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Brichta Neighborhood

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Street Projects Taking Off

Safe Routes to School street teams on Brichta and Calle Campana de Plata have held preliminary meetings to discuss new streetscaping to create pedestrian pathways, slow traffic, beautify the neighborhood, be ecologically proactive and reinvigorate our community by encouraging residents to walk and bicycle on our streets. Vice President Carl Stoeckel has scheduled meetings for Calle Campana de Plata for the 15th of each month through June. All residents are urged to attend.

A design team from the Brichta Environmental class has been working on street designs to propose that would capture runoff rainwater for native plants in the new landscaping. Both the street teams and the school children are being advised by Katie Gannon from the Drachman Institute for Landscape Architecture, by members of the rainwater reclamation class at UA, by the Tumamoc Hill restoration project, and by Web sources provided by the Tucson rainwater harvesting manual and by Brad Landcaster, expert on street designs for calming traffic and water harvesting.

To participate in these street design projects, contact team leaders Carl Stoeckel (cstoeckel49@gmail.com) or Marianna Carreras (mcarreras@pima.edu).

Residents from Rainbow Ridge, Golden Hills, and Wagon Wheels met on January 19 to discuss entrance signs for Rainbow Ridge, Golden Hills at Old Ranch, and Saddle Hills. Yvonne Merrill was asked to submit possible designs in March for their consideration. City Council aide Diana Rhoades has encouraged the association to apply for a Neighborhood Revitalization Grant next year to pay for these signs. Yvonne is recommending a uniform brick and concrete structure for all streets with several options in shapes, colors and lettering materials. If you prefer that all streets have the same design, please e-mail yvonnemerrill@cox.net, or call 884-9189 to tell us your preferences.

Wash Revegetation Project Calling for Gardeners

Please contact Carl Stoeckel at cstoeckel49@gmail.com if you can give or help plant agaves on the north bank of Anklam Wash beside Calle Campana de Plata.

Maintaining Alleys Your Responsibility

Yard debris recently dumped in the newly cleaned alley south of Calle Campana de Plata reminds us that *alleys are public rights of way, and are your responsibility to keep clean and safe*. Please don't violate the law and degrade our neighborhood by making our alleys unsightly and unsafe.

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The mission of the Brichta Neighborhood Association is to advocate for the well being of our residents. This includes bringing neighbors together to protect their health and safety, restoring and preserving an attractive physical and psychological environment, and working collectively to carry out projects that benefit the people and property where we live.

Elections Coming Up April 12

The Brichta Neighborhood Association annual meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 12, in the Brichta Elementary School cafeteria. As required in the bylaws, we must hold an annual meeting to elect new officers. If you would like to run for president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer, please e-mail President James Reel at jamesreel@cox.net by April 9.

Plan to attend and bring your neighbors so we elect officers who represent you and your concerns.

E-mail Addresses Needed

This is the last paper news bulletin we will be able to mail out! If you want to continue getting neighborhood news, please send your e-mail address to Yvonne Merrill at yvonnemerrill@cox.net. Only the one maintaining the list will have access to it and it will not be shared with anyone else.

Sculpture Project Completed

On February 24, volunteers Ed and Helen Benbow, Chris and Michael Black, Yvonne Merrill and James Reel installed our long-awaited cactus sculpture in the traffic circle at Old Ranch and Golden Hills roads. Ray Lim, sculptor and donor, supervised and helped with the installation. The workers treated Ray and Stella to dinner at the Mosaic Café the following Tuesday. Many thanks to Ray!

Brichta Students Making a Difference

The Brichta fifth-grade environmental students reported their recycling project in Joaquin Murietta Park to the mayor and city council at the March 23 meeting and were televised by Channel 12. Their report included specific statistics and recommendations. We can be proud of this class taught by Katie Eddleman, who is instructing them in environmental geology, ecology, physics, water conservation, public communication and technology supporting Internet research and audio-visual presentation. These students will never forget this hands-on experience in good environmental citizenship, which will be the seeds from which a new environmentally-aware generation will grow.

The class spent the previous week touring Grand Canyon, Wipatki National Monument, and Sunset Crater with geologists working in those areas.

The students are now seeking organizations to sponsor 14- to 23-year-old people for the Pima County Youth Employment Program to carry on their recycling work over the summer. If you know of any such organization or young people in that age group who would like to do this good work, please contact Yvonne Merrill (above).