

WEST DESERT DEFENDER

A Quarterly Newsletter from the Committee to
Save the West Desert Preserve

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Our mission:
To protect and support the residents of Green Valley and their guests by providing an effective recreational desert preserve as well as a buffer between town and the west side copper mines.



Pima County Adds West Desert Preserve to Bond Program List...

According to Bill Adamson, Chairman, Committee to Save the West Desert Preserve, Pima County officials have added the Green Valley West Desert Preserve to the list of county land acquisitions eligible for future bond funding. Pima County officials are targeting the November 2008 election. The final list will most likely be pared down from this temporary list before it is presented to the voters of Pima County. According to Chairman Adamson, "this is a most significant positive indication we, the

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Pima Pineapple Update ...

Marylee Adamson and Peggy Smith are continuing to survey Pima Pineapple cacti and are using GPS technology to enter the exact coordinates into a database to monitor and track this elusive and endangered species of Sonoran Desert cacti. This information is being provided to the Pima County Department of Natural Resources. Adamson and Smith along with a team of Green Valley Hiking Club volunteers including Marlys Johnson, Vicki Mattox and Judith LeClair have successfully located 90 Pima Pineapples to date as part of their cactus survey. Their work is important

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State Permit Update ...

As of February 2007, the posted no-trespassing-without-a-permit signs at various entrances to the West Desert Preserve, remain in place and will be there until the state sells the land. The Committee to Save the West desert Preserve is not aware of any arrests or encounters by state or law enforcement officials at the entrance areas specifically in Esperanza Estates and Las Campanas developments. An annual permit is easy to obtain and may be used for all state trust land in Arizona. The cost for

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—News Briefs—

- 43 HOA's endorse West Desert Preserve
- 47% of Green Valley HOA Households support our project.
- Pima County adds the West Desert Preserve to proposed Bond list.
 - The Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) provides a State Land Recreational Permit for individuals or families or groups. Visit our website for a link to Arizona permit info ...
<http://www.land.state.az.us/programs/natural/>

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- Canoa Estates II Carl Schuster, President

The Committee to Save the West Desert Preserve appreciates your support!

2008 Bond Update

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Committee to Save the West Desert Preserve, have had from Pima County. Evidently our efforts including support from almost 50 percent of Green Valley's homeowner associations have had a positive impact with the county. We have a long way to go and need to keep tracking our progress keeping the county aware that the Green Valley community wants this land preserved for open space.

Recently, Tom Six, an active Green Valley resident was nominated by County Supervisor, Ray Carroll, as his local coordinator for the 2008 Pima Bond Commission. Six has been meeting with Green Valley groups to gain knowledge about their specific needs. Six stated that there is approximately \$3.2 billion in projects in the temporary list but only about \$750 million expected to fund such projects. Obviously some projects have to be pared down or eliminated. Six also stated that there is a county web site that contains all available information. The web address is: www.bonds.pima.gov. Six also discussed the sub committees that have been formed which Consists of Parks and Recreation, Justice and Law, Public Works and all others.

Pima Pineapple Update

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for both the proposed West desert Preserve, a 2,000 acre desert area just west of central and northern Green Valley, and for the environmental issue of saving this endangered plant for future generations to enjoy.

So far the Adamson-Smith group has only covered about 50 percent

of the West Desert Preserve.

They agree that more work needs to be done

to complete the job. Just last week, Adamson and Smith reported finding 22 Pima Pineapples south of Continental Road in the West Desert Preserve. They also reported finding 25 small Saguaros south of Continental which was surprising since the area north of Continental only had a few small Saguaros plus the single giant crested Saguaro.

Part of protecting the West Desert Preserve includes the work of people like Adamson and Smith. The Pima Pineapple has been cited by Pima County officials as an important desert plant that needs to be saved. The Pima Pineapple cactus is a round plant from 4 to 18 inches tall and 3 to 7 inches wide. Its flowers look somewhat like a pineapple. During the summer



monsoon, the cactus produces silky yellow flowers with oval, green, sweet fruit. The cactus grows in the Sonoran desert at 2,300 to 5,000 feet, mostly in Santa Cruz and Pima Counties. It is listed as an endangered species.

State Recreation Permit Update

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a yearly recreational permit is \$15.00 for an individual or \$20.00 for a family. Individuals or families without the necessary permits found in the West Desert Preserve may be ticketed. For information call the State Land Department at (602) 364-2753 or write them at 1616 West Adams, Phoenix, AZ 85007 or go to their web site. A link to their site is available on our website at: www.savethewestdesertpreserve.org. The members of the Committee to Save the West Desert Preserve encourage you to follow the rules and pay for your permit before you enter this property. It is a small price to pay to enjoy the natural beauty of our pristine desert for an entire year.



Green Valley West Desert Preserve

- Roads/Trails
- Pineapple Cactus (63)
- Crested Saguaro

Arizona State Land
Boundary

