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April Newsletter

Dear Steve,

The [Dove Mountain Civic Group](#) is a nonpartisan organization made up of volunteer residents who monitor issues and share information that may be of interest to the Dove Mountain Community.

All residents and businesses operating in and adjacent to the Dove Mountain Community are invited to be members. [Join it is free.](#)

DONATIONS SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION

Crested Saguaro Presentation

April 18th - 7:00 pm

Heritage Highlands Ballroom

On Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00 pm, in the Heritage Highlands Ballroom, the Dove Mountain Civic Group, Dove Mountain Hikers and Town of Marana is sponsoring a Crested Saguaro presentation by Bob Cardell and Pat Hammes.

Bob and Pat have hiked to, and cataloged pictures and GPS locations of over 1900 Crested Saguaros in the southwest. They have identified over 250 right in our own backyard, the Tortolita Mountains.

Marana Community Food Bank Benefit

Dinner & Dance

April 14th -- 5:30-10:00 pm

Heritage Highlands at Dove Mountain

Photo Booth - Silent Auction - Cash Bar - Raffle Prizes

The Marana Community Food Bank is presenting an evening of reminiscing and fun on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the Heritage Highlands Clubhouse in Dove Mountain, featuring return to the 60s dance by the Sixties Garage Band and dinner prepared by award

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winning Chef Michael Veres. Last year's event was a complete sell out and we expect nothing less this year. Your participation will ensure that the Marana Community Food Bank can continue its work in meeting the food needs of the hungry in Marana, Picture Rocks, Avra Valley and northwest Tucson.

Information Link

<http://communityfoodbank.com/2012/02/27/goodvibrations/>

Review of "Death Clouds on Mt. Baldy" by Cathy Hufault

by: Gary Borax and Barb Brussell

	
HOURS OF OPERATION	
OPEN TO SERVE YOU	
Sunday	Grille 8am - 2pm Lounge 10am - 6pm
Monday	Grille & Lounge 11am - 7pm
Tuesday	Grille & Lounge 11am - 7pm
Wednesday	Grille & Lounge 11am - 7pm
Thursday	Grille & Lounge 11am - 7pm
Friday	Grille & Lounge 11am - 8pm
Saturday	Grille 8am - 2pm Lounge 11am - 6pm

In November 1958 six Boy Scouts attempted to hike to the top of the highest peak in the Santa Rita Mountains (Mt. Baldy/Mt. Wrightson). Due to a freak storm that dumped several feet of snow in the Santa Ritas that weekend, three Scouts died on the mountain and three returned. Cathy's 12-year-old brother Ralph Coltrin Jr. was one of the three Scouts that survived.

As a follow-up to the book presentation **Gary Borax scheduled a hike on Saturday March 31** to the site where the boys died. Gary and Barb Brussell discussed the events leading up to the tragic deaths of the Boy Scouts.

[For a summary of that hike and pictures click on this link](#)

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Report on Solar Presentation Held March 25th

by James McGinnis, Pima Association of Governments

On March 25, Heritage Highlands, in partnership with the Southern Arizona Regional Solar Partnership, Trico Electric Co-op, and the Dove Mountain Civic Group, hosted the Heritage Highlands Community Solar Tour. A warm and sunny spring day greeted over 100 tour participants as they gathered at the Heritage Highlands Clubhouse to view a solar overview presentation.

While the main event of the tour was the opportunity to visit homes in the neighborhood equipped with solar power, the solar overview offered the opportunity get familiar with solar technology and financial incentives beforehand. James McGinnis with Pima Association of Governments, Laree St. Onge with Trico Electric, and Anson Murphy, Heritage Highlands solar homeowner, provided information and answered questions during the 45 minute presentation. While solar tours have been offered in Tucson before, this was the first time an overview presentation had been offered.

After the presentation, four participants visited six homes in the community. The solar homeowners opened up their residence allowing participants to view technologies ranging from photovoltaic, to space heating, to hot water for pools. Homeowners also provided financial information about their systems including incentives received and projected payback periods. Given the rapidly expanding nature of solar technology and financing options, the chance to speak to someone who has already experienced the process of purchasing solar can be invaluable.

In the end, the tour went off without a hitch. But the success of the tour would not have been possible without nearly a year of planning. Special thanks are in order for Civic Group members Gary Borax, who brought the idea for the tour to the group and oversaw the coordination, Paul Worthington, who worked with homeowners to collect data on each house.

In addition, the tour could not have been possible without the generosity of Arvid Barth, Terry Peck, Paul Worthington, Tom Buchta, Dick Kahl and Mary Tofel.

Paul Worthington had handouts of Mike Dech's Solar system (Deck's where out of town).

Thanks to everyone who contributed!

Other April Meetings:

**North Preserve at Dove Mountain Neighborhood "Meet & Greet"
Saturday, April 14th 2:00 - 4:00 PM**

Neighborhood Park on Rain Shadow Way

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***DMCG Treasurer
5175 W Heritage Gateway PL
Marana, AZ 85658***

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