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Meet your neighbors, Tony and Kate Schenk

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Like many Deer Canyon homeowners, Tony and Kate Schenk purchased their lot early on (2006) but waited to build until 2016. Over the intervening time, they visited every year, camped, and spent time on their property dreaming and planning for the day they could call it home. In a way, says Kate, "it was always like coming home" to visit DCP and the completion of their custom house only sealed the deal.

Having lived in South Florida for over 30 years, they were tiring of the lifestyle there and looking for a more rural, close-knit community. Kate was the first one to check out DCP, stopping off after a business trip, and Tony visited soon afterward. They were impressed by the roads and developing infrastructure but mostly (like all of us) by the lot they eventually purchased. Situated on the corner of Deer Canyon Trail and (the first) Victorio Trail, their lot includes spectacular deep red arroyos and many hidden exploration trails for escaping to nature, including the old Red Rock Trail left behind by the developers. The Schenks were also impressed by the



early residents of DCP and their strong commitment to making the community flourish—a bit like the original, "working ranch" concept promoted by the developers. They believe this strong, early community spirit was a big factor in helping DCP survive the recession when many such communities failed.

Having waited ten years to build, Tony and Kate still remember the thrill of moving permanently to Deer Canyon on May 10, 2016 in the midst of home

construction, and then the joy of moving into their home on Valentine's Day, 2017. They are most grateful to DCP and Mountainair residents for their advice and home design ideas. Blending these with their own creativity and needs, they were able to finalize a beautiful home that works. It includes a large common room with an oversized arched doorway, walk-in pantry, kitchen, living area, and fireplace. Built by Debbie Reynolds, the

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house has two portals, the front one facing a stunning red rock arroyo with the Manzanos in the background and a back patio looking onto Chupadera Mesa—perfect for Southwest entertaining and capturing the best of both DCP world views. Given the separate north and south vistas, they can enjoy entertaining and relaxing, no matter the sun's position. In addition, Nick Romero installed LP gas taps on the back porch, allowing for the enjoyment of a barbecue grill, smoker, and fire pit, which helps take the edge off the cooler days.

Tony and Kate remember the building experience with pleasure and the joy of anticipating a home of their own creation. Their neighbor, Tom Worker, installed a 7.5 kW solar generating array on the roof, saving \$60-\$100 per month off their power bill. In addition to their 1100

gallon well water holding tank, they also installed a 3500-gallon rain catchment tank connected with the whole house reverse osmosis (RO) water processing system. Modeled after a design by Al Clare, it runs both well water or rain catchment water through the RO purification system. Essentially “bottled water” is thus available from every tap in the house with no corrosion or mineral buildup on fixtures and especially no monthly salt bill. It is also a comfort to know that if something happened to the well water supply, they can always switch over to the rain catchment system.

Kate and Tony have retired from interesting, diverse careers. Tony worked as an engineer and CEO of their own company, Enabling Technologies, that manufactures Braille products

for the blind. Kate was a professional ballet dancer turned instructor and choreographer. For her last 17 years she was in the marketing department of their company. These days, they are busy with landscaping their property, feeding hummingbirds, hiking and camping (recently to the top of Manzano Peak), and community activities such as pickleball tournaments (Kate). Tony works on perfecting his Tai Chi and volunteers as an interpretive park guide at Abo, Quarai, and Gran Quivira (Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument). They also volunteer at the Mountainair Food Bank and enjoy line-dancing classes with Jim and Deneen Groom at the multi-generational centers in Albuquerque. As for the future, the Schenks look forward to a long tenure at DCP and to enjoying every day here for many years to come.



Deer Canyon Emergency Response Team Neighbor Helping Neighbor

By Carole Glade and Tom Worker

The Emergency Response Team (ERT) is a group of DCP residents willing to help their neighbors in medical emergency situations. It is a “good Samaritan” team of volunteers and not an “official committee” or in any way affiliated with the HOA. The following provides an update on the ERT current status and what we do. Although 911 should always be contacted in medical emergencies, the ERT can help with basic first aid and CPR when available until help arrives.

DCP neighbors can play an important role in helping with an emergency and ERT members are always needed. Training in first aid, CPR, and helicopter landing will be provided along with the knowledge that you can be there to help your neighbors. Please consider volunteering!

