

Carson O Piñon!

Carson Community Association

Annual, (sometimes semi-annual), Newsletter

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-photo by Elizabeth Brownrigg

Tips for Preventing/Defending Against Fire

In the event of an emergency, (yours or someone else's), ALWAYS CALL 911 FIRST.

Clear trees, dead branches, weeds, tall grasses, (anything flammable) from around your buildings. The recommended clearance is a 50' minimum.

Keep all flammables, such as gasoline, paint thinners, etc., at least 50' away from buildings.

Store fireplace ashes in a tightly lidded metal container. This suffocates hot embers and keeps them from blowing out. Be sure embers are completely cool, (24 hour minimum suffocation), before dumping.

When constructing or renovating, use non-flammable materials such as metal for roofs and stucco for exterior finishes wherever possible. Avoid using flammable construction materials.

Ensure that your property is easily accessible in the event of an emergency. Keep a clear pathway for emergency vehicles. For example, if you go to help someone who is in urgent need, be sure not to block access with your own vehicle.



-photo by Elizabeth Brownrigg

are. They use their personal money, vehicles, and time to ensure that the people in Carson who truly depend on the Food Bank are not left hungry. Having consistent donations on a regular basis would make a world of difference and make the Hawleys' mission of giving much easier. As Richard puts it:

Our hope is that more people will connect with and support this ministry. We'd love to show you what we do. This is about the greatest commandment "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: 'You shall love your neighbor as you love yourself,'" (Gal 5:14). Come be included in this enjoyable experience of helping and giving.

As we look at the world around us we may see many things that need to change, many of these are so large that we may feel powerless to be of much effect. But if we choose not to miss our opportunities to show love to our neighbors in a practical way, we actually become the change that needs to happen. A simple act of kindness can affect the world around us in ways that we have no ability to measure. This is the nature of the love of God.

**Please help make a difference-
give *monthly* to the
Santo Niño Food Bank.**

(now at the CCA Quonset hut)

***Your donation is a tax-exempt*
For info call Richard or Tupper: 751-3090**

or donate directly:

The Food Depot

**Attn: Viola Lujan, (donation for Santo Nino Carson)
1222 Siler Road, Santa Fe, NM 87507**

www.thefooddepot.org

A Thought or Two

-The Old Man

Throughout the years during my stay in Carson many people have tried to help improve the road, have the community association be regularly active, and many other things of priority. Then along came “John”, (his name isn’t John), but what a job this guy has done. He has had help, but to give of himself in such a way it could only be Art Wilbur. I’m sure that our whole community couldn’t help but agree. This is some guy. Join the force, help when you can. It will make you feel good.

If you criticize the program then you must have a better one. Let’s hear it, explain it to the community, come to the meetings, talk to those that are at least making an effort. Keeping it inside can cause indigestion! If you criticize then you must have a brain, so use it! I’m sure that any ideas will be studied, discussed, and implemented if feasible. Your idea may just be the answer to a problem. I’ve been down this road a long way. I’ve not seen any that could do it all alone. Come join us. We need you and your ideas. The more the merrier; the stronger our community.



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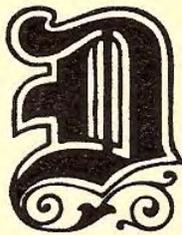
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I Never Did Get Used to Them

-Scott Stephens

On Saturdays Dad often took us fishing, shooting, or fossil hunting. Mom stayed home one Saturday when we went fishing on some part of the San Diego Bay. Dad fixed his tackle up; three treble hooks and three homemade lead sinkers. With a long strong surf pole he would fling it way out in the surf, fishing low for flounder, not perch. We would play and explore while he fished. We did this often- it was just normal. On this particular day, I was off by myself. I found a giant mountain of seaweed and sand dredged from the depths of the Bay. I decided to climb it. It was a very difficult climb: slippery, sandy, and steep. Really quite a challenge and a lot of hard work. I finally made it to the summit. From a good height and with a feeling of accomplishment I gazed all around me, enjoying the scene. Suddenly, the whole mountain came alive, swaying, quivering, and shaking like a giant monster of doom. Falling and terrified, head over heels I tumbled all the way to the bottom. As soon as I got my feet under me, I ran as fast as I could back to dad and the red Chevy station wagon. He had everything packed and they were waiting for me, watching me run to them. Dad yelled, "There's been an earthquake! Let's go!" We got home and Mom was scared and relieved. The house was fine, too.



