

Apache Wells Newsletter

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MEET THE CANDIDATES MEETING

Tomorrow Night,
Tuesday, December 16, 7 PM to 9 PM

This year's "**Meet the Candidates**" meeting takes place tomorrow night. Thanks to the generosity of the **Apache Wells Community Church**, the meeting will be held in the church, which will provide adequate seating for all those interested in attending. The meeting will close at 9 PM or earlier when all questions are answered.

The candidates will speak about their qualifications for this position and respond to your questions. Questions can be submitted in written form or you may address them with your questions from the floor. The candidates will be available after the meeting to answer any questions that you would like to discuss with them personally.

The question and answer portion of the meeting will be moderated by **Dina Higgins**, the new Councilperson for our district of Mesa.

MAILING ADDRESS

Absentee ballots for the Directors election on January 13, 2009 will be mailed to all homeowners early in the week of December 15.

BE SURE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS AT THE HOMEOWNERS OFFICE IS CURRENT SO THAT YOU RECEIVE YOUR BALLOT IN A TIMELY MANNER.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

New Year's Eve – Room A and C, 8 PM until 12 AM - Celebrate New Year's Eve with the music of James Lee, Fun, Food, Dancing, Party Favors, BYOB. \$10 per person. Advance purchase required by December 29. For Reservations or Information Call – 830-7916 or 985-5077

SUNSHINE ACRES CHILDREN'S HOME FUND DRIVE

January is Sunshine Acres Fund Drive month. Apache Wells has supported Sunshine Acres with donations of almost a half million dollars over the years, starting back in the '60's! So please give what you can when one of our volunteers comes around asking for monetary donations.

Are you interested in volunteering to canvass for our Fund Drive in January? **Contact Kris Hansen (985-3305) or Jan Sticht (985-4887)** for information. We do need extra volunteers, so please call if you can help canvass this year. Volunteer canvasser packets will be available for pick-up in the Homeowners Office on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 between 8a.m. and 10:00a.m.

We also give Christmas bags of goodies to the kids. There are 65 this year and we are looking for donations of mini candy bars or other pre-packaged goodies. Small trinkets or toys would also be appreciated. The bags are small -- lunch size -- so if you have something you would like to donate, please deliver them to the office as soon as possible. We will stuff the bags on **December 20** for delivery that week and need to know what we will have to fill them.

Thanks for your help in this worthy cause, **Kris Hansen**

IMPROVEMENTS COMING

The design and construction details for enclosing the water pump areas next to the administration building and the library have been completed. Construction is expected to begin in approximately 30 days, with completion expected in 60 days. The expense of this work is being shared by the Homeowners Association and the Golf Club.

The paving of the parking area next to the Elson building is under consideration again now that the reduction in the cost of materials makes this improvement possible. Final design and bidding is expected to be completed by the end of January.

DID YOU KNOW

Bicycle Club – Meets Monday mornings at the Gazebo at 8:45 AM –

Join them for a ride around the neighborhood. Coffee, Treats and Fellowship after the ride.

Hiking Clubs – Apache Wells has two hiking clubs. The EZ Hikers meet on Wednesday mornings at 7:45 AM in the parking lot.

The more ambitious hikers meet **Thursday mornings** at 7:45 AM, also in the parking lot.

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES APACHE WELLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008

OBSERVERS: Mickie Jung #1437, Elsie Fugman #207, Bobby Golden #1106, Hal Kamke #63, Cheryl Shadle #1147, Dee Miller #62, Bill Dixon #826, Linda Lewis #66, Steve Daughton #263, Keith Justice #72, Barb Fancher #1171, Lois Stevenson #1056, Linda Lewis #66, Joice and Dennis Lange #1205.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Bing Miller called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM. Directors present: Jim Bonnell, Don Fourcade, Irv St. John, Cheri Whalen, Jo Gregory, Tom Finger. Office Manager, Enga Bach. Directors absent: Ernie Shoults and Sandra Johnson.

BOARD APPROVAL OF AGENDA: President Miller added under New Business the Announcement of Candidates for Board of Directors by the Nominating Committee. Pres. Miller asked if there were any public comments regarding the agenda. Pres. Miller asked for a motion to approve the agenda as published and presented. Motion by Jim Bonnell, seconded by Don Fourcade. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2008: President Miller asked for a motion to approve minutes as published. Motion by Jo Gregory, seconded by Jim Bonnell. Discussion followed by Irv St. John. Motion carried.

