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Board News

Update

Thank you, Sunridge Estates neighbors, for your kind words of support and your help over the last seven months.

It's been a whirlwind of activity for our family, but we are all doing well. We won't be spending this winter in Oro Valley; instead, we'll enjoy the snow-covered pine trees of Long Island. We plan to return next winter to our warm, sunny home in Sunridge Estates.

Until then, I wanted to keep you informed on the health of your HOA. The Board will send an email in December/January to residents with the HOA's financials.

As always, please feel free to [contact me](#) with your suggestions or any matters you'd like to see addressed by the Board in our next meeting. -- Suzanne Kinkel, HOA President



A Short History of Oro Valley

We live in such a beautiful area and others have felt the same way for quite some time. Here are a few fun facts about Oro Valley.

The Oro Valley area was occupied on and off by the American Hohokam and Apache Tribes for over 2,000 years. The Hohokam were here as early as 450 A.D. and the Apache arrived much later, in the early 16th century.

Francisco Romero established a ranch in what is now Catalina State Park in 1869. He lived there intermittently until his death in 1905 and his family continued to use the ranch until 1930.

George Pusch, a German immigrant, and John Zellweger established a cattle ranch on Oracle Road around 1874; it became known as Steam Pump Ranch. They rigged up a steam pump that brought water up from the aquifer under the ranch and provided water to cattle prior to shipment to market. They charged 15 cents a head for each cow that was watered.

Gold was rumored to be in abundance in and around the Santa Catalina Mountains. The legend of the lost Iron Door Gold Mine brought many prospectors to the Canada Del Oro wash bed. No gold was ever found.

Property owners started subdividing property in the early 1930s. Lots in the Linda Vista Citrus Tracts were offered for sale from the late 1930s to 1960. The Oro Valley Country Club opened in the early 1950s.

In the late 1960s, Tucson mayor James Corbett expressed a great interest in expanding the Tucson city limits to include the Oro Valley area. Shortly after that, efforts began to incorporate Oro Valley but the Pima County Board of Supervisors refused to allow it. Litigation followed and the Arizona Supreme Court ruled in favor of incorporation.

In 1974, Oro Valley was incorporated. At that time, it was 2.4 square miles and had 1,200 residents.

The town experienced growth and in 1990, the population was 6,670. By the year 2000, the population grew to nearly 30,000 residents and for a while, was the fastest growing municipality in Arizona.

Many high-tech firms opened offices in the Innovation Park starting in the late 2000 decade, including Ventana Medical Systems (now Roche Diagnostics), Sanofi-Aventis, and the 220,000 sq. ft. Oro Valley Hospital. Honeywell Aerospace located on Oracle Road is actually in unincorporated Pima County but is totally surrounded by

Oro Valley.

Oro Valley now encompasses an area of 36 square miles and has a population of nearly 50,000 people.

Oro Valley is still growing, both in population and in land area. To see a map showing the growth of Oro Valley over the years, [click here](#). -- Written by Michael Theis



IBE: Making A Difference in the Lives of Arizona Children

Consider Helping Needy Students This Holiday Season

'Tis the season to be thankful for our many blessings. Good health, a happy home, loving family, caring friends, and amazing neighbors. Fortunately, we live in a safe, beautiful community in Oro Valley but many families in our surrounding communities are not as lucky.

Sadly, one out of three families in southern Arizona are struggling financially. After recognizing the number of basic needs and educational resources that were missing in these underserved communities, the Institute for Better Education (IBE) Foundation was formed.

Our mission is to support and/or enhance education in Arizona, focusing on families with hardships. Our hope is to make a significant difference in a child's life by providing funding for important essentials such as shoes, a proper backpack, school supplies, and tutoring, (to name a few) so all children have the educational resources they need to thrive.

As a resident and board member of Sunridge Estates, I am honored to serve as IBE's new Director of Community Outreach. We launched the IBE Foundation Building Bridges to Educational Success Funding Campaign in August and hope you will consider supporting our wonderful cause!

Donors, both individuals and businesses, can recommend a school they would like to benefit the most by making their tax-deductible, RMD, and/or qualified charitable distribution (QCD) contributions at ibefoundation.org or call 520.200.7275 for assistance.

In addition to contributing to the Foundation, donors can participate in IBE's Student Tax Credit Program. Qualifying corporations and insurance companies will receive a dollar-for-dollar AZ tax credit and may also be eligible for a federal tax deduction.

Individual donors will receive the same tax credit and have the option of recommending an Arizona K-12 private school and specific child or IBE's general fund, where scholarships are awarded to lower income students.

To help a child reach their highest potential, please visit the [IBE website](#) or feel free to contact me directly at 520.200.1835 for more information. -- Written by Shari Colson



Shrimp Dip

1 8 oz. pkg. Cream cheese package
1 TB + 1 tsp Milk
1 tsp Lemon juice
2+ shakes Worcestershire sauce
1+ tsp Onion flakes
¼ - ½ pound Small shrimp

Reserve some of the shrimp for garnish on top of the dip. Chop up remaining shrimp for dip. Add all ingredients, except shrimp, into a bowl and mix well (a mixmaster works best). Once mixed, add in shrimp pieces and mix in

by hand. Put into small bowl and top with un-chopped shrimp. -- Submitted by Michael Theis



Upcoming Events

Free shred event: The Town of Oro Valley will once again hold a free document shredding event for Oro Valley residents on Saturday, Nov. 18. The event will be held at the Oro Valley Marketplace (12155 N. Oracle Road) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or until trucks are full.

Residents can bring up to eight medium-sized boxes that will be shredded on-site. Shredding confidential documents helps prevent identity theft. -- Submitted by [Jessica Hynd](#), Constituent Services Coordinator

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