



IN THIS ISSUE

- The Election and The Runoff
- April Calendar of Events
- The Preserve Needs Your Help
- Important Election Information
- Pima Road Safety Issues
- Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling Day
- Volunteers Needed For Scenic Drive Cleanup

NEXT COPP MEMBER MEETING

Monday
April 8, 2002 at 7:00 pm
Legend Trail
Community Center
 (see directions on page 3)

COPP Board of Directors

Bob Vairo, *President*
 rvairo@coppeak.org
 Linda Whitehead, *Vice-President*
 lwhitehead@coppeak.org
 Daniel Basinger, *Treasurer/Secretary*
 dbasinger@coppeak.org
 Alan Kaufman, *General Counsel*
 akaufman@coppeak.org
 Dick Janssen, *Director*
 djanssen@coppeak.org
 Darlene Petersen, *Director*
 dpetersen@coppeak.org

© COPP 2001
 Published by

Coalition of Pinnacle Peak, Inc.
 8912 E. Pinnacle Peak, PMB 275
 Scottsdale, AZ 85255
 602-230-5233
 COPPeak@coppeak.org
 www.COPPeak.org

The Election and The Runoff

Thanks to all of you who worked so hard to get out the vote and who supported our candidates – we succeeded. A hearty congratulations to Wayne Ecton who outpulled the field of six and to George Zraket and Bob Littlefield in their defeat of incumbent Robert Pettycrew and challenger John Rooney.

Unfortunately, neither George nor Bob received 50% or more of the votes so they will be going into a runoff election culminating on May 21. Both George Zraket and Bob Littlefield were endorsed by COPP and are fully qualified to be seated on the City Council, but only one can succeed to that position.

After giving it much thought, your Board of Directors recommends the

reelection of Councilman George Zraket. As the first candidate endorsed by COPP, George is a proven leader with four years of valuable experience in office who fights for the ideals that we believe in and support. His candidacy started the reform movement that will soon produce a new council majority whose values and actions will benefit all residents of Scottsdale, north, south and in between. George has been tested and tempered by nasty, unfair and vicious personal attacks during his first term. He has earned the right to be returned to office to complete the job he began four years ago.

None of this should be interpreted as a negative about Bob Littlefield. He conducted himself professionally during

(see "Election" on page 2)

April Calendar of Events

- April 6 Scenic Drive Clean-Up
 City of Scottsdale Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day and Electronics Recycling Day
- April 8 COPP Member Meeting – On the Agenda:
- Annual Meeting – Election of two Directors
 - City of Scottsdale Preservation Director Bob Cafarella and Carla, Executive Director of the McDowell Sonoran Land Trust on the Preserve Planning Process
 - Charles Henne, Project Manager, on the status of the Pima Road waterline
- April 18 Ballots for the May 21 Run-off election are available
- April 25 Neighborhood meeting on Preserve Planning, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
 Bellasera Community Center, 7350 Ponte Bella Drive

COPP's mission is to educate the public and hold government officials accountable to the public on any issue that poses a threat to neighborhoods, the environment, and fiscal responsibility.

The Preserve Needs Your Help

A message from Carla, Executive Director of the McDowell Sonoran Land Trust

Thanks to your support, 13,021 acres of State Trust Lands envisioned for the northern portion of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve have been reclassified as "suitable for conservation". That allows the City of Scottsdale up to eight years to acquire/permanently protect them.

The remaining 3,543 acres that were not reclassified now must go through a use planning process. While this may sound inconsistent with our preservation desires (and we ARE committed to saving all this land) it is actually an OPPORTUNITY!

Why?

- Under state law, the City of Scottsdale cannot show all of our envisioned Preserve lands as "open space" on our General Plan without the landowners permission – which the State Land Department isn't going to give on these acres. Or without rezoning the land to allow at least one home per acre.
- Nor can the City legally make any inappropriate moves to devalue the land.
- The City can, however, revisit its plans and determine if the current uses are still appropriate and consistent with their citizens' desires! The old plans for this land were done many years ago when Scottsdale's vision was to grow, grow, grow – therefore many of the uses planned in this area are intense.

