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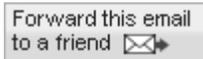
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Mid-December 2011 Newsletter

Dear Steve,

The **Dove Mountain Civic Group** is a non partisan 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. [Membership is free.](#)

"No" to Distribution Center

The Board of Adjustment held their meeting December 13th. The AZ Daily Star's request to use the former Basha's Store as a distribution center was crossed off the Agenda at the Star's request.

The decision of Kevin Kish, Planning Director for the Town of Marana, not to allow the use as a distribution center stood.

Hiking Aravaipa Canyon

Some of you have hiked Aravaipa Canyon from the West Trail Head (TH), so you are familiar with the beauty of Aravaipa Canyon. The one word to describe the west end is "Spectacular". I don't know of one word that describes the middle and east end of Aravaipa Canyon. You just have to look at Marge, Julie and Kathy's slide shows of our Aravaipa adventure last Monday.

Hiking the entire length of Aravaipa Canyon has been on our bucket list for some time. So, after months of researching and planning a key-swap hike, Monday November 14th was going to be the day. We had 15 hikers signed up, but after a very rainy Sunday and concerns about flooded roads, lousy weather on Monday and cold water our group was whittled down to seven. We bid the four East to West hikers (Tom, Marge, Kathy and Jim) "goodbye" on Sunday afternoon as they made

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Dispose -A- Med Saturday, December 17 10:00am-2:00pm, Target at Ina and Thornydale

Shred -A- Thon Saturday, December 17 10:00am-2:00pm, Target at Ina and Thornydale

Shred any unwanted paper materials or documents. The first box per person is free. \$5 per each additional box

their way to the Nature Conservancy guest house near the East Trail Head (TH) in an almost constant downpour and 4 hour drive carrying the food for two dinners and two breakfasts along with all our overnight gear.

Our three person group (Julie, David and Gary) started the two hour drive to the West TH at 5 am on Monday morning. We began our 11 mile hike at 7am in clear, cool and partly cloudy weather. Until the sun rose over the canyon walls we were all a bit chilly and our wet feet somewhat numb. This hike is about 50% in water. But a couple hours later once the sun reached us we warmed up and had ideal hiking weather the rest of the day. As you can see in the attached photos this canyon is quite beautiful with interesting side canyons to explore, abundant fauna and flora. Between the two groups we saw deer, blue herons and coatimundis.



We met up with the other group about 11:30 am. They had begun their hike at 8:30am from the East. Turns out both groups completed the hike in about 7.5 hours. They had picked up an additional hiker along the way, a white dog with a black patch around each eye, one black ear and one spotted. She was hungry but full of energy and it was obvious she had recently had pups. The other group suggested we take her back with us, as she probably belonged on the east end of the canyon. We lured her with oatmeal cookies and she was ours for the rest of the hike. If you want to know all the details about the dog and what we found out after our hike, just ask us sometime.

We got to the guest house (photos attached) where we relaxed, had dinner and hit the hay at about 8pm. The following day we headed back to Tucson. A rewarding trip to be sure. We are already thinking of planning a trip back to the east side to explore the area again next Spring.

[Marge's Pictures](#) [Julie's Pictures](#) [Kathy's Pictures](#)

The Seven Aravaipa Key-Swappers

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