER 28, 2022:
work session

APRIL 11, 2022:
Board meeting

SEPTEMBER 26, 2022:
work session

DECEMBER 12, 2022:
Board Meeting

MAY 23, 2022:
work session

OCTOBER 10, 2022:
Board Meeting

Meetings are held via Zoom until further notice.

Daytripping from Tubac



This is the first in a series of articles about interesting places that can be visited from Tubac in one day.

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument is a stunningly beautiful place and an International Biosphere Reserve. As you drive south on AZ 85 from the curiously named village of Why, alongside the Diablo Mountains, the saguaro grow ever more densely and are joined by the organ pipes, large cholla and barrel cacti.

The organ pipe, which is much more common in Mexico, is distinguished from the saguaro by having thinner stems and by branching mainly from the base instead of from higher up the central trunk. The national monument contains a third species of columnar cactus that, like the organ pipe, is not found anywhere else in the USA, namely the senita (*pachycereus schottii*) which also branches from the base.

Within the monument, various species of opuntia and ferocactus are widespread as well as other characteristic Sonoran desert shrubs such as ocotillo and palo verde. The total number of plant species in the area exceeds 800.

Approximately 17 miles after you enter the park you will reach the Kris Eggle Visitor Center, renamed in 2002 to commemorate a young National Park Service ranger who was killed by Mexican drug smugglers. Although there are plenty of cacti along the highway, and a nature trail by the visitor center, there are two much prettier but unpaved roads to

be explored: the 37 mile Puerto Blanco Drive to the west (much of which requires a 4WD vehicle) or the 21 mile Ajo Mountain Drive to the east. However, check in at the visitor center if you are considering the Puerto Blanco Drive as it stretches along the Mexican border and may not be accessible at this time. We did the first section (the part of the road designated as two-way) in our Hyundai Elantra with no issues and the scenery was breathtaking.

There is an excellent map of Organ Pipe at: npmaps.com/wp-content/uploads/organ-pipe-cactus-map.pdf

Official site: nps.gov/orpi/index.htm



Best time to visit:

Winter and early spring. Summer temperatures can reach 120 degrees.

Getting there:

*Approx. 175 miles one way from Tubac. Plan for approx. 6 hours round trip **plus** time at the Monument.*

Head north on the I-19. Before you reach Tucson, take AZ Highway 86 west. You will drive past Kitts Peak and through vast stretches of desert that are part of the Tohono Odham reservation. When you reach the village of Why, turn left on AZ 85, heading south to Organ Pipe.

Tips:

This is a full day trip so plan accordingly. Places to eat are scarce and you should consider packing a lunch. Once in the park there are no gas stations. Covid protocols in the park and within the reservation are enforced so bring your mask!

Driving home you may want to consider exiting Highway 86 at Three Points, shortly after the turn off for Kitts Peak. Head south on AZ 286 to Arrivaca Road, just north of the border and Sasabe. As you drive east on Arrivaca Road the scenery through the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge and Arrivaca is beautiful (and the Arrivaca Road has recently been repaved). You will intersect with the I-19 in Amado.

*Photos courtesy of Hilde McNeil.
Information courtesy the National Park Service and Hilde & Marvin McNeil.*

