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Farewell Celebration

The South Ranch Homeowners' Association invites you to a farewell event for Francisca Montoya on **Dec 4, 2004**, from **3:00 - 7:00 p.m.** at the **South Ranch Park**.

In appreciation for her devotion and commitment to this neighborhood, we are asking for the help of the homeowners to make this a great event. The homeowners' association will provide the main dish for the potluck. We need you to assist by bringing dishes, as follows:

- **Vineyard - bring cooked beans**
- **13th St, 14th Way, & 14th Pl - bring ice**

- **St. Charles - bring salads**
- **Apollo - bring rice**
- **St. Anne - bring soft drinks**
- **St. Catherine - bring tortillas & chips**
- **Alta Vista - bring desserts**

Your presence is very important.

Don't miss it!



Tell Your Story!

Thanks to a grant provided by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, many South Ranch residents will soon have the opportunity to tell the story of their family and the story of this very unique neighborhood.

A local non-profit organization, the Community Documentation Pedagogy Project of Braun Sacred Heart Center, Inc., has agreed to partner with us in carrying out this oral history project. The project will have two components: (1) Sixty families will have the opportunity to volunteer to tell the story of many generations of their own family; and (2) All families will be able to assist in telling the story of the creation of our South Ranch II neighborhood.

Dr. Santos Vega, executive director of the Braun Sacred Heart Center, Inc., and his team will work with a core group of neighborhood residents, who will receive training in conducting interviews and in other skills, to make possible the collection of the stories and their preparation for publication and distribution throughout the neighborhood. Near the conclusion of the project, a neighborhood celebration will be held to showcase and share the stories with one another.

Please make plans to join us on **Tuesday, November 23, 6 p.m. at The Stardust House** for a special presentation to South Ranch homeowners about how you can get involved with the project.

Mural Taking Shape

Thanks to everyone who came out to the park to kick off a new South Ranch II public art project. On Saturday, October 16th, neighbors of all ages turned 100 pounds of clay into beautiful tiles. These tiles will be used in a colorful mural to be installed at the park.

The artists, Felicie Regnier and Kristine Kolloasch, and a core group of community members will develop the design for the mural. More tile will be made in community workshops throughout the rest of the year. With the help and guidance of Silverio Ontiveros, we are also planning the construction of an adobe bench to be built in early spring.

This public art project is made possible by the hard work of The Stardust House, a grant from the Kellogg Foundation, and the assistance of Free Arts of Arizona. Kristine and Felicie are honored to be able to facilitate this process.

Community members with a special interest in working on this project are invited to the core group meeting which will be held at the park on **Saturday, November 6th, at 11:00 a.m.** We will be discussing themes, color, and design of the mural. All ideas are welcome!

(Photo) Lisa Cruz and family busy making tiles.



Hello, fellow Arizonans! My name is Tara Temple, and I would like to share a little about myself and my arrival here at The Stardust House. For starters, I came to the Phoenix area as a volunteer for the **Notre Dame AmeriCorps Program**, which gives people the opportunity to serve in a multitude of states and programs throughout the country.

I am originally from New Jersey, having lived there for about 23 years of my life. Some of you are probably wondering why I came all the way out to the west in order to serve others. Well, I do not have an exact reason why, but I do know this...I love Arizona and all it offers, and I discovered this about five years ago when I came out to visit with my mother. It is rich in landscape, culture, and beauty in every way. I truly see God's creation as I admire the people and surroundings here in Arizona.

However, more than this, I have had a desire to really step out from my life in New Jersey in order to learn more about other people, their ways of living, and the life stories that have evolved throughout the generations. I want to be able to serve others in a way that could exhibit the very compassion and desire we are called to have as people all living in the same world, next to one another.

I look forward to sharing many wonderful and growing experiences with the families of South Ranch, and I hope that we get to know each other on a more familiar and genuine level as we share together in the growth of The Stardust House.

Youth Activities

Arizona Cardinals

The PAC After-School Program would like to thank the Arizona Cardinals football players and staff for volunteering their time to provide homework assistance and educational activities. The participants have enjoyed getting to meet Cardinal stars and spending time with them.

Arizona Saves

The Arizona Saves Program is returning to The Stardust House on December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. The Stardust House is partnering with Wells Fargo Bank and the Arizona Saves Program to benefit the youth of South Ranch. This free program, for youth age 18 and younger, will be able to open a no-fee savings account at the Wells Fargo Bank branch located at Central and Broadway. Watch for more details!



Time to Get Ready for College!

“Early Start to College,” a program sponsored by Arizona State University, provides 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students with information and activities to put them on the road to college. A college degree is very important in today’s world, and NOW is the perfect time to start planning your college education.

“Early Start to College” will soon be offering opportunities to South Ranch students: workshops to prepare for college, a presentation by a successful role model, meetings with representatives from universities and colleges, a visit to a community college campus, and participation in an ASU summer camp.

The program is free. Students in 7th, 8th, or 9th grade who are interested in preparing for college are asked to call Gail at The Stardust House, 602-276-3587, during the first week of November to make an appointment to complete registration forms. Please stay tuned for further details.

November 4th ACE Recruitment Night

Isabel Leroy, ACE Program Coordinator from South Mountain Community College, will be visiting with high school sophomores and their parents on Thursday November 4, 2004 at 6 p.m. at The Stardust House.

The ACE (Achieving a College Education) Program is a program offered to students who are interested in taking college classes and earning college credits while still in high school. Each year students from the South Ranch neighborhood are recruited to attend the ACE Program. In the last four years over 20 students have participated in ACE.

Parents are encouraged to attend the orientation to hear about how the program works and understand the benefits it provides to students who are considering attending college. To register for the ACE Orientation, please call Gail LaGrander at (602) 276-3587.



Head Start News



This year has been one of many changes for the children and families of Head Start. Starting in October, there will be many new faces in the classroom: Tara, ND AmeriCorps volunteer, an intern from the city of Phoenix, and several other volunteers. Head Start staff will continue to ensure that the children are engaged in fun and appropriate activities and maintain a safe and healthy environment.

In November the classroom will begin studying farm and zoo animals to prepare for their trip to the zoo. The zoo trip is a big event for our class. All parents participate and have a fun-filled day with their children. Thank you, again, for your patience and continued support. Teachers Lisa, Josie, and Tara.

(Photo) Yesenia Godoy makes a clay tile in class.



Health Insurance KidsCare and AHCCCS

Do you need health coverage for your children? Phoenix Day Health Links is available to help you with your application.

Monthly Income Limits:

Family of 2: \$2,082	Family of 3: \$2,612
Family of 4: \$3,142	Family of 5: \$3,672
Family of 6: \$4,202	

KidsCare provides low-cost medical coverage to eligible uninsured children under 19 years of age. Parents can also apply for health insurance for themselves. The income guidelines for the program are:

If you would like to know more about KidsCare or AHCCCS, please call the Phoenix Day Health Links Program at 602-252-4912.

Free English Classes

The Roosevelt Technology Center and Friendly House are offering free English as a Second Language classes to community residents.

The classes are held at the Neighborhood House, 6029 S. 7 Street, the southeast corner of Southern Avenue and 7 Street, on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Child care is not provided. For more information, call Marytza or Aurelia at 602-276-7393.