ERT roles:

First Responders (4) –

- Spread throughout DCP and will take charge of the scene
- Approved to call the PHI helicopter for emergency evacuation
- Have first aid & CPR training
- Maintain a well-equipped “jump kit” with all basic first aid supplies

Currently

- Carole Glade--has automated external defibrillator (AED)
- Roy Taylor (has AED)
- Tom Worker

• ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

CPR & First Aid Assistance (5-6)

- First aid and CPR training; may have an AED
- Helps with CPR and use of AED; help patients as much as possible
- Takes information and helps ambulance personnel if needed

• 5-6 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Transport Support (5-6)

- Helps with traffic control at helicopter landing site
- Flags in helicopter; positions landing lights if needed
- Helps with moving patient if needed
- Helps family members; secures/comforts pets
- Helps get information; directs ambulance to scene if needed
- CPR and first aid training help but are not required

• 5-6 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

AED OWNERS:

If you are willing to share in an emergency, please let Carole or Tom know (see below). In a cardiac arrest, minutes matter and an AED is a great tool to have widely available as soon as possible. You may be the closest neighbor to help.

UPDATE OF ERT ACTIVITIES:

Situations have changed for some former ERT members and many new people have moved to DCP. Dee Melaragno coordinated the ERT for many years and did a great job. Now that she has moved, Carole Glade and Tom Worker are coordinating activities. Carole is a licensed emergency medical technician with the Mountainair Volunteer Fire & Rescue and Tom is a member of the Mountainair Fire Department.

WHAT THE ERT HAS DONE SINCE MARCH:

- An information session was held for all DCP owners as a way to get information and ideas for the ERT
- Two sessions of first aid and CPR training (4 hours each session) were held at the DCP Preserve Center
- An AED and well equipped first aid kit were purchased and installed at the DCP Preserve Center
- First-aid kits for the first responders were prepared and distributed

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- An information meeting with a PHI Helicopter representative was held to discuss PHI services; all former helicopter landing zones were reviewed and updated with PHI
- A discounted price for private purchase of an AED was arranged for DCP owners and many have purchased their own AED

TO COME:

By September 30, 2018

- Group training sessions will be held for ERT volunteers
- PHI will visit DCP with a helicopter for the ERT to practice landing, loading, and take off

By November 1, 2018

- A visit by the Mountainair EMS and fire chiefs will help all understand how to help emergency personnel in various situations (i.e., rollover, entrapment, rescue, loading the stretcher, etc.)

DCP is considered a "wilderness" community because we are more than 1 hour from a hospital and neighbors helping neighbors is what life here is all about. We are starting fresh so if you were on the ERT before and want to continue, please let us know. The best situation is that an ERT response is never needed but we want to be prepared. Your ideas, help, and involvement are therefore needed! Please contact us for information and to volunteer. Thank you!

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Welcome New Longhorns!

Many thanks to Katheryn Garlow for this update and to Kent Potter for the pictures.

Two-year-old Folsom Falls Blue and one-year-old DCP Merle arrived at Deer Canyon on July 29, 2018 to live out the rest of their lives as "tax write-offs" and "pasture art." Blue and Merle were sold to the HOA by neighbors, Marijo and Fred Balmer, who raise and train longhorns at their nearby ranch (Legendary Longhorns, LLC.) as western pleasure saddle steers. Clay Bailey, one of the best steer trainers around, branded the arrivals with the new DCP brand, and delivered them to the corral near the windmill stock tank.

They then began their new lives at DCP and met their four new companions, Rosie, Cinco, Siete, and Tex. After the youngsters spent a week lounging around and eating alfalfa and range feed (cake), Dietmar Baur, Jane and Wilfred Burr, and Katheryn and Roy Taylor freed them to join the other longhorns. After much joyful running and bucking, Blue and Merle quickly integrated into the DCP Herd and are now happily grazing as part of their new family.



Native Plant Garden Update.

We contacted Robin Beatty in hopes of sharing some updates on the Native Plant Garden. Robin has informed us that work was halted on the garden last spring because of the extreme drought conditions and heat. We are hoping for conditions and weather improve this fall

The garden will eventually be planted at the equestrian center.

