

Three Newsletters in October 2005

ORO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

October 2, 2005

The Board of Directors of the Oro Valley Historical Society is pleased to make the following announcements:

After the first meeting of the general membership on September 22, 2005, Joe and Patsy Frannea announced that they would become lifetime members and also made an offer to make an additional donation to purchase the PastPerfect Museum Software that Mr. Frannea will run for the first year. Joe and Patsy said they would make a contribution to the Society that will also be accompanied with a matching grant from his former employer, Mobil Oil Corporation. Joe also said he would set up an Oro Valley Historical Society web page which will entitled "ovhistory.org". The Board has accepted this generous offer and the web site is now up. We are very fortunate and pleased that the Franneas are participating in the Society.

The second item to bring to your attention is that any member of the society who joins before December 31, 2005 will be classified as a Charter Member of the Oro Valley Historical Society.

The next meeting of the Society will be on Tuesday October 18th at 6:30 PM at the Sunshine School in Oro Valley. If any of you have any item that you would like to see on the agenda please contact Jim Kriegh at 297-4161 or by email at [jim @ ovhistory.org](mailto:jim@ovhistory.org).

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NEWSLETTER II

Oct 3, 2005

On September 29th at a special meeting, the Oro Valley Town Council passed a resolution requesting and authorizing transfer of 2004 Pima County bond funds from the Naranja Town site park acquisition to the Steam Pump Ranch. The addition to the Naranja park site had become too expensive to pursue. The Pima County Bond Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Pima County Board of Supervisors transfer \$3M funding to the Steam Pump Ranch.

In a letter to Town Manager, Chuck Sweet, Pima County Administrator Chuck Huckleberry wrote:

"As County Administrator, my view is that it may be appropriate to consider a transfer of all Naranja Town Site Park funds to Steam Pump ranch rehabilitation since property value escalation has effectively precluded the Naranja Town Site Park acquisition, and it would be beneficial to invest those funds necessary to not only acquire Steam Pump Ranch and rehabilitate the existing historic buildings, but also to build new structures as a museum. This would in effect allow for the timely opening of a historic Steam Pump Ranch Park."

We certainly hope that the Pima County Board of Supervisors vote to follow Chuck Huckleberry's recommendation and that the Oro Valley Town Council can follow through with obtaining the Steam Pump Ranch.

Note.....

The Pima County Board of Supervisors passed this resolution unanimously, mid October 2005, bringing the total Steam Pump Ranch funds to about \$5M.

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NEWSLETTER III

Oct. 25, 2005

The following are items of information we want to pass on to you:

1. The Oro Valley Historical Society (OVHS) has adopted a logo as seen at the top of this page. The symbol is derived from a seventeenth century Spanish emblem for gold. It will be shown in gold color when possible.
2. The OVHS will be set up in booth 96 at the GOVAC "Arts in the Park" event being held October 29th and 30th
. At this booth you will see the Society's new banner. Also, a raffle will be held for a \$50 Metropolitan Gift certificate.
3. The Oro Valley Town Council at the October 5" meeting directed the Town Manager and the Town Attorney to pursue acquisition of the entire 15.18 acre parcel that includes the Steam Pump Ranch buildings.
4. The George Pusch historic documents, books and other items have been given by Henry Zipf to the Society through a Deed of Gift. Work will be started to properly preserve and document all materials. The Past Perfect Museum Software for collection management is being purchased as well as acid free archival materials for proper storage of the materials.
5. The OVHS has become a member of the American Association For State And Local History. (Generally referred to as AASLH)