

# Southview News

August 2006

## **Southview Homeowners Association Mid-Year Meeting**

The mid-year meeting will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2006 at 10AM.

9:30 AM – sign in  
Adult Center of Prescott  
335 Aubrey Street  
Prescott, AZ

Directions: Drive south of the courthouse square ½ mile on Montezuma Street to Aubrey. Turn left. The Adult Center is 2 ½ blocks east on the right.

Bring an entrée or dessert for the potluck lunch which follows the meeting.

## **Oktoberfest**

Friday, October 6, 2006 at 4:30PM

Host: Dale and Judie Stevenson  
1459 Creek Trail  
776-0037

Cost: \$10 per person  
More information to follow.

## **The President's Comments**

### **Governing Documents**

A copy of the amended and restated Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation were mailed to all homeowners, along

with a ballot and instructions. The Board recommends an affirmative vote for both of these documents. However you decide to vote it is important that you return your ballot in the postage paid envelope provided.

All changes can be viewed on marked up copies of each document which have been posted on the Southview web site (Southview-az.org). Subtenant changes are: (a) remove reference to the developer (Chamberlain) and replaced with Southview Trails, (b) update to comply with Arizona Revised Statutes, (c) requires a membership vote for all future changes to the Bylaws – Currently can be revised by the Board and (d) adds a liability clause to the Articles of Incorporation.

### **Vegetation Management Guide**

The City of Prescott has adopted the Prescott Fire Department Vegetation Management Plan (Fire Code, Section 603.2) as ordinance 4367. The Board has decided not to incorporate this plan into the Associations Rules and Regulations. A guide has been prepared and will be discussed at the mid-year meeting to address fire safety and property maintenance. This guide outlines the minimum reasonable requirements for vegetation management within Southview. However, it should be noted that this guide **does not** supersede the City's ordinance which would be used if a complaint is filed.

**From the Desk of Deb Cummins,  
Your Community Association  
Manager/HOAMCO**



**Hello Southview!**

My first two months as your new Community Association Manager have been both challenging and very exciting! As I've gotten more acquainted with your Board of Directors, I have found them to be a very dedicated and professional group of volunteers. Board meetings are well run, with all members participating in discussion and the decision-making process.

The key word here is *volunteer*. I'm not sure if everyone is aware of the many and varied responsibilities of this hard-working group (your Board). Some of their responsibilities include: the operation of your homeowners association, preparation of the annual budget (including monitoring of expenditures and income throughout the year,) procuring bids on projects (and seeing them through their successful completion), providing for the care, maintenance and replacement of common areas, overseeing the duties of the property manager (me!) and maintaining a volunteer base for all activities of the association.

Your Board dedicates many hours to the association, and the only real benefit is the end result – which is the beautiful and well-maintained community of Southview Trails.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at HOAMCO: 776-4479, Ext. 29 or by email: [debc@hoamco.com](mailto:debc@hoamco.com)

Hope to see you at the September meeting!

## **Board of Directors**

John Cuccinello, President.....777-8115  
Dale Funk, Vice President .....771-9542  
Shirley Pichoff, Secretary.....717-1481  
Billy Bond, Treasurer .....771-2545  
John LaMarr, Mbr-at-Large.....830-6162

## **Board of Directors Meetings**

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>: Meeting immediately after the HOA meeting at the Adult Center.

Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 14, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>: Meetings will be held at 2:00pm at the HOAMCO office.

## **Committees**

### **Southview Architectural Control**

Keith Norby, Chairperson.....778-9658

### **Landscaping/Common Area**

#### **Co-Chairs**

George Powers .....442-9492

Dale Stevenson .....776-0037

### **Communications**

Mary Richardson, Chairperson 442-1380

### **Neighborhood Watch**

Michael Allen .....717-9353

Geri Smith.....771-2109

Don Mills .....443-1365

**Please call the police concerning any suspicious activity at 445-3131 or emergency 911.**

### **HOAMCO Manager**

Deb Cummins ..776-4479 ext 29

### **Southview Website**

[www.southview-az.org](http://www.southview-az.org)

## Ladies' Activities

### **Ladies' Book Club**

Second Monday of the month  
at 2 PM. Contact Linda Coppola,  
541-1087.



Sept 12<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday): *Memoirs of a Gheisha*  
by Arthur Golden (Linda Coppola  
541-1087)

Oct 9<sup>th</sup>: *Moon Over Madalaine Island* by  
J. Gilbertson (Jean Johnson 442-3072)

### **Ladies' Coffees**

The last Thursday of each  
month at 2 PM. Contact  
Linda Roegge, 443-7567.



August 31<sup>st</sup>: Elizabeth Licht (717-0089)

September 28<sup>th</sup>: Pat Gebhardt  
(443-1548)

October 26<sup>th</sup>: Carolyn Good (776-9081)

November 30<sup>th</sup>: Marcia Mallicoat  
(442-3173)

### **Ladies' Luncheons**

First Wednesday of each month,  
11:30am. Contact Linda Roegge,  
443-7567.

