



Newsletter

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- First Annual Membership Meeting
- Palo Parado Rd. Update
- Santa Gertrudis Lane Update
- Santa Gertrudis Lane Legal Fund
- Volunteers Needed

1st Annual Membership Meeting

Date: January 21, 2009

Time: 6:00—8:00 PM

Place: Tubac Fire Station No.2
West Frontage Rd. (Peck Canyon Exit)
Rio Rico

ALL members are strongly encouraged to attend. This meeting is open to all residents, businesses, and anyone that has an interest in Northeast Rio Rico. Come hear the latest news on the crossings.

~ PALO PARADO ROAD UPDATE ~ IT IS NOT A DONE DEAL!

We all want Palo Parado Road to move forward and are interested in any information about the progress of work on the interim crossing. But, we have been receiving conflicting information about the proposed scope of the work and changes to the interim site. It appears that information about the project is increasingly hard to come by now.

A Public Works Department staff member stated that the Public Works Director attended a meeting at Palo Parado Road site this week with some of the parties involved in making this project work. The Public Works Director said that there was no new information regarding the project and that it is moving forward.

However, when questioned on Wednesday, Supervisor Maynard said that the cost of the road improvement work has gone from about \$30,000 to about \$150,000 now, and the developer, Santa Cruz River Access, LLC who agreed to complete the interim crossing work is concerned about the increased cost of the upgrade work. In addition, Supervisor Maynard indicated that the interim crossing might develop into the permanent location for the crossing.

We hope that any of these proposed changes to the upgrade crossing work will not effect the commitment of Avatar who has granted the temporary easement to the County for the interim crossing. Also, a representative of Santa Cruz River Access, LLC has expressed some concern over the change in the proposed work and increased cost from the original agreement.

The Coalition has tried to verify the information with the Public Works Director, but he was not available to meet or talk about the change in the project. E-mails have been forwarded to him and we are waiting for a response.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

*From the Baca Float Coalition, LLC &
Board of Directors*

**~~ FOR SAFETY AND ROADWAY STABILITY ~~
PLEASE SLOW DOWN ON PALO PARADO**



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The BACA FLOAT COALITION, LLC is committed to keeping the crossings over the Santa Cruz River, which provide access to Northeast Rio Rico, open and available to the residents and businesses that depend on them.

The larger our membership, the greater our influence on the county, and the more representative we are of those we serve. It is essential that we expand our membership to as many of our residents as possible. You are invited to join the Baca Float Coalition, LLC and lend your voice to our efforts.

S A N T A G E R T R U D I S L A N E

Back in the Fall, the Santa Gertrudis Lane (SGL) gate was torn down by vandals. It was later repaired and a camera was installed by a resident on the Lane.

Of course there have been rumors, lots and lots of rumors. Who did it? Was the Union Pacific called? Was the Santa Cruz County Sheriff called? The FBI?

A rumor dispelled, the FBI case worker for Santa Cruz County had a good laugh when asked if the gate vandals at S.G.L. had been arrested. Not only is it not true, but a complaint has not been filed. If a complaint were filed, the FBI has bigger fish to fry.

LEGAL FUND UPDATE

The Santa Gertrudis Lane Legal Fund has begun receiving donations from members, residents, businesses, and concerned citizens. Access to the Lane will be resolved through the civil court process. The funds being raised allow our legal representatives to bring this issue to a final conclusion and open the gate once and for all.

Good News! The Legal fund has raised \$7,000 in less than one month since it was established. We are very close to filing an injunction to open the crossing.

To make a donation to the Legal Fund, send your checks to the Baca Float Coalition, LLC, note "Santa Gertrudis Lane Legal Fund" on the check. You do not have to be a member to support this initiative.

A LITTLE RIO RICO HISTORY

In 1914 the Baca Float No. 3, a land grant from the United States government, was recognized by the courts. The northeast part of Rio Rico is in the Baca Float No.3. Hence the name of the Coalition.

April 12, 1935, T. T. Pendleton, the former owner of the Float, gave an easement in perpetuity to "its grantees, ... executors, administrators and assigns, to pass over the above described land or any thereof between the Tucson-Nogales Highway and other portions of said Baca Float No.3 by way of the road now existing and running easterly and westerly...."; Santa Gertrudis Lane.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.
~Unknown~

The Baca Float Coalition, LLC needs your help now more than ever. There are many volunteer opportunities available within the Coalition.

Many attributes, skills and interests are required to make the Coalition a success. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Coalition at bacafloatcoalition@yahoo.com.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE ADDITIONAL TRAVEL COST IS FOR THE AVERAGE RIO RICO RESIDENT WITH SANTA GERTRUDIS LANE CLOSED?

AT 58.5 CENTS PER MILE, AND 2 TRIPS PER DAY, 5 DAYS A WEEK, THE AVERAGE COST IS \$128.70 OR

\$514.80 PER MONTH.

ISN'T THERE SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT TO DO WITH THAT MONEY?

We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate.
~Thomas Jefferson~