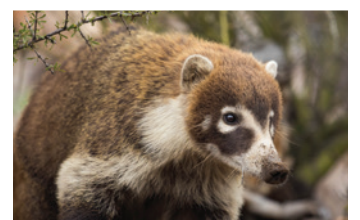
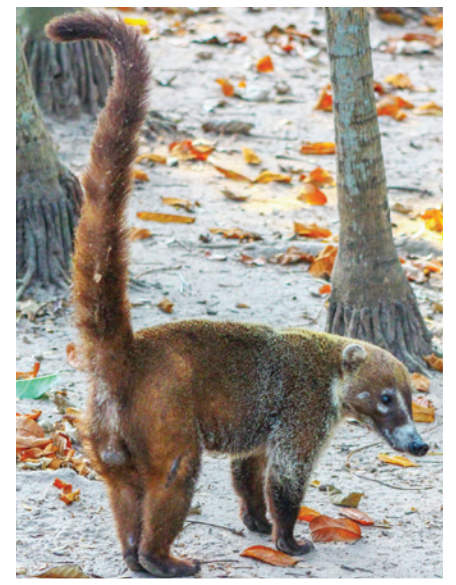
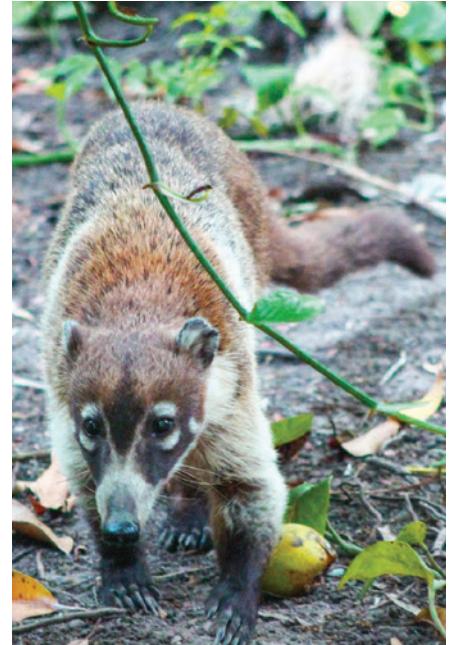
Meet Your Tubac Neighbor

THE COATIMUNDI

Picture a raccoon with a slimmer body and a longer tail and a snout. Add white fur around the eyes and nose, and you have the **white-nosed coatiundi**, (or coati), the only species of this raccoon relative found in the United States. Rare in the Southwest, coatiundis are more common in Central and South America. Nevertheless at least two Cielito Lindo residents have seen the “elusive” coati up close and personal right here in our neighborhood. Our newsletter co-editor Sharon Pierce (5 Calle Dorado) was strolling through Valle Verde Ranch at the southern end of Cielito Lindo when she glanced at a tall pole standing in one of the gardens and saw a strange creature sitting atop the pole with his two-foot long tail wrapped multiple times around the pole for ballast—looking very much like the king of all he surveyed. Only later did she find out it was a coatiundi. And, about a year ago, Buz Wortham (128 Calle Barrio de Tubac) spied two coatis strolling together down Barrio de Tubac, both tails held straight up in the air, headed for an outing at the Archeological Site at the north end of Cielito Lindo. *So much for the “elusive” coatiundi!*

FUN FACTS:

- In Arizona, coatis inhabit the Sonoran and Chihuahuan deserts, with ranges including the Superstition Mountains east of Phoenix and the Huachuca Mountains southeast of Tucson.
- White-nosed coatis are reddish brown to black with lighter underparts. The coati's face has black and gray markings with a white spot above and below each eye, on each cheek and around the end of the muzzle. The tail is banded with dark rings.
- Sonoran Desert coatis are most often found in oak- and sycamore-lined canyons, or in lower elevation riparian areas in winter.
- Coatiundis have a long, rather pig-like snout which gives them the nickname “the hog-nosed raccoon.” The snout is well adapted to investigating crevices and holes.
- Around the coati's nose are many sensory receptors which give it an extremely good sense of smell.
- A coati curls its snout above the water's surface in an amazing way when drinking.
- Males are almost twice as large as females; both sexes have long, sharp canine teeth.
- In the wild, coatis live up to seven years.
- Their front feet have long, blunt, slightly curved claws, whereas the back feet have shorter claws. They have webbing between their toes making them powerful swimmers.
- Coatis can flip over rocks in search of snakes and lizards or use excellent climbing skills to forage for nuts, berries, or bird eggs in trees.
- Besides being good swimmers, coatis are excellent climbers. While most of the day is spent foraging for food on the ground, they do their sleeping, mating, and birthing in trees.
- Male coatis younger than two years of age and females, both related and unrelated, will group together in bands of four to 20 individuals. Adult, male coatis are solitary animals, except during breeding season.
- They often carry their tails erect when they walk and their tails act as a balancing pole while they are climbing.
- The breeding season occurs when fruit is most available and there is less competition for food. The coati's gestation period is 10 to 11 weeks; litters consist of two to seven young.
- Unlike North American raccoons, they are diurnal (active in the daytime).