September 6<sup>th</sup>: Prescott Country Club on  
Fain Rd.  
Irma Eberhardt 443-7644

October 4<sup>th</sup>: Hassaympa  
Margo Van Den Berg 717-1190

November 1<sup>st</sup>: Chi's  
Barbara Powers 442-9492

*Call hostess if you plan to attend!*

## **Bridge**

Third Wednesday of the month, 1:30 pm  
Susan Madsen 445-8840

## **Couples Bridge**

Charlotte Cotner 717-8822

## **Dominos (Mexican Train)**

Third Friday of the month, 2:00 pm  
Johanna Eierhoff 708-0350

## Mens' Activities

### **Mens' Breakfast**

First Monday of each month at 8am  
Pete's Restaurant on Iron Springs  
Bruce Gebhardt, 443-1548

### **Poker Group**

Nels Jansen, 445-0920

## **New Residents**

Jim & Mary Duncan  
3043 Pedregal Dr. Lot 51  
778-1423

Eric Wildung  
1612 Southview Lot 2  
443-9070

Don & Dee Yeager  
2978 La Questa Lot 89  
771-0876

*Welcome to Southview!*

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# The Daily Courier

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## Danger alert

*Piñon scale causing concern among Prescott-area residents*

By **JOANNA DODDER** The Daily Courier

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Prescott-area piñon tree owners seem to be having extra trouble this spring with a pesky little bug called the piñon needle scale.

Ed Berger, president of the Friends of Yavapai College Art that created and cares for the college's sculpture garden, was alarmed to find the scale on piñon trees there. They also infested trees in his neighborhood on the west side of town.

Luckily, his own trees as well as those in the sculpture garden have received treatment and are and improving, he said.

"Most of those trees (in the sculpture garden) were donated in memory of someone, so we want to take especially good care of them," Berger noted.

Les Stukenberg/Daily Courier Tiny black piñon needle scale bugs, above, that hatched last year now cover the needles of a tree at Yavapai College's sculpture garden in Prescott.

Eugene Twaronite, defensible space instructional specialist at the University of Arizona's Cooperative Extension Office in Yavapai County, said the office has received an unusual number of calls about the bug this spring. He's spotted it on trees in his yard in Chino Valley.

"It's a really widespread problem," Twaronite said. "It seems to be more of an issue for us this year than the bark beetle."

Prescott College student Dustin Hanna just finished surveying five local sites in search of the scale for his senior project.

Hanna found that 52 percent of the piñon trees on the Dalke property in Prescott have the insect, 49 percent at Walnut Creek, about 30 miles to the north, 33 percent at Mingus Mountain to the northeast, 17.9 percent at Lynx Lake to the east and 2.9 percent at Granite Basin to the west.

Hanna's mother, Lisa Floyd-Hanna, just happens to be a Prescott College professor who is an expert on the piñon-juniper woodlands.

She said that since moving to the Prescott area in 1983, a time when people coincidentally were up in arms about the bug, she has seen many fluctuations in piñon scale populations.

Neil Cobb, a Northern Arizona University entomologist who is an expert on the bug, agrees.

This is the time of the year that the bug is most noticeable because tree needles are starting to turn brown from last year's infestations, Cobb said.

"Prescott might be the biggest population in Arizona," Cobb said. He's not sure why, but points out that this is a hybrid transition zone for vegetation with two types of piñon and lots of granite, so that might have something to do with it.

The first noticeable sign of colonization is an overall thinning of the foliage that leaves only tufts of needles at the branch tips, to a University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Service publication.

While the scale generally doesn't kill piñon trees, it weakens them, Floyd-Hanna said. So, combined with the ongoing and higher-than-average temperatures, the piñons could get weak enough to die, she said.

And repeated scale colonization can kill small trees, the Cooperative Extension publication states. The scale also can predispose larger trees to colonization by other insects such as the piñon pine engravers.

However, it's relatively easy to get rid of the piñon scale right now, Floyd-Hanna noted.

The scales are in the egg stage, so piñon owners just need to find them, seal them in a container and throw them in the trash. Look for a large yellow egg mass in the needle litter at the base of the tree. They also might be on the underside large branches, in branch crotches or in cracks of rough bark.

After removing the egg masses, it's also a good idea to then spray the tree with a high-powered hose to get rid of any remaining eggs, the Cooperative Extension Office suggests.

"The trees get healthy really fast" when the bugs go away, Floyd-Hanna said.

Deep, infrequent irrigation with a soaker hose around the outside of the root system is the best way to water the trees during drought.

By late this month, the bugs will hatch and start feeding on sap. They become immobile, cover their bodies with wax turn black, then stay on the needles all winter until the cycle repeats itself.

To learn more about piñon needle scales, see the Web site of the Cooperative Extension Office in Yavapai County at <http://ag.arizona.edu/yavapai>. Click on "natural resources," then "forest health information."

Floyd-Hanna, Cobb and U.S. Forest Service officials also are keeping their eyes on the more deadly ips beetles that devastated piñon and ponderosa pine stands across the Southwest after a 2002 outbreak.

Dustin Hanna also checked for piñon ips infestations during his piñon scale survey, and found low amounts of the ips in comparison to other parts of the Southwest, Floyd-Hanna said.

At the five sites, the Dalke property had the worst ips infestation with 16.7 percent of the piñons infested, Floyd-Hanna said. One site had zero infestation.

The Los Alamos, N.M., area has ips infestation on about 90 percent of its piñon trees, Floyd-Hanna said. About 40 percent of the Mesa Verde National Park piñons are infested.

The Forest Service was catching beetles in its Arizona traps by early March, about a month earlier than usual, said John Anhold, forest health protection zone leader.

While lower-elevation pine really got hit in the early part of the century, the Forest Service has been noticing beetle mortality in pine, Douglas fir and spruce at higher elevations in Arizona the last few years, Anhold said.

If the ips beetle population is surging again, it probably won't be noticeable for another month or two months,

trees will start fading, Anhold and Cobb said.