ENGA'S REPORT: Enga reported that AbitibiBowater is our recycling company for many years. They have a new program. They are asking to be our sole provider for

collection of our recyclables for the next five years. They would rebate 25% of all monies earned in a calendar year. Following discussion by the Board Enga was asked for more information regarding recycling glass and plastic and to obtain a written proposal.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Property Line at Pool: President Miller proposed straightening out the common property line between the Apache Wells County Club and the AWHOA swimming pool. After Board discussion, it was decided to approach the Country Club to establish a new property line and obtaining a new legal description, which would benefit both parties.
- 2) Parking Lot Asphalt: President Miller requested the Board consider re-bidding the asphaltting project around the Elson Building due to the falling oil prices. Oil prices are currently 30% of the cost when initial bids were obtained. After discussing the options and funding for the project it was agreed to do some additional research and obtain new bids.
- 3) Office Time: President Miller proposed a designated daily time slot Board Members would conduct business with Office Manager to better utilize her time. The Board agreed to the proposal.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) President Miller announced the candidates for the AWHOA Board of Directors Election as provided by the Nominating Committee. They are: Carolyn Agee, Paul DeMond, Linda Lewis, and John Seader. President Miller then asked for a motion to accept the candidates as presented. Don Fourcade made the motion. Tom Finger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.
- 2) President Miller read a letter from Keith Justice requesting he be allowed to park his RV trailer at his vacant lot or in the RV parking zone north of the Administration building during the time he is constructing cabinets in the Woodshop. After Board discussion a motion was made by Jim Bonnell to provide Mr. Justice with a permit to park in the RV area for 10 days during his construction. Upon completion he would then move the vehicle to a storage area. Don Fourcade seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

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ITEMS TOO LATE FOR AGENDA: President Miller commented on the stark Christmas decorations in the community. Tom Finger will contact Bob Johnson regarding purchasing some decorations and present a proposal to the Board. Cheri Whalen commented on the tragic fire in the community and the work she and Joice Lange have done for a memorial fund for the Harper family. A presentation to the family will be made at a later Homeowners meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CANCELLED.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Don Fourcade. Seconded by Jim Bonnell. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Transcribed and Submitted by: Sandra M. Johnson, Secretary

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**APACHE WELLS HOMEOWNERS MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2008**

President Bing Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 118 members present. He asked for a motion to approve the agenda as published. Barb Hoffman #580 made a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Daughton #263 seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF DIRECTORS: President Bing Miller introduced the Board of Directors. Cheri Whalen, 1st Vice President. Tom Finger, 2nd Vice President. Sandra Johnson, Secretary. Irv St. John, Treasurer. Don Fourcade, Director. Jim Bonnell, Director. Jo Gregory, Director. Ernie Shoults, Director.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: President Miller asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as published. Jim Thilbe #922 made the motion. Hal Kamke #63 seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Irv St. John welcomed back the members and gave the treasurer's report.

	Bal. 10-1-08	Deposits	Interest	Disbursements	Bal.
10/30/08					
Checking	81,464.93	47,737.18		48,870.86	80,331.25
Savings	41,325.00		26.25		41,351.25
CDs	100,000.00				100,000.00
MM	2,759.11		957.17		3,716.28
Total	225,540.04	47,737.18	983.42	48,870.86	225,398.78

Our Reserve account CD has a balance of \$50,493.46. There were two transfers in October for a year to date total of 52. \$49,400.00 has been collected from transfers. Mr. St. John reported the following major expenses that occurred during the summer: \$2,500.00 for drawing and grading the parking lot. \$4,300.00 for drainage and plat maps of parking lot. \$1,846.00 permits for parking lot. Shower room floors \$5,089.00. Concrete in front of activity buildings \$3,700.00. Spa and pool deck \$22,435.00. Re-glaze the shower rooms \$2,766.00. Exercise equipment \$5,865.00. Administration Building A/C \$4,200.00. Palm tree trimming \$2,600.00. State and Federal Taxes \$21,275.00. Weeds in common areas \$3,300.00. Summer Security \$18,608.00. Safety cabinet for Elson Building \$1,115.00. TV for Room A \$1,900.00. Apache Wells Security \$1,400.00. Attorney fees \$3,547.00. In conclusion, Mr. St. John ask to honor the veterans as today is Veteran's Day and Remembrance Day. Pres. Miller asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jim Thilbe #922 made the motion. Mickey Peterson #890 seconded the motion. No Discussion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Swimming Pool – Jo Gregory. 1502 October sign-ins. 16398 year to date. Spa motors have been replaced. Purchased two new life rings. Four pool companies have been

interviewed and invited to bid for service beginning 1/1/09. Two bids received, possibly one more. Very few problems with pool regarding construction project but some with wind. Pool rules need to be enforced. No one under 18 in spa. No diving. Pool breakfast was successful, raised over \$2,000.00. Thanks to all the volunteers.