Tubac Community EVENTS

63rd Annual TUBAC Festival OF THE Arts Feb 9-13 • 10am-5pm

The Tubac Festival of the Arts, Southern Arizona's longest running arts festival, opens Wednesday, February 9 and runs through Sunday, February 13, 10 am-5 pm daily, filling the art colony's Village streets with over 250 booths, a food court with wine and beer tents, and four musical venues. The event was launched back in 1959 and draws tens of thousands of visitors. Don't miss it!

A Peek Down Memory Lane at the Festival's Colorful History

The first festival in 1959 was an intimate event held in a little building on Tubac Road where a small group of artists exhibited and sold their work, introducing outsiders to Tubac as a fledgling art colony. One of them, Susi Hasselbarth (who later had a Village street named after her) remembered how during the first few years the festival was "a little community thing—like a church social—very hands on." She and a friend drew the first festival bulletins by hand and reproduced them on a mimeograph machine. Today's food court featuring numerous cuisines, wine, and beer started out as a BBQ hosted, catered, and operated by the members of the fledgling Tubac

Chamber of Commerce. The proceeds benefited St. Ann's Church and the Tubac Fire Department.

By the 1970's, it was necessary to reactivate the Chamber in order to, among other things, help manage the Festival. Some of Tubac's artists, merchants, and promoters met at the Old Tubac Schoolhouse and struggled with a core issue—artist or non artist control of the Chamber (and hence the Festival)—an issue that would continue to be a community challenge to this very day as the Village, the Festival, and the Chamber grew.

In addition, there was much discussion about who should be invited to exhibit at the Festival. Should they be just from Tubac? Should Nogales also be included? Should those "foreigners" from Tucson be admitted?

In 1998, a new Chamber Board made an attempt during the 38th Tubac Festival of the Arts to return to the original intent of the festival—to showcase local artists. Instead of booths possibly obscuring studios and galleries of local artists, 15 foot cutout paintbrushes were positioned as keys to visitors to find their way to locations where original art and demonstrations were being created. Another departure from past festivals which has stayed with us, has been a decision to reduce the length of the festival from nine to five days.

Innovations have come and gone but happily as the years rolled by, the advantages of inclusion have ruled, leading to the variety and diversity of arts and crafts we enjoy today.

Many thanks to Nancy Valentine for permission to reference her "300 Years of Tubac Times."

**Cielito Lindo de Tubac
COMMUNITY
GARAGE & ESTATE SALE**

**Saturday, February 19: 8am-4pm
Sunday, February 20: noon-4pm**

Parking is limited in Cielito Lindo de Tubac, but parking is available around the side of the Park. Follow the signs for parking.

Cielito Lindo de Tubac Garage Sale

The annual Garage Sale is planned for February 19-20. Jo Lyn Baker will be advertising in the local newspapers and online to the various Facebook pages but you will be responsible for your own setup and manning your own garage/driveway trove of treasures. Jo Lyn will also be providing signs and maps and Suzanne Shuman will be assisting this year with set up day-of-sale and by distributing signs. We are advertising as a Garage and Estate Sale this year to generate more interest and a better turnout.

Call Jo Lyn with any questions at 206-714-1314 or email her at sunbug78@hotmail.com.

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 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. Outdoor fixtures should be 40 watts or less, yellow bug lights. If exterior light fixtures are changed, they must cast their light downward only, due to our "dark skies" policy. Decorative ground lighting shall be low-profile, low-voltage, shielded, and directed downward with a limited radius.

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.

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uesaz.com

Internet/Phone Century Link
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centurylink.com

Trash Service: Canyon Disposal
520-287-2511

Rio Rico Sanitation
520-761-1604

Landfill and Recycling: Santa Cruz Landfill
520-761-7892
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Sat: 8am-2pm

Sprocket Communications
520.740.9700
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Water: Southwestern Utility Mgmt Inc.
(formerly Baca Float)
southwesternutility.com
520-398-3177

Simply Bits
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Satellite TV: Dish Network
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Direct TV
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