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A Huge Thanks from our President

We are now moved in to our new Fire Station, which is comprised of a metal garage and a 20' trailer that will be our operations and communication center. I would like to thank all our neighbors and friends who so generously gave time and money to help make this happen through fund drives and the Carson Summer Fairs. A great big thanks to all our young fire fighters who attended meetings and training at great distance and on their own money, in most cases. I just can't say enough about the Carson Community Association Board. They have put in years of untold hours to make this happen. These are my friends and I am humbled by their support the past four years. The Board Members: Bob Logue, Vice President; Elizabeth Brownrigg, Secretary; Elisabeth Maier, Treasurer; Rob Hughes, Gerald, Boxberger, and Peter Allen, Board Members. Last but not least, Terry Wolff, who made all the maps and helped put Carson "on the map". And I must not forget my right arm: Thanks, Sharon.

Art Wilbur
CCA President



-photo by Elizabeth Brownrigg

CCA Emergency Evacuation Plan

Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2013

Present: 35+ Carson residents, July 21, 2013. 1:00 – 2:30 pm.

FIRE DEPT: The building is now up and should be operational by the first week in August! We now have radio communication. We recently helped extinguish a fire in Three Peaks.

Red Cross: The Taos County Disaster Action Team (DAT) Coordinator, Trinidad de Jesus Arguello, spoke about how we could form a DAT here and get trained or train in Albuquerque. How the Red Cross works here: the Fire Chief contacts the American Red Cross in D.C., which then contacts the Albuquerque division. Trinidad will be contacted to give us immediate assistance- food, clothing, shelter, help with animals, etc. She has a good relationship with the state and national agencies, and FEMA. The Red Cross provides services for the immediate time of disaster. In some situations they provide 3-day services, as well as case-by-case situations. Some of the services can include rental deposits, medication costs, coupons for eyeglasses and hearing aids.

Additionally, we have assistance from the National Forest Service in Tres Piedras; we have 10 firefighters who are red carded for excellent training. Both Andrew Chavez, (when he was in office), and Rick Chavez have been instrumental in helping us as well.

Chris Cody, the County Fire Coordinator from the Latir FD recommends several pamphlets to read and prepare by:

- 1. “Ready, Set, Go!” is about how to be ready to evacuate. They talk about the 6 Ps that are important: People, (family, neighbors, disabled), Pets, (including livestock), Papers, (deeds, passport, debit and credit cards), Pictures, Pills, (all medication), PCs, (computers, drives, electronics).**
- 2. “Living with Fire” is about how to prepare your property in case of fire. Clear the “home ignition zone”, (30’ around buildings), of flammable material and dead wood and trees. No firewood on decks. Clear out dead wood under trees to prevent “ladder fuel” which starts crown fires. Fire must be kept on the ground in order to be contained.**

Things we in Carson need to do to be prepared:

