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## **BROADMOOR-BROADWAY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**

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### **JUNE 2003**

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### **Association President's Message**

By **John Thomas**

**Hi!** After living in the neighborhood 23 years and raising my family here, I look forward to a new role as your association president. I can't say enough about the great work that was done by **Ann Pattison**, the outgoing president. Lucky for me, she will continue to provide advice and assistance. Also, we are all lucky to have **Bryce Carey** continuing as newsletter editor, **Gail Cordy** as secretary, **Rita Toland** as Treasurer, and **Tom Arnold** and **Chris Avery** as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents.

**If we were talking over the fence**, I'd share the following about me as your neighbor. My wife **Becky** and I met on a blind date while attending Washington State University, then we moved to Tucson in 1968 for further studies at the U of A. We never formally planned to stay in Tucson, it just worked out that way (sound familiar?). A career City of Tucson employee, I worked a long time in the Budget and Research Department and am now at Tucson Water. Becky has had a long career in social services, and is now clinical director at Providence. Our oldest daughter, **Carrie**, settled in the Bay Area several years ago after college, while our youngest daughter, **Jamie Michelle**, will soon be moving to Phoenix to live and work and determine her next steps after graduating from the U of A last month. (This "kid-flight is normal for Tucson, unfortunately.)

You may see Becky or me walking our basset hound in the neighborhood or in the arroyo. We've always had a pair of bassets, but are now down to just **Emily** (but Emily will not be a single basset for long, if Becky has her way). Becky so loves her flower garden that our water meter spins like crazy in the summer, which is only slightly embarrassing to me given my work with the Water Department

(you know **David Modeer's** water credo: conserve, conserve, conserve). My hobby is photography – love the digital technology - and I'm something of a car guy (after admiring two SAABs in the neighborhood – one on Croyden and one on Manchester - I just bought a - woo-hoo! - **SAAB 9-5**).

**We like Broadmoor/Broadway Village Neighborhood** for the same reasons you do – it's so close to work and schools, shopping, entertainment, and casual dining. (Who would have thought that Home Depot and Target would be so close - not to mention the dreaded KK store in front of El Con?) Our neighborhood is not pretentious, and people take pride in their homes. You can remodel or expand your casa and feel good about investing in this neighborhood. The arroyo brings nature to our front door, and just having streetlights makes us the envy of many other residents!

But the **greatest thing about our neighborhood** is the people who live here: YOU make this place special. You, and all of the other friendly, talented individuals that call the Broadmoor/Broadway Village neighborhood home, give this place energy and vitality. YOUR talents, and the talents of your neighbors, will help make this place an even better place to live. We on the Board will endeavor to give you plenty of opportunities to enjoy and participate in neighborhood activities in the coming year, and to use the particular talents that you bring to our community.

To start with, **please find a flyer in this newsletter** announcing details about the **4<sup>th</sup> of July parade**. This traditional event is SO COOL for the kids and the rest of us. **The Dames of Devon** have done a

fine job working out the details for this year's event.

Please call me at **327-7225**, or e-mail me at **jethomas2000@msn.com** if you want to discuss anything about the neighborhood or if you have ideas to share. Thanks. JT

**BBVNA Meetings for 2003:**

**July 4th** (Parade & Social –see flyer)  
September 17  
November 19

Except for an informal social after the 4th of July Parade, meetings are held on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM at Howenstine School (555 S. Tucson Blvd.). A notice will be distributed if there is a change.

**Our Arroyo Chico waterway**

– Gotta Love It –  
By John Thomas

Our Arroyo Chico is a jewel. Were it not for the hard work of some of our neighbors who “fought city hall,” it might have become a concrete, sterile eyesore, filled with graffiti and debris. Instead, it's a **respite from the concrete world**.

**I walk my dog, Emily, in the arroyo** every day, and usually don't see anyone from the neighborhood, but I do see and hear the most exotic things. First, the **cool air streams down** from the foothills and though the arroyos into the city. If you rode a bike in the evening through the arroyo at Stratford or Eastbourne, you would immediately notice the **temperature drop within the arroyo** – probably five degrees or more. When you walk in the arroyo, sometimes you feel cool gusts, like thermoclines when scuba diving. And for many hours during the day you can escape the sun as the arroyo is shaded by the tall **oleanders**.

I am not a birder, but the **bird life in the arroyo** is so intense and close up it can be enjoyed without binoculars and other birder stuff. The **grackles** roost in the oleanders during the evening and make such a commotion – even though you may not see them in the oleanders, their chatter is almost deafening. The **hawks** are silent, but they amaze and startle by their presence. **One or two hawks must have been nesting** there last year, as they would announce their dominion over this part of the arroyo by swooping

down in front of anyone walking through the arroyo, and “guiding” the party through the arroyo, always staying a few feet ahead and swooping to the next tree. Perhaps I saw the same hawk last week, only this time the hawk was carrying its **mouse dinner** while swooping ahead of me.

Last week I also ran into a **four-legged critter** that I didn't expect, early in the afternoon while walking Emily. **The coyote** was about 30 yards in front of us, walking nonchalantly down the center of the arroyo. Of course Emily barked like crazy, and started to run after it. But the coyote was not bothered, and simply continued to walk ahead of us, and look back from time to time. Emily and I exited the arroyo at the pedestrian bridge, as I didn't want to harass or frighten the coyote. **But isn't that cool that we have an occasional coyote right here in our arroyo?**

When I shared this story the next day with a couple out walking who lived on Malvern, the fellow said he saw a **PAIR of coyotes** hunting for lizards and mice in the oleanders. So this is a **word to the wise** for those who keep **outdoor cats, WATCH OUT!** The cat you save may be your own.

