

Dove Mountain Civic Group

October 2021 Update

Easy Ways to Conserve Water!

By Gary Kvasnica

Dove Mountain Civic Group Executive Committee

Arizona is facing a water crisis. We have less and less water with more and more people moving to our State. Lake Mead, which feeds the Colorado River, one of our main sources of water, is at historically low levels. For the first time ever, cuts to our Colorado River allotment are expected by next year. Rather than rely on government, farmers and developers to solely come up with answers, we too can be part of the solution.

Below are just a few simple things we can do that will collectively save millions of gallons of water on just Dove Mountain.



- For us transplants to Arizona from the Midwest, where water is plentiful, we need to change our old habits. Use a broom to clean your driveway and a bucket of water to wash your car. You typically waste 150 gallons of water to wash a driveway.
- Replace Citrus Trees with native plants. A typical orange tree uses 1000 gallons per year. Assuming 2 trees per home and 5000 homes on Dove Mountain, that comes out to 10 million gallons of water per year.
- Install a Hot Water Recirculating Pump. How long does it take to get hot water to your kitchen faucet or shower? It used to take 2-3 minutes for my house. At 2.5 gallons per minute that is a lot of wasted water. A Hot Water Recirculation Pump can be purchased at a local hardware store or on-line, is fairly easy to install and costs under \$200. For that price you will have the added convenience of near instantaneous warm water, energy savings and significantly reduced water usage.
- Replace your toilets and faucets with water efficient models. A



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standard toilet uses 27,300 gallons of water per year. That's a lot of water that literally go down the s---er. By comparison a Low Flow 1.6 gallon per flush toilet uses 12,500 gallons. That is a reduction of 14,800 gallons per year just for one toilet. Per Best Reviews, the number 1 rated Low Flow Toilet, that only uses 1.1 gallon per flush costs around \$150.

The above are just a few examples of simple things that we can do that will help save our precious water. Let's get started before it is too late.



THE HIGHLANDS AT DOVE MOUNTAIN

The Highlands Arts & Crafts Market

Tuesday, November 9th

See your Highlands Artists, Artisans, Crafters, Creatives, Makers, Writers display handcrafted / original works at The Highlands Arts & Crafts Market.

Held in The Highlands Clubhouse from 3 pm - 7 pm

Join us for an evening of art, shopping and live entertainment. Support your local neighborhood artists and get a jump on your holiday shopping.

You will find a variety of hand crafts and original works such as paintings, sculptures, jewelry and much more.

4949 W. Heritage Club Blvd. Marana, AZ 85658

For more information, please contact Activities Director
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In-Person Forums are Back!**

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Mark Your Calendars!

Area Hiking & Biking - Wednesday, December 8

Police & Fire - Tuesday, January 18

Town of Marana w/ Q & A- Monday, February 21

All Forums will start at 6pm and take place at the Clubhouse at The Highlands at Dove Mountain
4949 W Heritage Club Blvd
Marana, AZ 85658



LET'S KEEP DOVE MOUNTAIN BLVD LITTER FREE

Submitted by Jackie Holland Craig

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Here's an idea. Next time you go for a walk along Dove Mountain Blvd, take a plastic shopping bag and pick up any litter that you see. Once you start to notice, you will see there is quite a lot. The photo above shows litter picked up just between the north and south gates of The Highlands: beer and soda cans, coffee cups, water bottles, snack wrappers and lots of paper and plastic bits. Much of it seems not deliberately thrown, but windblown from the beds of trucks or garbage bins. But some is obviously intentionally thrown from car windows. One head-scratcher was a zip-lock bag of raw chicken legs found recently.

Litter drags down the whole character of Dove Mountain, and therefore our property values. And it is dangerous to any animal that ingests it. Our road landscaping crew AAA is not tasked with litter pick up. We need to do it ourselves. We have so many residents out on the trails. If we all just picked up a couple pieces each time we

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went out, we would soon be litter-free. Keep Dove Mountain beautiful!



