

CONCERNED HOMEOWNERS TO PROTECT APACHE WELLS

A subversive group calling them selves Save Apache Wells has been at work in this community for some time now; misquoting our documents, putting out misinformation through meetings, interviews and flyers to homeowners and the press that is inflammatory, questioning every decision made by the board, strongly suggesting that our elections were rigged and even accusing the staff and board members of tampering with the ballots. They have taken their frivolous accusations to the courts twice causing us as homeowners to spend an inordinate amount of money to hire attorneys to protect ourselves. Enough is enough!!

These people have been making accusations and soliciting money to bring court actions against the homeowners association without any explanation of their discontent. They do not even have the courtesy to sign names to their propaganda. It seems from their information they want to stop all progress and it has been it said" keep it a trailer park" and quit building these houses. Well, if they haven't noticed houses have been here for many, many years.

Is it not time to confront this group and demand answers and the truth? Is it not time to speak out to protect this wonderful community? Is it not time to support our elected board members, our staff, and our volunteers? Is it not time to stand up and say we want to protect our way of life that brought us to this community in the first place and has kept us here for many, many years.

The world is changing and every city, business, and community has got to change to survive. The younger people coming into their fifties do not want "old" communities to live in: nor do they want the same way of life as their parents and grandparents. Every living thing must change or it dies. Our community is a vibrant, living thing and must make changes as have been made throughout it's history. Many remember when the first assessment was enacted to buy the property we now have and use constantly. Many remember all of the hours of volunteer work that remodeled buildings and did landscaping. Many remember all of the improvements made like the Elson building, the gazebo, the exercise room, the ballfield, the dog park, the library and many other amenities as well as constant maintenance and upkeep. This is what makes and keeps Apache Wells an attractive, thriving place to live. If this does not continue into the future the community will stagnate and die. Our way of life will change and our property values will decline as people buy into more progressive 55+ communities.

Much of the dissension seems to rest with the fact we have a Homeowners Association. Granted many HOA's have become oppressive, authoritarian, and dreaded. However, our HOA with a board of directors of volunteer homeowners elected by all homeowners who vote has always been fair, responsible, and responsive. All decisions were not totally acceptable to all, but they were made after research, input and for the good of the whole community without deceit or prejudice.

A rally will be held on Wednesday, April 18, at 2:00 PM in the gazebo to share our positive vision of Apache Wells, to discuss ways to combat the negativism that is dividing our community and to support each other in our pursuit of progressive thinking to keep Apache Wells the thriving, progressive community it has always been. Unfortunately, many people have left for the summer. Please e-mail this to others who may be interested.

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