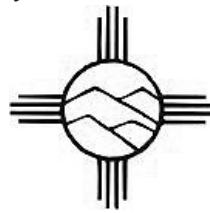


Tierra Grande Tales 'n' Trails

June 2009



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Time for the Census

Whether you live in Tierra Grande or somewhere else, you will be participating in the 2010 Census. People in Tierra Grande are already reporting census workers in the area. Here's some quick facts about the U.S. Census.

- The census is a count of everyone living in the United States every 10 years.
- The census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution.
- Participation in the census is required by law.
- It takes less than 10 minutes to complete.
- Federal law protects the personal information you share during the census.

Thanks to Special Tierra Grande People

Time for a special thank you for Tierra Grande residents and lot owners who help to keep our community beautiful and safe by their voluntary service —

Volunteer Fire Fighters: Ed Butler and John Fredericks.

Training as First Responder Paramedics: Ed and Donna Butler.

Open Space Committee Members: Pete Armstrong, Mari-el Campbell, Jon Clemons, Michael Delbecq, John Fredericks, Jodie Gardner, Beverly Hamby, Ernest Nagy, Lawrence Sanchez, Edith Schulz, and Dan Webb.

Neighborhood Watch Captains: John Best, Roger Martin, Lori Nolan, Richard Rast and Jim Shaw.

Taking the time to keep our community beautiful: Melody Brooks, Al and Mary Cate, Barbara Garcia, Armand and Carol Gasperetti, Allen Hancock, Judi Magnusson, Roger and Virginia Martin, Art and Irma Montez, Rick and Carol Palmer, Mike Scott, Louie and Annie Stynen and Mike Wooley.

Architectural Control Committee: Judi Magnusson and Jim Shaw

If I have forgotten anyone I apologize. Thank you for getting involved and keeping our neighborhood a wonderful place to live.

Sue Moran, Administrator

Two Candidates for Board

There are two candidates for the seat on the TGIA Board of Directors this year. The term is five years.

The candidates are Judi Magnusson and Jim Shaw. Biographies of both are on page 2.

Be sure you send in your ballot in time for it to be counted at the July 11 annual meeting.

Ballot on Pages 3 and 4

Your ballot for the Board of Directors election is on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter.

To vote please mark your choice on the page, sign in the appropriate spots, fold the page, put tape around it so it is sealed (no staples please). Then place it in the mail. You pay no postage. Postage is free.

If you are going to attend the annual meeting in person, you may carry the ballot and cast it at the start of the meeting. If there is a chance you will not attend, please sign the ballot and proxy and return it.

The proxy can be found with the ballot. Be sure to sign this so your vote can be counted.

Do not mail payments with your ballot.

Protect Your Electronics/Appliances

Surge suppressors can protect your electronics and appliances whether the Socorro Electric Cooperative or another company provides your electricity.

Electrical outages can be caused by a variety of factors including high winds and lightning so having surge suppressors is good for your home.

Investigate the many types of suppressors and choose those that best protect your electronics and appliances in your home or business.

TGIA Annual Meeting July 11, 2009 — Save the Date

11 AM - 1 PM Tierra del Sol Golf Club



Manzano Room

1000 Golf Course Road

Belen

Tierra del Sol Phone 864-1000

See Map Page 2 For Directions

TGIA Board Candidate Judi Magnussen

Judi Magnussen is running for re-election to the TGIA Board of Directors to fill a five-year term.

She has been an office manager in the oil lease, trucking, travel, realty and mortgage industry as well as manager in her husband's home construction and well-drilling/pump business located in the Jemez Mountains and now in Tierra Grande.

Judi has served in the position of vice-president/treasurer and president of the TGIA board, managed the TGIA Architectural Control Committee and co-interviewed applicants and then processed the employment of current TGIA administrator Sue Moran.

She created, narrated and produced a 37-minute DVD demonstrating TGIA's membership advantages and then oversaw the duplication of 3500 DVDs to be distributed to the membership.

Judi and her husband Don have constructed and occupied two residences in Tierra Grande in the past 20 years. She loves living in Tierra Grande and serving on the Board of Directors.

Make or update a home inventory.

Go through your house with a video camera and describe what you see, along with pertinent information about your most valuable assets (purchase dates, prices, estimated values). Make an extra copy or two of the tape. Keep one for yourself, put one in a safety deposit box, or send one to a friend or relative (preferably in another town) for safe keeping. Should you experience a fire or other disaster, your home inventory can be vital for getting insurance claims approved.

A Very Simple Map to Tierra del Sol Golf Club



TGIA Board Candidate Jim Shaw

Jim Shaw is running for election to the TGIA Board of Directors to fill a five-year term.

He has been active in the community, not just in Tierra Grande, but Valencia County and Belen as well.

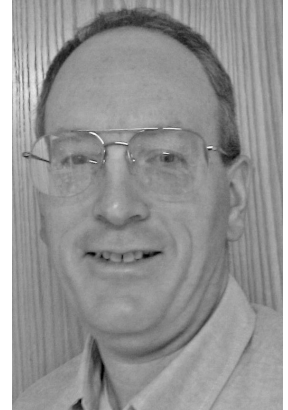
Jim has experience on a Zoning Hearing Board and is currently serving on the TGIA Architectural Control Committee and the Valencia County Animal Control Advisory Board.