- a. Make all the routes to your home and buildings accessible to tankers and brush trucks. This means an 8' wide navigable road clear of trees and branches.
- b. Create an emergency evacuation kit today, ready to grab in a moments notice. It's important to be prepared ahead of time in case there is no time.
- c. **In the event of an emergency, convene in the area next to the Poco Loco General Store to be accounted for by Elisabeth Maier.** She will be working directly with the Red Cross to make sure people are not left behind. We need to make sure everyone is safe, and stays safe. Don't just leave Carson without checking in- a firefighter might risk his/her life thinking you are trapped in your home.
- d. Horses- The Busicks, Boxbergers, and Wilburs have horse trailers. Large animals will be evacuated and boarded at the Boxbergers'. We need to come up with a shelter for household pets.
- e. If you see smoke or detect a fire anywhere, call 911 immediately. Don't go try to help put out a fire. We have capable people, and you could just get in the way.
- f. Please make sure your phone # is up to date for the Phone Tree. Contact Terry Wolff asap: iam@terrywolff.com or 751-0620. This is important! Also be sure you are on the FD map he made, and note where your propane tank is, too.

The emergency sirens are currently installed at the CCA Building and Greg Scott's. Taos County is writing for a grant for a well for our Fire Dept and community. Our current emergency water availability is 6 private wells, 1000 gallons in our pumper/tanker, and 125 gallons in our brush truck. Very soon we will have 1000 gallons stored at Greg Scott's place.

ROADS: Please drive the 25 mph speed limit or under. The sheriff will be coming out periodically issuing tickets to offenders. Driving fast on these roads imperils the lives of people and pets, not to mention other drivers. It also makes the washboards worse. So if you're two or three minutes late, so what? And that's all you save by driving fast anyway. If that.

ELECTIONS: Bob Logue was nominated and voted in unanimously as an Honorary Board Member for Life. Rob Hughes was elected Vice-President, and Art Wilbur, President of the CCA.

Meeting adjourned 2:30 pm. Total meeting time 1h: 30m
Submitted by CCA Secretary, Elizabeth Brownrigg

Emergency Evacuation Kit Checklist

(Items should be stored in an easy-to-carry container such as a backpack, duffle bag or plastic storage bin.)



Medicines



First Aid Kit



Important Documents

- Mortgage
- Insurance
- Birth Certificates
- Social Security Cards
- Wills
- Tax Information
- Bank Information
- List of family physicians
- List of important family information, such as style and serial number of medical devices like pacemakers
- Video or picture inventory of household items



Cash / Checkbook



Clothing and Bedding

- At least one complete change of clothing and sturdy shoes per person
- Blanket or sleeping bag per person



Water

- 1 gallon/ day/ person (Keep at least a 3-day supply in your house.)
- Water purification kit or bleach



Food

- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables; canned juices; soup; food for infants, elderly persons or persons on special diets
- Non-electric can opener or utility knife



Irreplaceable Items

Supplies and Special Items

- Extra pair of eyeglasses or contacts
- Extra house and car keys
- Battery operated radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Mess kits, or paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Anti-bacterial hand wipes or gel
- Personal hygiene items such as toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc.
- Toilet paper, towelettes



Pets

- Pet food, water and feeding bowls
- Carrier, leash, bedding
- Vaccination records

CARSON FIRE DISTRICT EMERGENCY CONTACT PLAN

PLEASE PRINT, FILL OUT, AND RETURN TO CCA, PO BOX 101, CARSON
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1. NAME _____

