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TMA ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC

We are having our 76th annual picnic and meeting at Columbus Park (Ramada 4 next to Silverbell Lake). It will be a pot luck dinner, so please bring a plate that will serve between eight and twelve people. We will supply the chicken, cake, water and sodas. It will be a fun time for everyone, since we again will have an awards presentation, and music for entertainment and dancing!! **So mark your calendar for Saturday, October 30th from 5 to 7 PM, and please RSVP** by October 21st with the following information to:

**Tucson Mountains Association, P.O. Box 86117, Tucson, AZ 85754-6117, or email:
TMA@TucsonMountainsAssoc.org**

Name: _____ Number Attending: _____

Will Bring a Pot Luck Plate of: _____

Special Needs: _____

President's Column — Ed Verburg



We continue to make progress on key stewardship issues in the Tucson Mountains. Three important matters have been addressed:

Painted Hills:

Based on the excellent turnout at the City Council meeting, the Council reversed its position on annexation and is now working with Pima County on a land swap/purchase arrangement. The process is moving forward and we

hope that Painted Hills can become dedicated open space and perhaps a part of Tucson Mountain Park in the foreseeable future.

Tucson Water Policy:

After substantial deliberation, the City Council adopted a water policy that provides a footprint for future service areas. The policy focuses on infill, the Houghton corridor, and southlands area. There are no extensions of additional water service identified in the adopted policy for the west side. We actively provided comments during the entire policy-making process.

Tax-Exempt Status for Sponsorships and Donations:

We now have tax-exempt status for donations made to TMA, which will be used to help set aside open space (e.g., expanding major parks or preserving wildlife corridors), and to contribute to land preservation and other natural resource requirements. Please see our updated website for more information, and for other topics of interest.

We have provided assistance and support on concerns that have been brought to our attention, including:

- 1) Grading permits or code issues,
- 2) Cell towers, and,
- 3) F-35 proposal (we provided input on the scoping of the environmental impact statement; Tucson is no longer being considered as a candidate site).

We greatly appreciate the feedback from our members regarding zoning and code issues that need attention!

Please contact us if you need assistance!

Tucsonmountainsassoc.org.



Candidates for TMA Board of Directors

Paul Eckerstrom

Paul Eckerstrom has served on the Tucson Mountains Association Board since 2003. He grew up here in the Tucson Mountains, playing in the Painted Hills, and he still resides right near his beloved childhood haunts. He has been an active advocate for preservation of our desert environment since his high school days at Tucson High. Paul is a criminal attorney by trade, but he has been involved in local politics all his adult life. From 2003 to 2006 he was the Pima County Democratic Chair, and he continues to have a good relationship with members of the Board of Supervisors and other local officials. He served as the campaign manager for the TUSD Proposition 403 budget override, to get more funds for our children's classrooms; add teachers to reduce class sizes in the early grades; and expand the OMA Program, which has well-documented, solid academic results.

Lissa Gibbs

Lissa is a Tucson-based educator, producer, and cultural advocate whose professional experience has ranged from directing film festivals to teaching English in an inner-city public high school. She is

the Executive Director of the Educational Enrichment Foundation, a community-based non-profit that provides direct support to TUSD teachers, students, and school sites. She serves on the Pima County Board of Adjustment for District 5 and the board of directors for Second Street Children's School, and she is the principal organizer of the Friends of Painted Hills. She holds both a B.A. and an M.A. from U.C. Berkeley.

Alan Tonelson

Alan Tonelson is a retired public school teacher, having taught for 42 years in Maryland, Chicago, and Arlington, Virginia. Prior to his teaching career, he served in the United States Army as a member of the 24th Infantry Division, the 101st Airborne Division and the Counter Intelligence Corps. He was organizer, Board member, and President of the Carlisle Park Homeowners' Association in Arlington, Virginia and Commodore of the Capital Yacht Club in Washington, D.C. He is a 35-year veteran of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, serving for two tours as the National Administrative Staff Officer. He has received, among other awards, the Administrative Award of Merit medal and the Fifth District (South) Life Saving certificate. Alan and his wife, Dr. Jo Ann Daly, a noted watercolor artist, have a home in the Sweetwater in the Foothills

development. He currently serves as editor of the TMA newsletter.

Earl Van Swearingen

Earl Van Swearingen joined the Air Force out of high school and spent the last two years of his military service stationed at Davis-Monthan. He returned to Tucson the year after his discharge to attend the University of Arizona. He received a B.S. business degree with a minor in transportation in 1968.

Freight transportation management was Earl's profession. He spent the last 12 years of his career working for UPS Supply Chain Solutions, a wholly-owned subsidiary of United Parcel Service, providing third party logistics. He retired from UPS in 2007. He is spending his retirement years in Tucson, volunteering his time and energy to help protect these beautiful surroundings from further erosion. He owns a condominium in Starr Pass where he serves as Vice President of the homeowners' association.

