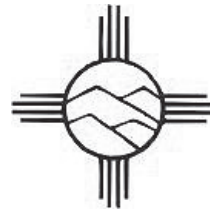


Tierra Grande Tales 'n' Trails

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Substation Work Proceeding; No Power During Transition

The Socorro Electric Cooperative - Burris Substation Project is moving forward with a projected completion date of January 3, 2009.

When the project is near completion, there will be a time when Tierra Grande will be without power as Socorro Electric Cooperative transitions Tierra Grande service to the new substation.

Socorro Electric Cooperative officials have promised to inform Tierra Grande and its residents when the changeover is going to happen.

The result of completing this project will be improved electric power to Tierra Grande.

County Commission Will Blade Roads

The Valencia County Commission has instructed the Valencia County Road Department to no longer blade roads upon request.

County roads will be bladed in a systematic manner from one area to the next. That means that county roads in Tierra Grande will be bladed every five to six weeks, even roads that are not in need of repair will be bladed.

School bus routes may be the exception to the every five to six week rule.

If Tierra Grande owners have issues regarding this change in policy please contact your county commissioner as it was the Valencia County Commission's decision to mandate this change.

Tierra Grande Building Permit Issued in October 2008

A building permit was issued in October for construction of a new home on Mora Drive.

Fire Substation To Be Reactivated

The Tierra Grande fire substation will be reactivated and staffed. The substation is located on the westside of Highway 47 just north of the Tierra Grande boundary.

Implementation of this was discussed at the semi-annual Neighborhood Watch meeting on Saturday, October 18, 2008, which approximately 40 residents attended.

Rio Grande Estates Fire Chief L. E. Ruben has requested that people volunteer not only as firefighters, but also as members of emergency medical teams to assist wherever needed.

Twelve hours a month of volunteer service is all that is required for people who want to be volunteers.

Extensive training in fire fighting and emergency medical assistance is provided. All equipment is also provided free of charge.

Tierra Grande landowners who volunteer can choose to serve a majority of their volunteer time at the Tierra Grande substation.

Once a month attendance at a mandatory supervisory / training meeting at the Rio Grande Fire House, 108 Rio Communities Blvd., Rio Communities, is required. This meeting time counts toward the number of volunteer hours served each month.

Everyone is encouraged to serve as a volunteer, especially females.

To find out more about becoming a volunteer firefighter and/or emergency medical team member contact the people at the Rio Grande Estates Fire Department at 505 864-6161.

Use Your Car Keys As Protection

If you put your car keys beside your bed at night then if you hear a noise outside your home or hear someone trying to get into your house, you can press the panic button for your car alarm.

The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

A Neighborhood Watch coordinator has offered this tip saying that the next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, you should think of those keys as a security alarm system that you already have which requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down

TGIA 2009 Holidays

The TGIA Administrative Office will be closed the following holidays in 2009:

January 1 - New Year's Day February 16 - Presidents Day

May 25 - Memorial Day July 3 - Independence Day

September 7 - Labor Day October 12 - Columbus Day

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 26 & 27 - Thanksgiving

December 24 at 12:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve

December 25 - Christmas Day

December 31 at 12:00 p.m. - New Year's Eve

TGIA 2009 Board Meetings Scheduled

The Tierra Grande Improvement Association Board of Directors generally holds its meetings the fourth Wednesday of every month at 4:00 p.m. at the TGIA Administrative Office, 480 Rio Communities Blvd., Suite H, Belen, NM.

All meetings are open. If you plan on attending it would be helpful if you call ahead (505-864-2345) so seating can be arranged.

Tentative meeting dates for 2009:

January 28 February 25 March 25

April 22 May 27 June 24

July 22 August 26 September 23

October 28 November 18 December 9

Note: July 18 (Annual Meeting)

or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain.

This inexpensive alarm system works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar and/or rapist won't stick around.

After a few seconds the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is hanging around.

The criminal won't want to be seen or noticed so he will be on his way.

This alarm system can also be used while walking to your car in a parking lot.

An unusual way to also use this inexpensive alarm system is outside. You or a spouse can take your keys when on your property away from the house.