New volunteers will be required to make the garden both beautiful and useful for educational purposes. Please consider helping out Robin and her group this fall.



Photos of the area that was partially cleared by volunteers during the HOA –2017.



Wild Neighbors at Night.

Several owners have night/trail cameras set up and are watching for night critter activities. We must say that the preserve is active at night!

Thank you all for sending in your night shots.

Photos sent in by Cindy Sisson



Cottontail



Jack rabbit



Coyote



Fox



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Wild Neighbors at Night, cont'd.

Photos sent in by Gary Scheidt



Black bear



Black bear (loves to come during the day too).



Deer



Fox

Comments from Gary:

Lots of deer and fox but then there was something bigger! The night-vision pictures aren't the greatest quality but since visitors often come at night, infrared is the only way of detecting them. We recently saw a wild pig in our backyard but I wasn't able to get the camera quickly enough and track it.

Wild Neighbors at Night, cont'd.

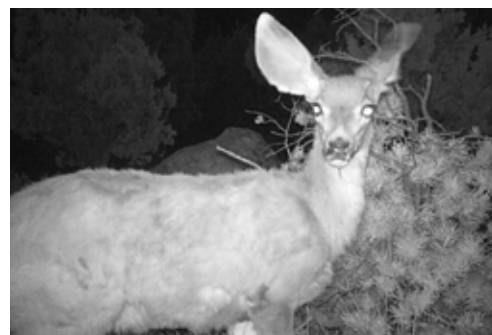
Photos sent in by Joe Glade



Bobcat



Deer



Fox



Lion



Jackrabbit

Comments from Joe:

Here are a few photos...mostly foxes and deer...but a few specials...mountain lion, ringtail and bobcat.

We've seen American Blackbelly Sheep and Javelinas, but I haven't captured them on my camera, yet!

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Wild Neighbors at Night, cont'd.

Photos sent in by Joe Glade



Skunk



Ringtail cat

Photos sent in by Deborah Perrero



Ringtail cat



Comments from Deborah:

The most activity at night at our home continues to be the birds flying in/out from the back patio.

The first pic is a ring tailed cat -- was very cute to watch as it climbed up the house and back down but mostly loved watching itself at our big back door. The 2nd pic is an owl that I watched swoop in under the front porch and snatch a northern flicker. Got to watch it eat some of its meal before it flew off with the bird. Totally awesome to see!!

Meet your wild neighbor - Ringtail Cat



By Walter Lutz

A sleek, compact, small mammal weighing in at about 2-1/2 pounds and being roughly 32" in length with a banded, bushy tail. Nocturnal with large eyes. Expert climbers. Solitary and territorial, they range across the southwestern U.S. Not related to the cat family but to the raccoon family that also includes coati mundis. Preyed on by great-horned owls, coyotes and bobcats. Nicknamed the "miner's cat" because in the early days of the U.S. miners kept them as pets.

Habitat: Semi-arid landscapes especially near a water source.

Diet: Omnivorous

Nesting: Tree hollows, rock crevices and abandoned burrows. Young born in May/June and weaned by fall.

Migration: Non-migrant.

Population/Conservation Status: Apparently stable.

Learn more about the ringtail

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ring-tailed_cat

READ THE BOARD MINUTES, IT'S THE WAY TO STAY INFORMED.

The minutes from each board meeting, once approved, are put online under HOA Information, Board Meetings.

Information posted to the website since the last edition of *The Piñon Press*:

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Events

DCP HOA Annual Meeting Date

Save the date, our meeting will take place in October this year.

October 19-21, 2018

MMAC Events

Sunday, September 16, 3 PM de Profundis

This acclaimed a cappella men's ensemble from Albuquerque will perform its popular annual concert at the Quarai Ruins of the Salinas Pueblo Mission National Monument

Saturday, November 3, 2-5 PM Festival de el Otoño, A Celebration of Hispanic Culture, Music & Art

Gilbert Ortiz and his Band from Chilili play the best of local New Mexico Music. Enjoy the work of Hispanic artists and vendors. Great family fun!

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POT LUCK DINNER

There will be a potluck, before the meeting on October 19 at the preserve center starting at 5 o'clock.

Please join us and bring your favorite dish or something good from the B Street Market!