2. PHONE _____

3. BLOOD TYPE _____

4. DOCTOR'S PHONE _____

5. MEDICATIONS, OXYGEN, ETC. _____

6. EMERGENCY CONTACT FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE

7. PHYSICAL ADDRESS DRIVING DIRECTIONS

8. ANIMALS HOW MANY NEED TRANSPORT? _____

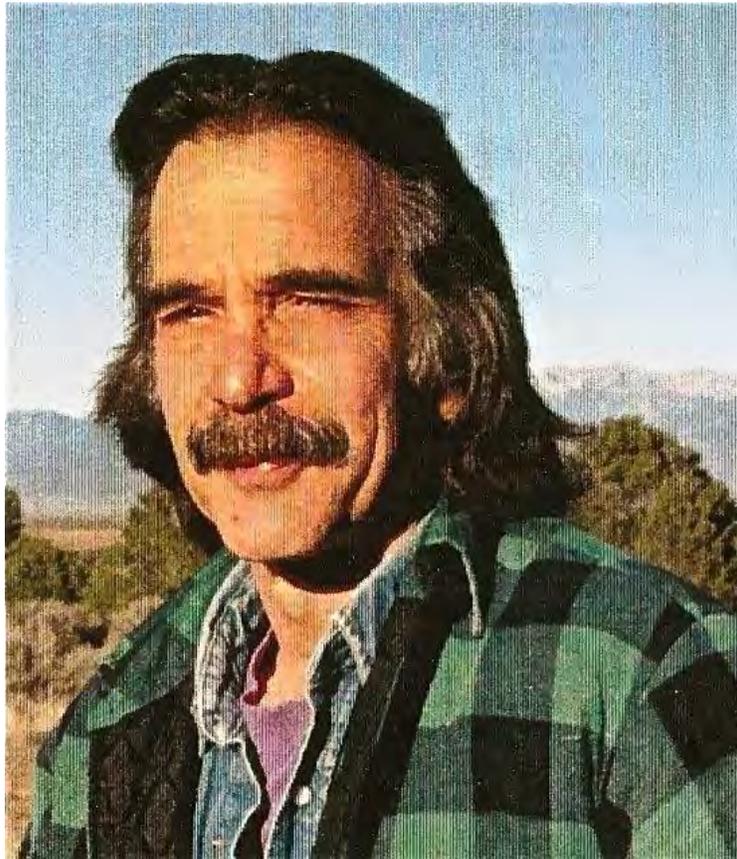
In Memoriam

Recently two of our long time Carson residents passed on. Perhaps you knew them: Micah Delise and Isabelle, Denny's wife. Many conventional things could be said here about them and about life and death in general. However, neither Micah nor Isabelle was even remotely conventional. The temporary spiritual opening people often have when they experience the passing of someone they care about need not fade away. In fact, it can be received, utilized, and appreciated as their parting and most precious gift to us- a reminder of whom we really are and how deeply we can feel.

Only a fool throws such a gift away. Let us not be fools.

(This memoriam was written circa 2001 by Micah Delise for the passing of Don Nelson and Sheila Hall.)

Micah Delise 1951-2013



-photo courtesy of Claudine and the Estate of Micah Delise

A Summer Recipe from Sharon Wilbur

WATERMELON TANGY GRANITA



A cross between sorbet and a snow cone. This tangy granita clocks in at 170 calories per serving.

Ingredients:

1 cup water
¾ cup sugar or sugar substitute
½ cup fresh Lime juice
1/3 cup packed Mint leaves
1/3 cup packed Cilantro leaves
¼ teaspoon Kosher salt
¼ teaspoon crushed Red Pepper
1 tablespoon grated Lime rind
1 Cucumber (peeled and seeded)

8 cups Watermelon (cubed ¾")
½ teaspoon Kosher salt

Combine 1 cup water and sugar in pot on stovetop. Cook until sugar is dissolved; cool completely. Place syrup, juice and next 6 ingredients (through Cucumber) in a blender, blend until smooth. Pour mixture into an 11 X 7 inch glass baking dish. Cover and freeze 3 hours until firm, stirring with a fork every 45 minutes. Remove mixture from freezer, scrape entire mixture with a fork until fluffy.

Place watermelon cubes in a large bowl. Sprinkle with salt, toss to combine. Let stand 10 minutes. Spoon about 1 ½ cups watermelon mixture into each of 6 bowls, top each serving with about ½ cup granita.

From "Cooking Light" magazine.

Please donate \$\$\$ to the CCA

Any amount of money donated will be greatly appreciated and is a tax write-off. Also, please remember your Carson Resident Annual Donations- \$10 per household. Cash is acceptable. Checks and money orders may be made payable to "Carson Community Association" or "CCA". Please send donations to:

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