Dove Mountain Drainage Infrastructure

By Jackie Holland Craig

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Some smart engineers developed an extensive drainage infrastructure on Dove Mountain before any of the houses were built. The entire infrastructure was built to withstand 100 year floods, which is a building code requirement. It coped beautifully with our heavy Monsoon rains this year, and worked just as intended.

In the Highlands, two main washes were made an integral part of the golf course, with storm runoff directed alongside fairways, then into absorbing sandy washes and periodically slowed further by retention basins. At the southern border of the Highlands, the washes join, then empty into a large concrete channel, equipped with large overflow basins. Storm flow from neighborhoods on the eastern side of Dove Mountain Blvd is also diverted to this channel right at this point to take advantage of the overflow basins. The channel flows alongside Dove Mountain Blvd, and empties into Prospect Wash just to the west of the bridge, at the south-east border of the Villages. Interestingly, the large grassy basin at Dove Mountain Park East is also intended as an overflow basin. Aside from the washes, rainwater in the Highlands is directed into the golf course lake, or into a concrete channel that runs down the entire west side and joins the golf course channel above Moore Road West.

Other Dove Mountain HOAs have similarly well-designed systems. We walk past them every day without appreciating them. If you take a look around, you will see the rip-rap channels that direct storm flow into washes, basins and concrete canals. A long and



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We exist to inform, in a nonpartisan way, *the Greater Dove Mountain Area Communities which are located from I-10 East along Tangerine Blvd to the Oro Valley Town Limits, North and South of Tangerine Road and South on Twin Peaks to I-10.*

impressive channel drains the western side of the Villages and also empties into Prospect Wash. Western Dove Mountain developments drain into the many large and small washes that run through the Tortolita Preserve.

The Dove Mountain HOA is responsible for maintaining any constructed part of the drainage not physically inside an HOA's property. They periodically remove plant growth and repair rip rap.



We're all ears!

We appreciate your comments and feedback. To share your suggestions on what you'd like to see covered in our monthly update just reach out to us

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Dove Mountain Blvd. Improvements

**Status Update as of
10/01/21**

**Submitted by Paul Calame - D.M. Blvd.
Improvement Team**

- The road resurfacing contract has been signed.
- Marana Public Works has tentatively scheduled the resurfacing work to begin the last week of October. Resurfacing is estimated to take about a week.
- The two new speed feedback signs are scheduled to be installed coincident with the road resurfacing work, with completion by early November.

The Dove Mountain Boulevard Improvement team would like to thank Marana Public Works for working with us, and their efforts in making Dove Mountain Boulevard "Smoother, Safer, and Quieter."





Enjoy a fall evening on the farm with animals, kids activities, live music, games, and much more at this fun Town of Marana event.

Saturday, October 16
Marana Heritage River Park Farm
12375 N Heritage River Park Drive
Marana, AZ 85653
5-9 PM

[Visit Town of Marana Webpage for More Details & Parking Info](#)



Dove Mountain Fall Community Yard Sale

The Dove Mountain Fall Yard Sale has been scheduled for Saturday, November 13th , from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. Ads will be placed on Craigslist and in the Northwest Explorer and an announcement will also be posted on TownSq.

All neighborhoods are welcome to participate although the sale will not include Canyon Pass, The Gallery neighborhoods or Dos Lagos.

All gates that are not already open for construction/sales, will be held open during the hours of the sale, including the main gate for Golden Barrel off of Dove Mountain Boulevard.

Greetings!

This newsletter is sent to over 1,300 Dove Mountain Area residents. The Dove Mountain Civic Group (DMCG) is a nonpartisan organization made up of volunteer residents who monitor issues and share information that may be of interest to you. We help inform about government agencies, services, organizations, land development and other topics and entities whose actions might impact those residing in the Greater Dove Mountain Area. Residents and businesses operating in and adjacent to Dove Mountain are invited to become members. Visit our website at www.DoveMountainCivicGroup.org.

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