He has worked extensively with the Socorro Electric Cooperative on improving the reliability of electrical service to Tierra Grande through the installation of lightning and vibration arrestors to isolate outages.

Jim and his wife are raising their children in Tierra Grande where they have been residents for the past five years. Jim said he "cannot think of a better place to reside."

"I am eager to work with the Wilderness Area Committee," said Jim, "to promote prudent usage and accessibility so that Tierra Grande residents can enjoy the wonderful gift that we have."

Jim says, "It is my belief that a logical, common sense approach to TGIA development and future decision making is the key to the success of Tierra Grande."



Jim Shaw

www.tierragrande.org **Great Information!**

Notice of Annual Meeting of the Membership of Tierra Grande Improvement Association Inc.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Bylaws of Tierra Grande Improvement Association, that the annual meeting of the membership will be held at the
Tierra del Sol Golf Club

1000 Golf Course Road, Belen, New Mexico 87002

11:00 AM -1:00 PM on Saturday, July 11, 2009

Dear TGIA Members:

The following business will be transacted:

1. Closure of Balloting
2. Board President will address members
3. Treasurer's report
4. Election Results
5. Transaction of other business as may properly come before this meeting.

Please execute the Proxy and mail it to the Secretary of the Association as per the instructions on page 3.

And remember, lunch will be served!

Sue Moran, Administrator

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Mail your ballot and comments by removing this entire page from the newsletter, then fold and seal accordingly.

TGIA Annual Meeting Ballot

Fill out the ballot on the other side and fold on the dotted line so the Tierra Grande return address is out, seal (no staples) and mail it. Postage is free.

Calls From Rio Communities Landowners Association?

Some Tierra Grande landowners have reported paying fees to an organization called the Rio Communities Landowners Association (RCLA) which operates from a post office box in Port Orange, Florida.

The RCLA encourages absentee landowners to join

at \$50 a year. Several other "services" are offered, at a cost on their website! The RCLA requests a land owner's unit/section, block and lot/tract when ordering additional documents.

TGIA Administrator, Sue Moran, points out that Tierra Grande lot owners are only obligated to pay their yearly assessments to Tierra Grande and their property taxes to the County Treasurer to enable their title to remain in good standing. Other agencies requesting membership will not be representing the interests of Tierra Grande lot owners.

TGIA Board

President — Judi Magnussen Tierra Grande resident Term expires 2009	Secretary — George Koch Valencia County Realtor™ & Appraiser Term Expires 2013
Executive V.P. & Treasurer Carol Gasperetti Tierra Grande resident Term expires 2011	Michael Sumner Valencia County banker Term expires 2012
Tim Lardner Rio Communities Resident/Business Owner Term expires 2010	

TGIA **Staff**

Administrator — Sue Moran
Assistant Administrator — Janie Earthman
Newsletter Editor — Sandy Schauer

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP TO BE HELD
SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2009, AT 11:00 a.m.
TIERRA DEL SOL GOLF CLUB BELEN, NEW MEXICO 87002
PROXY**

The undersigned hereby appoint (s) George Hobbes, Carol Gasperetti and Jamie Earthman, each of them, as proxy agents with full power of substitution and with discretionary authority, to vote the number of votes to which I (we) am (are) entitled to vote at the annual membership meeting of TGIA to be held at the time and place set forth above, and at any adjournment thereof, as fully and with the same effect as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, and to vote upon the election of directors, the propositions listed on the Ballot, and any other matter which may properly come before the meeting, subject to any direction indicated on the Ballot.

THIS PROXY REVOKES ALL PROXIES PREVIOUSLY GRANTED BY ME FOR ANY PURPOSE. I UNDERSTAND THAT UNLESS I GIVE OTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS PROXY, THE PROXY AGENTS INTEND TO VOTE THE LOTS OR LIVING UNITS REPRESENTED BY THIS PROXY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTORS FOR THE MATTERS LISTED ON THE BALLOT.

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Signature (s) of Member (s)

Date: _____, 2009

BALLOT

Please sign and return ballot so that it is received by July 10, 2009. To return ballot, fold on the dotted line to the left. Fold ballot in half so this side is inside and seal with tape. Do not use staples.

You may also cast your ballot just before the start of the July 11, 2009 meeting. There is one vacancy to be filled for a five-year term on TGIA's Board of Directors.

- FOR: JUDI MAGNUSSEN
- FOR: JIM SHAW
- FOR: _____
(Print name of write-in candidate, if desired)

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If the proxy is executed but no direction is given as to how this ballot shall be voted, the proxy confers discretionary authority to the named proxy agents to vote as to all matters which come before said meeting of the membership including those listed on this Ballot. Ballots must be received by July 10, 2009.

SIGNATURE (S) OF MEMBER (S): _____
DATE: _____
DATE: _____

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**Questions Solicited for
July 11, 2009 Annual Meeting**

The TGIA Board of Directors wants to answer questions you may have regarding Tierra Grande. Please provide a brief description of your question on this form and return it with your ballot. You may fold over this page and then seal the ballot.

The board will respond to questions at the July 11, 2009, annual meeting. If you are not able to attend the meeting then you may find the responses in the September 2009 Trails 'n' Trails newsletter.

Your Ballot Is Below

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