Exercise Room – Cheri Whalen. The fitness center has had new paint, new TV, and equipment re-arranged. Marcy gym was sold on Craig's List and removed. New mats installed to protect the new floor covering. \$5,000.00 spent on multi-use gym and new elliptical that was approved by the Board last season. Multi-use gym is designed to accommodate the needs of residents. It is adjustable and user friendly. A personal trainer will be here to show the proper way to use the equipment during the Welcome Back event. A new sign-in book is available. Cheri thanked the residents for help and comments. 2200 visits from May to October.

Architectural – Jim Bonnell. Really quiet. A few homes going up and a few remodels. City watching the construction very close.

Maintenance – Don Fourcade. New look on North end of buildings. The 911 phone needed relocating. Underground water and electricity needed to be relocated to south side of pool. New lights have been installed by shuffleboard court. City and County codes are changing and we are required to keep up with them

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to protect our liability. South side of pool deck will be requiring some extensive work in the future. Fence to be put up.

Activities – Bev Fourcade. Welcome Back will be Friday. Exercise room, shuffleboard, swimming, bingo, and many others will be at the Gazebo. Ceramics and artist will be in their rooms. Come out to see what is available. Movie Night is November 17th. A 50" big screen plasma TV will be installed. Seminars will also be held which will be able to use the equipment. Movie night will be the 3rd Friday, November 21st. Thanksgiving Dinner tickets will be available for sale in the Admin. Building. Please notify her of shut-ins. Craft fair will be Saturday, November 29th. Sign up on the 18th for tables. Christmas Dinner on the 25th. Meat will be provided but sign up to bring other side dishes. Need volunteers, please call her. Anyone with ideas for additional activities please let her know. Legacy Independent and Assisted Living facility on McKellips will be providing us with information on their available services. They will give health info and seminars. They will be having a seminar in January on Veteran's benefits and we have been invited to attend. She will post a flyer by the quilters' room. The Lion's King has had a great response. Over 120 tickets sold. Contact her if interested. Sunshine Acres choir will not be here this year because of lack of facilities. Goody bags for Sunshine Acres children will be put together. Donations needed.

Beautification and Arbitration – Tom Finger. Common areas and area around Library need some attention. Still working around Administration Building. Winter crew is returning and equipment is in good shape. Trim crew has been busy and doing a fine job. Apache Wells is looking pretty good. 160-yard complaints. Fewer people are turning in written complaints for fear name will be divulged. More people are phoning in complaints. Tom stated that he signs the complaint forms and names are never divulged.

Arbitration depends on residents to monitor neighborhoods and report violations so they can be followed up on. Please turn in forms to Office.

Publicity – Ernie Shoults. Nothing to report.

President Miller thanked all the volunteers who work on these committees.

Security Report - Jim Dorrance. Welcomed back residents. There are 71 people that work on security. During the summer there were 2 felony arrests for criminal trespass. One robbery of \$22-\$27,000.00. A video camera mounted in patrol car to tape speeders and violators. Be cautious of walkers. Speed limit on streets is 25 mph. Stop at stop signs don't cruise on through. Common area speed limits are 10 mph. Radar will soon be in patrol car. 1336 calls year to date. 122 calls in October: 11 garage door open; 3 house alarms; 2 teenagers in park, 3 medical emergencies; 1 recovery of stolen property; and 5 incidence of graffiti.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Parking lot blacktop: Pres. Miller informed group that Doug Ferrell is doing some research on the project and will come back and then decisions will be made.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Letters regarding rate increase and Budget to be sent. HOA fees will be going from \$41.00 to \$45.00 as per the approved budget. Homeowners should receive copies of budget in a few days.
- 2) Thank you to Jim and Jo Bonnell for the hanging flowers outside the activity rooms.

OPEN FORUM: Dorie Ray informed the crowd of confrontation with a coyote at 8 pm in evening along Leonora. Please use caution when out walking with your dogs. Walt Broden #536 questioned use of propane torch for burning weeds. Tom Finger gave explanation. Don Davidson #535 questioned web page and cost estimated. Cheri Whalen responded that it is in the preliminary stages and gave an explanation as to what services would be available. Only in investigation stage. Tim Roach #210 stated that the parking lot by the Elson Building should be done now not put off. Pres. Miller responded that it would be looked at. Joice Lange #1205 questioned the flooding on resident's property on Higley. Pres. Miller explained the situation and the plans to take care of it. He will be talking to the Country Club Grounds Crew supervisor. Mickey Peterson #890, announced that on Tuesday, December 16th from 7:00-9:00 PM there will be a Meet the Candidates Forum at the Apache Wells Community Church for those residents who are running for the Board of Directors. December 14th is the deadline for filing a petition to run for a position on the Board.

ADJOURN: Pres. Miller asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Burt Graham #1317. Tim Whalen #585 second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:15

Respectfully submitted by: Sandra Johnson, Secretary