A few final thoughts: The **arroyo is CLEAN**. The city recently trimmed and scraped both Arroyo Chico as well as the smaller arroyo west of Stratford by the school grounds that empties into Arroyo Chico. There is usually little or no trash in the arroyo, and no evidence of homeless people staying there. The walking is not difficult, but use shoes, not sandals, as there are some sandy areas and rocky areas, and an occasional piece of worn glass in the sand.

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**Poppies to Poopies**

A Tale of Arroyo Chico

By Gail Cordy, Hydrologist



Did you see the bright red **Oriental poppies** that sprang up during April in the arroyo near Tucson Blvd? They were an unexpected treat to walkers in the area.

**We are fortunate to have a (mostly) natural waterway running through our neighborhood.** It is a source of recharge to our precious ground-water resources. It is a haven for **wildlife** and a corridor for

their movement through the city, and it provides **greenery and beauty** to the neighborhood.

Even if you didn't see the poppies, **you probably have noticed the poopies**. We have a significant problem with dog poop along Arroyo Chico. If you walk or jog along either side of Arroyo Chico or in the arroyo you are struck by the quantity of poop -- about every 5-10 feet there is a pile. Some say "Oh, those are from people outside our neighborhood walking their dogs." Maybe, but some of our own residents are also culprits. *There is a city ordinance that requires dog owners to clean up after their dogs.*

### **So why is dog poop along the arroyo a problem?**

First, it is a public health hazard because poop contains bacteria and pathogens (disease-causing microbes). Some of these microbes can persist for a long time in the poop. If it is not picked up by the dog's owner, poop accumulates along the arroyo. It then becomes included in the rainfall runoff that enters the arroyo during storms and contaminates sand and water that kids may play in downstream.

This runoff is a small part of the recharge that eventually reaches our drinking-water aquifer. I don't think any of us want to increase the potential for contamination of our ground-water resources.

Secondly, poop along the arroyo can cause a smelly hazard for walkers and joggers. If you, as a dog owner, wouldn't want to step in it, you can be sure no one else does either. And lastly, piles of poop along the paths outside the arroyo are unsightly. They send a message to visitors and motorists passing through that we don't care enough about our neighborhood to clean up after our dogs.

*Editor's note: John Thomas made the following excellent suggestion for poop relief:*

### **POOP, POOP, PADOOP** *(Or the bane of the walking class)*

**Why is it that totally kind and respectful people** sometimes have a **blind spot** when it comes to picking up their pet's **poop publicly deposited**? These pet owners would not think of tossing a soda can or candy wrapper on the ground, yet they don't show the same awareness when it comes to picking up their **pet's gifts** to the community.

What can you and I do to assist all of us in our community to gain this sensitivity? Here is a simple plan to make us all **responsible pet walkers (RPWs)** -- you know, an RPW is someone that takes a

**plastic bag** with them when they walk with their pet and they know how to use it. So, every time you go out for a walk, please take an **EXTRA plastic bag** with you. Then when you pass another pet walker, smile sweetly, and ask politely "**DO YOU NEED A PLASTIC BAG? I HAVE AN EXTRA.**" That's it! Ask every pet walker every time, "Do you need a plastic bag? I have an extra." If we all do this, we will become known as a **courteous neighborhood** that cares about keeping its walkways clean. **Pet walkers will start to show their colors**, not gang colors, but their plastic bags for all to see.

One final question, if a dog poops in the forest (or in an arroyo), but there is no one to see it but the dog's owner, is the dog poop real? HMMMM. I'd like to venture an opinion. **As a frequent visitor** to the arroyo, I firmly believe that **the poop is real**, and that **it does not decompose** within minutes, days, or weeks. Given that **poop is poop**, no matter if it lies in the arroyo, in the pathways on top by the oleanders and elsewhere in the neighborhood, can we not respect the need to **keep all of these places clean**? I think we can and it will **make our neighborhood a better place to live**. So remember the solution from above, "**DYNAPB, IHAE**"



**Do you have Acting Talent?**  
**This Scholarship may be for you.**  
The William T. Burgess Scholarship Fund at Live Theater Workshop (LTW) was established in February 2002. The scholarship is awarded based on merit. LTW classes are for ages 6 and up and are taught by theater professionals. Call 327-4242, or visit the theater at 5317 E. Speedway. to obtain additional information.

### **BBVNA Website:**

Check out our BBVNA website newsletter at [www.neighborhoodlink.com/tucson/bbvna](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/tucson/bbvna)

We'll update the site with news items or announcements of interest to the neighborhood as they occur. **Please DO feed the Editor** news, articles, or ideas for the newsletter. -Bryce Carey  
[rbcarey@dakotacom.net](mailto:rbcarey@dakotacom.net)

### **Dues Paid Roster for 2003:**

Annual dues of \$10 (\$25 for merchants) are collected and applied to the calendar year in which they are paid. Payment of dues is voluntary, but we greatly appreciate your support. If you would like to pay dues for 2003, you may pay at the next neighborhood meeting or you may write a check for \$10, payable to "BBVNA", and mail it to Rita Toland, 2818 E. Devon St.

#### **Arroyo Chico**

Jon & Yolanda Faber  
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Fernando & Gloria Boyed  
Mark Swanson & Pamela Hopkins  
Grace Orton  
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Joyce Gordon  
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