

Sahuarita Area Development From Starbucks to Mission Peaks

Just a few months ago, when one of us said “I’m going into town to the supermarket” it meant a long haul to Tucson. Now these words probably mean a short trip to Fry’s in Sahuarita. We even have a Starbucks for those who crave “half-caf-skinny-no-whip-lattes”.

Development of recent years has brought more households—more consumers—to our beautiful chunk of Santa Cruz Valley desert. This in turn has made us attractive to Fry’s, Starbucks, Shell and other retailers.

So development’s a good thing right?? It’s brought essential conveniences much closer to our homes.

Before you decide where you stand on development, you might consider recent statistics:

- 529% - is the growth in Sahuarita’s population in the 6 years between 2000 & 2006.
- 20,393—is the population of Sahuarita (2007 – est.)
- 31,463 – will be Sahuarita’s population in 2102.
- 15,000 – the number of homes that Mission Peaks has proposed to build on their property at Mission Rd & Helmet Peak Rd (with estimated population of 40,000)

Who knows what will happen with Mission Peaks. They’ve applied to rezone much of their land, from “rural” to “urban”- a necessary step for the density they want. At least in the short term, the housing market has cooled substantially—but it will surely heat up again.

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January Members’ Meeting- New Year New Action

If you missed the meeting held January 5th, you missed a lot! See the minutes at flyingdiamondairpark.info or flyingdiamondairpark.com. A few highlights include:

- New meeting and manager’s term schedules. Because we all LOVE having our meetings AT the airpark, it was decided that our meetings will now take place in April and October (for the mild weather). Managers will be elected at the Spring meetings (except that we already took care of this for this year, so the new managers will serve until Spring 2009)
- Road maintenance continues to be a priority. Kevin Hall will be meeting w/ Pima County and hopefully we can soon begin cutting hills & installing culverts.
- We approved funds to install “pilot activated arms” to be placed on Lone Sahuaro on both sides of the runway. This clever idea will be an effective solution to the ongoing hazard of our main “thoroughfare” crossing our runway.
- We approved raising our annual dues (effective 2009) to \$300.
- Cara Williams will be heading up a committee to come up with a five-year plan for AirPark improvements.
- Laurie Helder gave a report on our “Avigation Easement” **All Members Should Sign And Notarize The Avigation Easement!!!** This can be found at flyingdiamondairpark.info—then go to the “Projects” tab.
- Please welcome our new managers to their terms (through Spring 2009). Lou Cook, Steve Kargel, Rick Williams, Stuart Anderson and Dale Wheeler.