

Community Briefing

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**RIO RICO PROPERTY OWNERS
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New Board Members Elected

Special points of interest:

- *CHRISTMAS TREASURE MARKET*
- *ENERGY FROM TRASH*
- *BOARD ELECTIONS*

The November General Membership Meeting was held on Tuesday, the 22nd. This meeting featured the election of new members to the RORR Board of Directors.

Three key members are leaving the board at this time: Board President Mike Foster, Treasurer Aleatha Moyer, and Secretary Connie Rutherford. Two board members, Jaquie Coble and Mary Robidoux, had previously resigned due to health concerns. This left only five existing Board members to carry across into the new term, Helen and Andrew Herman, Lucy Foster, Gary Cooper and current Vice President, Robin White.

The by-laws state that the minimum number of board members is nine. While there may be vacancies, a quorum to conduct business

is based on this minimum number. So, new members to the board are an absolute necessity. (The maximum Board is 15.)

Fortunately, an excellent slate of 8 candidates presented themselves at the meeting. And all were accepted by unanimous acclamation of the members attending.

The eight new members of the Residents of Rio Rico Board of Directors are:

- ◆ Lori Adamson
- ◆ David Alvarez
- ◆ Jerry Alves
- ◆ Sally Alves
- ◆ Javier Fierro
- ◆ Santo Gonzalez
- ◆ Danit Polunsky

They will join the existing Board for a joint meeting on December 14, at which time the new 13-member board will elect its officers and the gavel will be passed from the old board.

The 2011 Board of Directors undertook some ambitious goals, including expanding membership, improving communications and expanding the opportunities for community involvement, of which the Treasure Market was the first initiative.

It is hoped that the incoming Board will continue these initiatives in the new year, adding new ideas and new talents. The opportunity is here for the Rio Rico Community Center to become a more active catalyst for creating community. As always, the Board looks forward to input from the Membership.

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Christmas Treasure Market

On Saturday, December 10, Residents of Rio Rico will sponsor its third Treasure Market at the Community Center. This one will be a bit different, as in addition to the flea market, we are also inviting local artisans to participate with holiday arts and crafts.

The doors open at 7:00am and the Christmas Treasure Market will be open until



noon. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Anyone interested in participating as a vendor will find a Vendor Form on our website. Space inside the center is available as well as under the Ramada and in the open area. Tables are only provided inside.

We hope everyone will plan to drop by and see what's being offered.

Upcoming Events



We'll put the coffee on.

DECEMBER 10

CHRISTMAS TREASURE MARKET

The Treasure Market is expanding to include local crafts and art. Doors open at 7:00am on Saturday morning. The event will continue until noon. No admission charge. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Vendors interested in participating will find a signup form at our website.

DECEMBER 14

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Election of officers for the newly elected board will be the main item of business at this meeting.

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DECEMBER 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

DECEMBER 27

There will be no General Membership Meeting in December. Please check the website for details on the January 24 meeting.

October General Meeting: Talking Trash

County Commissioner John Maynard, appearing as featured speaker at the October General Meeting, announced his intention to "talk trash." However, Mr. Maynard did not badmouth his esteemed colleagues. Instead, he made a detailed presentation of a proposal to generate electricity from methane emitted by the Rio Rico Landfill. The landfill is currently about half full and therefore half way through its period of usefulness. Within the next 20 years, the County will need to find a new landfill location or begin transporting refuse out of the County. The proposed generating system should have a two-fold payoff:

First, capture and utilization of methane gas being released constantly by the facility will help to reduce the County's emission of greenhouse gases. Methane

(CH4) is a potent greenhouse gas that warms the atmosphere 21 times more than carbon dioxide, which is the by-product of the process.

Second, the value of selling the resulting electricity back to the grid for the next twenty years can offset both the cost of the system and much of the decommissioning cost for the landfill itself. Cost of the system will be relatively low, as the landfill was engineered to capture and release methane that might build up dangerously otherwise. Methane available through this system can be redirected to a digester, which converts the energy in the gas to electricity.

The question of recycling came up during the discussion. County recycling is losing money because of the cost of transporting the



materials as far as Tucson for processing. RORR Board President Mike Foster suggested an alternative to selling the power back to Unisource. What if the electricity generated from the landfill could be used to power a recycling processing plant adjacent to the landfill? Certainly, Mr. Maynard concluded, any options beneficial to the community are worth exploring.

