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I would like to thank all of you who were able to attend our annual meeting last month. I feel that it was very important for us to hear what PHUC President Tony Schaefer had to say. It is apparent that big changes are being contemplated for PHUC, both locally and in Santa Fe.

Unfortunately, I don't have the space to properly thank outgoing Board members Franklin McKay, Anna Leuenberger, Kaye Frye, Rose Marie Levasseur, and the Coryells: Carole and Bruce. Rest assured, I will do so in a future newsletter (or maybe online). Every resident ought to appreciate their contribution to our organization and community. Paul Gradwohl has also announced his plans to step down as our utility advisor, but not until the current round of pleadings before the NMPRC are over. (Luckily for us, judging by the way things are proceeding up north, his job may not be completed until well into the next decade). You may recall that we presented him a plaque in 2008 for his efforts.

We also ring in the new: Judith Miller and Henry Broekhoff have kindly consented to join our Board of Directors, and we welcome and congratulate them. If you do the arithmetic, however, you'll discover that two people coming onto the board while five depart leaves three vacancies (the Coryells count as one). I appeal to every civic-minded member of our Association to consider becoming a Director and contributing to the improvement of our community. Since the Annual meeting is over, you don't even have to be elected. We can appoint you. Think it over.

In regards to the ongoing problem with open-air burning, after much complaining, we seem to be getting a response from our enforcement officials. Representatives of both the New Mexico Environment Department and the Dona Ana Fire Marshal have been out to the Las Casitas area on an inspection tour. If you spot any open air burning, I urge you to call the Fire Marshal's dispatch number – 526-0795 – and report it. There is strength in numbers, so everyone who sees it should call. Moreover, the seat of our County Commissioner is up for re-election this year. This should be made a campaign issue. Remember, you have nothing to save but your breath.

Dave

2010 PHPOA DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE

Every PHPOA member will receive with this newsletter an updated Picacho Hills directory. (If you didn't, call Larry Goforth at 527-1707). Not a member yet? Why not join us! The directory is just one of many benefits. To join, go to www.picachohills.org/join.html.



Picacho Hills Property Owners Association
SPRING CLEANUP
In Conjunction with the City Of Las Cruces & the Great American Cleanup

Come join your neighbors at Picacho Hills' semi-annual Clean-up

Saturday, April 24th • 8:00 to 11:00 AM

Wake up with fresh-brewed coffee at the McKay's - 1380 Via Norte.
We provide trash bags, work gloves, and, if at all possible, your preferred route. A good cause worthy of setting the alarm!

Questions? Contact John Kutney at 525-8470 or john.kutney@comcast.net

A dumpster will again be located on Via Norte at Vista Hermosa. Please: no toxic materials or batteries!

*** Good Neighbors Create Good Neighborhoods ***



*Keep your calendar open for our third annual
Picacho Hills Art in the Garden tour!*

Saturday, September 19th • 11 - 4

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