If there's a fall or something else happens then the car alarm can be activated notifying whoever is still in the house that there is a problem. This might be particularly effective in Tierra Grande.

Annual Assessment Payment Due Dec. 31

The annual assessment statements were mailed out October 8, 2008, with payment due by December 31, 2008.

Payments received after that date will begin to accrue interest at a rate of 8%.

If you have not received a statement please contact our office at 505 864-2345 or via e-mail at info@TierraGrande.org.

It is important to keep in mind that as stated in Section 4.04 of the Indentures Tierra Grande Improvement Association has the authority to place a lien or begin foreclosure proceedings on any lot for which payment has not been made by January 1 of each following year.

Such owner shall be responsible for the annual assessment as well as the cost of proceedings, including attorney fees and interest.

Payments should be mailed to PO Box 1388, Belen, NM 87002-1388.

Open Space Committee Appointed

The following people were appointed to the Open Space Committee at an October meeting.

Foothills residents: Ernest Nagy, John Fredericks, Jodie Gardner and Edith Schulz

Non foothills residents: Dan Webb and Lawrence Sanchez

Non-residents to be appointed are Pete Armstrong and Mary Ellen Campbell.

Committee alternates are expected to be Michael Delbecq and Jon Clemons.

Committee members are expected to appoint a chairman and vice chairman who will then report back to the TGIA Board.

TGIA Board President Judi Magnussen presided over the meeting where the committee members were appointed. Also present at the meeting were TGIA Board members George Koch and Tim Lardner.

History of Open Space Given

During the opening of the meeting, Mr. Koch gave a comprehensive history of the open space. He pointed out that until 2006 Horizon Corporation held the reversionary rights to the open space. In 2006 TGIA was able to purchase full title to the open space thanks to funds acquired through a land/mineral trade with the BNSF Railroad.

Beware of Land Scams

A reminder that if you are contacted by someone who offers to sell your land for an extraordinary amount of money it is probably a scam.

Be especially careful if they ask you for money up front or your credit card information. No legitimate land sale company will do that.

Tierra Grande has recently received complaints from landowners regarding a company by the name of Liberty Land Service.

Please be careful.

If you have the specific name of a company that you feel may not be legitimate, please let Sue Moran at the TGIA office know. She will check it out.

Contact the office at 505 864-2345 or via e-mail at info@TierraGrande.org.

Currently there are no funds available for doing anything with the open space, pointed out Mr. Koch.

Mr. Lardner reviewed the mission statement and the job description of the Open Space Committee.

Size of the Committee

Discussion ensued about the the size and make up of the committee. A consensus was reached that the committee should consist of nine Tierra Grande land owners.

The make-up of the committee should be consist of the four residents of the foothills, three residents who do not live in the foothills of TGIA, two non-resident land owners and alternates.

Each member present was given the opportunity to introduce themselves and to provide a brief statement about their view of what the open space means to them.

Following the introductions, the committee members were appointed

During the meeting Mr. Koch noted that TGIA has surveyed and staked the open space access easements. He suggested the committee begin by reviewing those access easements to find out which ones are developable.

Elections in Socorro and Valencia County

The November election included several local offices in Socorro and Valencia counties.

The new Socorro County Clerk will be Rebecca Vega. Sally Perea was elected Valencia County Clerk after being appointed to that position in early 2007.

Dorothy Otero Lovato will be the new Valencia County treasurer. Socorro County treasurer is Genevive Baca.

Re-elected County Commissioner in Valencia County was Ron Gentry who represents Rio Communities and Tierra Grande.

TGIA Website Will Include Board Minutes

Beginning Jan. 15, 2009 TGIA's website, www.tierragrande.org, will be updated to include a link to a synopsis of the previous month's TGIA Board of Directors meeting minutes as well as a link to the upcoming Board meeting agenda.

Please take a few moments to review the "Updates" page on a regular basis to keep up-to-date with what is going on in Tierra Grande.

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Tierra Grande resident

Term expires 2009

Executive V.P. & Treasurer

Carol Gasperetti

Tierra Grande resident

Term expires 2011

Secretary — George Koch

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Term Expires 2013

Tim Lardner

Rio Communities Resident/Business Owner

Term expires 2010

Michael Sumner

Valencia County banker

Term expires 2012

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