Ed Verburg

Ed Verburg has worked for local, regional, and federal governments, and retired from government service 12 years ago. He developed the Open Space, Recreation, and Conservation Plans for the City of Glendale, CA. His federal service included senior management positions with the US Fish

and Wildlife Service, where he developed the first bureau-wide strategic plan; and also a senior manager with the Department of the Treasury and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Ed joined Kelly, Anderson & Associates as a senior manager and served on their board and as a trustee. Key areas of expertise include natural resources, planning, and finance. Ed was on the board of the Kiwanis Club of Arlington, VA, and its Foundation. He has been a board member with the Kiwanis de Amigos Club in Tucson and is now the President-Elect. Ed has been on TMA's board for the last three years and served as the president this year. He and his wife Joyce have two daughters and three grandchildren. Ed holds a B.S. in Environmental Design, an M.C.P., and Doctorate degree.

FYI...

*Founded in 1934,
the Tucson Mountains
Association is the
oldest neighborhood
association in the
state of Arizona. Use
the attached
membership form to
join us!*

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 30th, 5:30 PM —
Challenges to Water Sustainability for the SW, AZ, and Tucson

Sharon Megdal, Ph.D. will be a guest speaker with Q&A's at the Milagro Cohousing center. She is the Director, University of Arizona Water Resources Research, Director, University of Arizona Water Sustainability Program, and C W and Modene Neely Endowed Professor of Excellence in Agricultural Life Sciences. This event is free and is sponsored by the Milagro Cohousing, Eco-Ed Committee. It will be held at the Milagro Cohousing Center, 3057 North Gaia Place (off Goret Road). Please call 623-4310 or 743-9806 for more information.

Monday, October 11th, 7:00 PM —
Session on Wild Cats

Lisa Haynes will give a presentation on wild cats in the Tucson Mountains on Monday, October 11. Lisa is from the University of Arizona. The meeting will be at the Painted Hills church on 3295 W. Speedway. The meeting room is in the building that runs east and west adjacent to area where we vote.



Wednesday, October 20th, 2010, 7:30 PM —
Ghost Bird in Tucson

Tucson Audubon Society, the University of Arizona's Institute of the Environment, and the Loft Cinema are presenting "Ghost Bird," a critically-acclaimed documentary about an extinct species, a fading town in Arkansas, and the quest by bird-watchers and scientists to spot the Holy Grail of birds, the ivory billed woodpecker. The ivory-billed, a species thought to be extinct for more than 60 years, grabbed headlines when scientists announced that it had been found in the swamps of eastern Arkansas. This news prompted a recovery effort of historic proportions.

"Ghost Bird" raises questions about endangered species, habitat destruction and preservation, extinction, and the limits of scientific truths that reach far beyond Arkansas swamps, extending easily to southern Arizona. Local experts will address these issues during a Q&A immediately following the film. Panelists include Sherry Barrett, US Fish and Wildlife Service; Carolyn Campbell, Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection; Paul Green, Tucson Audubon Society; and Rafe Sagarin, UA's Institute of the Environment. Tickets are on sale at the Loft box office or by calling 520-795-0844. Admission: General \$8; Students, Tucson Audubon Society members, and Loft

members \$6. For more information please visit:
Loftcinema.com/node/1896

Wednesday through Friday, October 27th to the 29th, 2010 —
Sustainable Water Conference

The Western Coalition of Arid States is sponsoring a conference on water issues at the Westward Look Resort in Tucson. The conference focuses on water/wastewater sustainability in the arid west through discussions of current regulatory, legislative, and policy issues. The conference will feature presentations on: 1) the impact and implications of the latest round of storm-water permits, 2) a new sustainable water infrastructure paradigm, 3) current federal regulatory/legislative initiatives, and 4) the latest de-

velopments related to contaminants of emerging concern. For more information about the conference, including a brochure and registration, please visit Westcas.org or call (770) 424-8111

Renew Your Membership!

When we represent the residents of the west side to the City Council, Pima County Board of Supervisors, and many other groups, we often find it is helpful to let them know how many members we have in TMA. They seem to *listen more* if we have a larger membership!

If you have not renewed your membership, please use the form on the back and *send it in today or give it to a neighbor* so they can join in our efforts!!

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Tucson Mountains Association Board of Directors Election Ballot

(see CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

Please note that under TMA by-laws, the new board will meet in January and select four members to serve as president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The membership selects the board members who then select the four officers. You may vote for up to five board members.

Board Member Candidates — Choose up to five (5)

Paul Eckerstrom _____
or write-in _____

Lissa Gibbs _____
or write-in _____

Earl Van Swearingen _____
or write-in _____

Alan Tonelson _____
or write-in _____

Ed Verburg _____
or write-in _____

Please return your ballot to:

TMA, P.O. Box 86117, Tucson, AZ 85754

Or bring it to the TMA meeting at Columbus Park by 5 PM, October 30, 2010.

**Comments? Concerns?
Would you like to be a board member?**



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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Home: _____

Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Dues: \$20 for one year \$40 for two years Other \$ _____*
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Save Trees & Postage! Receive TMA newsletters via email? Yes No

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