

## **Development Impact Group (DIG)**

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### Current Status of Selected High Profile Items

Catalina Regional Park, along Lago Del Oro Parkway, is a Pima County project. Don Carter is the Park Manager and states that progress is in the “tooling” up stage. The plan includes a small playground area with a basketball court and climbing boulders, trails, 4-H area and sports fields. The official opening is about 2 years underway.

Pima County Transfer Station in Catalina is now charging a \$20 fee for each visit by non-county residents. Pinal County provides recycling bins located east of the RV storage area. Waste Management provides recycling options. Our HOA does not have a contract with Waste Management, and does not have the authority to enter one on behalf of each individual homeowner.

The Pima County Library Board has determined that the Catalina branch gets 28% of its usage from non-county residents. Currently there are no decisions to make changes or assess fees for non-Pima County residents, but the Board states that options are under consideration.

The recent crime reports in SaddleBrooke, while limited, made the Oro Valley statistics more meaningful. At the January 16<sup>th</sup> city council meeting, their police chief reported a year to year increase of 1,000 investigations, +17% burglary, +18% school calls, +22% DUI. He cites the meth epidemic is a major concern, along with the immigration enforcement issues, which are now handled by local law enforcement.

We are following the Arroyo Grande Planning Area proposals and encourage residents to attend informational meetings. In brief, it is a proposal involving the future use of 9,106 acres of State Land adjacent to Oro Valley and north to the Pima/Pinal County line. The plans envision annexation by Oro Valley for housing, commercial development, and employment zones. Main concerns include water availability, transportation, road use, and environmental effects on wild life corridors. Members of the DIG committee will continue to attend the planning sessions.

Eagle Crest Developers have Pinal County approval for commercial and residential (300+ homes) developments on the west side of Oracle Road across from the SaddleBrooke entrance. The original Eagle Crest project still remains at 900+ homes.

The update from the commercial developer of land north and south of the entrance to SaddleBrooke is, “negotiations are continuing with possible anchors.”

### Resale Information

As of January 13<sup>th</sup>, SaddleBrooke listed 167 homes for sale ranging in price from \$239,000 to \$895,000. Sun City Vistoso listed 70 homes ranging from \$195,000 to \$509,000 and Heritage Highlands listed 75 homes ranging from \$199,000 to \$695,000 (MLS info).

In addition to SaddleBrooke Ranch, other developers to the north have future plans for 30,000 plus homes. There are no start dates planned other than SaddleBrooke Ranch.

At the request of Boyd Bosma, Oracle School Board member and SaddleBrooke resident, Dolores J. Doolittle, Pinal County Treasurer, researched and furnished a report stating that, of the \$17,032,551 taxes collected to support the Oracle School District \$11,324,237 was collected in SaddleBrooke. The information was obtained from a reprinted letter from Dolores J. Doolittle.

We thank those of you who have expressed interest in joining our group and encourage others to become involved. Please call Kay Galligan 825-5497 or Betsy Levenson 818-3058.