We urge all of you to either attend one of the meetings (listed Below) to learn about and give input on the new plans, or contact the City planner coordinating this effort to submit written comments. It is important to

get the plans "right" before they go the to Planning Commission and City Council in the fall.

What comments will help the Preserve?

- Remove the old planned extension of Lone Mountain Parkway through the Preserve as well as another loop road, both planned east of Pima Road. This is consistent with not encouraging increased city infrastructure improvements in a rural neighborhood area.
- Encourage reduction of old development densities in the area to better reflect the citizens desire for a more open rural neighborhood.
- Reduce the intensity of the planned commercial development for the area.

PLEASE REMEMBER, that as much as we would like to have it all shown as open space that is not legal and that the State, by law, must be able to retain value for the land. Eventually (hopefully not soon!) this re-planned land will be sold at public auction. We must be vigilant in ensuring that our elected officials at that time are still committed to purchasing all of this land for the Preserve!

The meetings are:

- April 25 from 6:00 to 7:30pm at the Bellasera Community Center, 7350 PonteBella Drive.
- May 16 from 6:00 to 7:30pm at La Mirada Community Center, 8450 E. Pinnacle Peak Rd.

For additional information you can contact Senior Planner Teresa Huish at thuish@ci.scottsdale.az.us or 480-312-7829.

Election (continued from page 1)

the campaign and clearly staked out his position on issues important to the residents of Scottsdale. We applaud his personal calling to serve the community and we respect Bob for the time and energy that he has given to the cause of a better Scottsdale. It is regrettable that only one of the two can prevail in this election.

While the runoff will occupy the political scene for the ensuing weeks, it is important to emphasize that the voters soundly rejected the Scottsdale Chamber's self-serving vision of a more urbanized city with taller buildings, higher density, greater use of condemnation and looser zoning regulations. The candidates we endorsed clearly opposed this irresponsible vision by stressing the need to maintain a more resort-like environment, unobstructed mountain vistas and a low-density quality of life free from the burdens of urbanization with its attendant traffic congestion and other inherent problems.

With this shift and clear direction, the newly constituted Council will have the duty to govern with a firm but equitable hand to solve the problems that still remain and to plan intelligently and boldly for the future. Above all, it is our sincere hope that when these elections are over, the new City Council will act promptly and decisively to implement the progressive public policies embraced by the majority of voters in the interest of a better Scottsdale for all residents.

The Board of Directors

Important Election Information

The run-off election for the remaining seat on the Scottsdale City Council will be held on May 21. Early ballots will automatically be sent to anyone who requested one for the March election. If you did not request an early ballot for the March election, but would like one for the May run-off election, you can request an early ballot by calling 602-506-1511.

Whether by mail or in person, please be sure to vote.

Pima Road Safety Issues

On Wednesday, March 13, a standing-room-only crowd of Scottsdale citizens packed the La Mirada Desert Center to express their concerns over the series of deadly crashes on Pima Road and to urge the city to take immediate corrective action.

Chief among their concerns was the 55 mph speed limit which most in attendance felt was too fast. Many also felt that high speeds coupled with a lack of enforcement on Pima Road was a significant contributing factor to the severity of the accidents that occur there.

In addition to increased traffic enforcement and a reduction in the Pima Road speed limit, other solutions discussed at the meeting were to expedite completion of Pima Road Capital Improvement Projects. These Capital Improvement projects include a center two-way left turn lane from just north of Pinnacle Peak Road to Jomax, reconfiguring the intersection of Happy Valley and Pima Roads, construction of a northbound left turn lane at Dixileta, and northbound and southbound left turn lanes at Stagecoach Pass.

Additionally, a citizens group is being formed to work with the city to find ways to improve traffic safety on Pima Road. If any of our members are interested in serving on this task force, please contact Scottsdale Traffic Engineering Director Tully Clifford at 480-312-7072, or email him at tclifford@ci.scottsdale.az.us

Legend Trail Community Center directions:

North on Pima Road past Lone Mountain (1.5 miles)

To Legend Trail Parkway on right – then 1.5 miles on right to Community Center.

Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling Day

Household Hazardous Waste Day and Electronics Recycling Day are being held on Saturday, April 6, 2002 from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm, at the City's Corporation Yard, 9191 San Salvador Drive.

Participating in this is a good thing to do – for you and for our Community. The main reason to drop off your Hazardous Waste is for your own safety. Chemicals and other substances deteriorate over time. Not only do they not perform their tasks as well as they should, but they can become unstable and present a fire hazard. Additionally, these materials may put our firefighters and police at greater risk when they respond to emergencies at your home. Some substances may explode or emit toxins that can injure those who put their lives on the line in emergency situations. By keeping both household hazardous waste and electronics out of the landfills, we both extend their capacity, and more importantly we protect our environment.

Items of Household Hazardous Waste that will be accepted during the April 6 Waste Collection Day are: drain cleaners, detergents, bleaches, pool acids, chlorine, photo chemicals, paints and thinners, chemical fertilizers, antifreeze, motor oil, car batteries, insecticides and weed killers. The following items will not be accepted: explosives, ammunition, landscape waste, tires, commercial/industrial waste, radioactive material, large quantities of material (55 gallon drums, etc.) and material from commercial vehicles.

Electronic items that will be accepted are: computers and peripherals such as PC's, printers, keyboards, scanners, mice, monitors, circuit boards, hard and soft drives; office equipment and products such as telephones, cell phones, answering machines, pagers, typewriters, calculators; entertainment equipment such as VCR's, stereo equipment and cameras. The following electronic items will not be accepted: televisions, air conditioners, can openers, coffee pots, microwaves, stoves and ovens, refrigerators, washers and dryers, hot water heaters.

Please check around your home for hazardous materials and electronics that you no longer need, and take advantage of this opportunity to dispose of these materials properly.

Volunteers Needed For Scenic Drive Cleanup

On Saturday, April 6 volunteers are needed to help pick up litter along Scottsdale Road from Happy Valley Road to the Carefree Highway. If there are enough volunteers the effort will be extended to cover Pinnacle Peak Road and roads that intersect the Scenic Drive.

Volunteers should report at 8:00 a.m. at the Scenic Drive monument sign on the east side of Scottsdale Road just south of Jomax, or at the Scenic Drive entry sign on the west side of Scottsdale Road just south of Carefree Highway at the Terravita Marketplace. Volunteers will be assigned a cleanup area and given a safety vest, pickup stick and plastic trash bags. Gloves and long pants are recommended. Free coffee, donuts and water will be provided at both sign-in locations.

Following the clean-up, volunteers will gather at the Scenic Drive monument sign on Scottsdale Road south of Jomax to recognize and thank each other for their "collective" good work during the year and to dedicate a memorial to Don Schoenau, an ardent supporter of the Scenic Drive. Mayor Manross and members of the City Council have been invited to attend.



Coalition Of Pinnacle Peak, Inc.
 8912 East Pinnacle Peak Road, PMB 275
 Scottsdale, AZ 85255

First Class Presort
 U.S. Postage
 PAID
 Phoenix AZ
 Permit No. 995

Join COPP today! Your support will help COPP continue its mission as a volunteer organization serving the Northeast Valley. If you cannot join COPP right now, please consider making a donation.

COPP's mission is to educate the public and hold government officials accountable to the public on any issue that poses a threat to neighborhoods, the environment, and fiscal responsibility.

I support COPP's mission and would like to join COPP. Your membership and/or donation is greatly appreciated.

Annual Membership \$50 per household Donation of \$ _____ I would like to volunteer

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (_____) _____
 Work (_____) _____
 Fax (_____) _____
 E-mail _____

Alternate Address

Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (_____) _____
 Fax (_____) _____
 Start Date _____ End Date _____

In what neighborhood/HOA do you live? _____

In which city do you vote? _____

Comments/Suggestions _____

Office Use Only

04/02

Have a question? Call the COPP Hotline at: 602.230.5233 or E-mail us at: COPPeak@coppeak.org
 Make your check payable to COPP. Please return this form and your check to:
 COPP • 8912 East Pinnacle Peak Road, PMB 275 • Scottsdale, Arizona 85255-3649