



IT'S TIME FOR THE Tahquitz Creek 2nd annual Community Clean Up Day!

Sponsored by Tahquitz River Estates, Deepwell, Warm Sands and Historic Tennis Club Neighborhood Organizations. Working together to create a park and trail system along Tahquitz Creek!

13 TONS - NEVER AGAIN! Last November 70 people hauled 13 tons of trash out of the Tahquitz

Creek channel. Since then, neighborhood volunteers have been gathering twice a month to keep trash from accumulating, homeless encampments banished and graffiti eradicated!

DEAD OLEANDERS BE GONE! Our goal for this year's annual community clean up is to finally clear out all of the unsightly dead and dying oleander along South Riverside. It will make a great improvement in what is now a blighted looking area of our neighborhood.

**Saturday, November 17
10 am - 2 pm**

Bring your gloves, saws, shovels, clippers, chains, rope...

LUNCH served at NOON.

Call 832-6695 for more info.

Let's get together! Let's meet, talk about neighborhood activities and issues, and connect with one another.

**Saturday, November 17
9 am - 10 am
Unity Church Courtyard**

TRENO does important work to make our neighborhood better. We're building a park and trail system along Tahquitz Creek, we work with the police on neighborhood crime, we communicate regularly with City Hall, we look for ways to improve our neighborhood and build a community of people who know and look out for one another.

Read about the Tahquitz Creek Park and Trails Master Plan on Page 3!

It's **TIME** for these to go!



TIME TO
get involved!

Time for the Community Clean Up



NEIGHBORHOOD MEET & GREET

Don't you think it's about time to catch up on neighborhood news, activities and upcoming events?

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Unity Church - Courtyard

followed by

**Tahquitz Creek 2nd Annual
COMMUNITY CLEAN UP!**

10 am - 2 pm More info inside →

TRENO *Neighborhood News!*

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Welcome to the TRENO Neighborhood News. This issue started out with the idea of "getting involved" as a theme. But, the theme evolved along the way, into something that underlies a commitment to get involved and that is time. Time is an issue for all of us.

Who has the time to keep in contact with City Hall? Reach out to build relationships with other neighborhoods to build a stronger community? Transform a blighted area of our neighborhood into something to be deeply proud of? Take steps to combat crime? Become trained in emergency preparedness? Look out for a neighbor's property? Or just visit and get to know one another better?

These things take time, but they're worth it. A little time goes a long way when many people are involved.

We encourage you to make the time to get involved in your neighborhood organization, TRENO. We make good things happen. The more people involved the better our neighborhood will be.

your

TRENO ADVISORY COUNCIL
Paul Crippan, Chair 416-0992

CRIME AND SAFETY COMMITTEE. I am your representative on the City's Neighborhood Involvement Committee on Crime and Safety. We meet monthly, usually with the Chief of Police and other police representatives. The police are reporting a decrease in neighborhood crimes based on the crime statistics. The only problem is that the statistics are 4 months behind. They hope to correct this soon, having hired a full time person to input data and update their website. Visit www.PSPD.com to be kept informed of crimes in our neighborhood and other areas.

HOME ROBBERIES. Bad News/Good News.

Deepwell representatives expressed concern about a rash of break-ins in their area. Treno has had several in recent months, however our numbers appear lower than many other neighborhoods. Which doesn't mean much if you have been a victim of a crime, I know.

So how do we better protect ourselves?

I asked if we could be made aware of the street location where known burglars so that we can keep an eye out. If we are given this information, we will post it to www.treno.com.

SECURE YOUR HOME. The Crime and Safety Committee's video provides many helpful tips on how to secure your home. Visit www.palmspringsneighborhoods.org to view the video.

PARTICIPATE IN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH.

Neighborhood Watch means exchanging contact information with your immediate neighbors and letting them know if you'll be away so that they can keep an eye on your property.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY. The Chief of Police urges you to call in *any suspicious activity* to 911 (emergency) or 760-327-1441 (non-emergency). Call if you see or hear anything suspicious and let them make the decision if it warrants a patrol car be sent out.

SILENT PARTNER PROGRAM. This is a new program that I urge you all to sign up for. If a crime is happening in our neighborhood, the police will send out a text message to your cell phone or email to alert you so that you can keep an eye out and call 911 immediately if you notice any suspicious activity.

To sign up, go to www.PSPD.com and click on the Silent Partner logo and fill out the information. It is very easy to do and takes just a few minutes of your time.

911. In the past if you called 911 on your cell phone it went to California Highway Police. Now, the call is directed to Palm Springs Police.

A NEW POLICE CHIEF.

The City is interviewing candidates for Chief of Police in November. Nick

Chicola, from the Deepwell Neighborhood, will represent Palm Springs neighborhoods on the interview committee. This is the first time that neighborhoods will have a voice in the selection process. An important accomplishment.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME TIME

Paul Crippan, Chair of Treno 760-416-0992

TIME TO PREPARE!

We don't want you to think that Treno is just about crime and disaster... but, part of our mission is to help the neighborhood be proactive in the areas of both crime and safety. Which means encouraging emergency preparedness.

There seems to be more articles on this topic in the newspapers, tv and internet. I read an article saying they just did a core sample of the San Andreas Fault. They found that we are overdue for a major quake by 150 years. WOW, talk about scary.

CERT TRAINING. One very critical thing I'm going to do is take the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. It is a 20 hour federally certified course which takes place over two Saturdays and a Thursday evening.

I spoke with Jack Becker who took the training and he told me that he and Hugh Vance are the only ones, he is aware of, who have taken the training in Treno...

MORE NEIGHBORS NEEDED. In the event of an emergency you will be involved in helping to organize a response team in our neighborhood, establishing treatment areas and triage, identifying fire hazards and assessing damaged building as well as doing search and rescue. It sounds like a lot, but we need neighbors to be there in a crisis. We cannot count on the City services to help. It is up to us as neighbors to rally and be prepared to help each other out.

SIGN UP. Call the **PS Fire Department at 760-323-8186** to find out about the next training and to register. Do it!



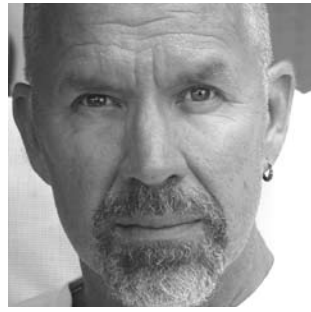
TIME TO MEET JEFF PALMER!

TRENO welcomes Jeff Palmer, our new Advisory Council member from Area 2. Jeff and his partner, Joe Pascale, moved into their home on South Riverside Drive last year.

Jeff brings a great sense of history of the neighborhood and the City since he was born in Indio (“There was no room at the small Desert Hospital in Palm Springs in 1948!”). He grew up in Cathedral City when it was mostly dirt roads and attended St. Theresa grade school, Palm Springs High School and College of the Desert.

“I remember hiking up Tahquitz wash to get to Tahquitz Canyon - a great place to go swimming during the long boring summers. Many of my friends lived on Riverside Dr. and San Lorenzo, and in the Deepwell area. It was nothing for us to get a canteen of water and hike to where we could swim in the ponds and waterfalls - what an amazing place to grow up!”

Jeff and Joe moved back to Palm Springs eight years ago from San Diego where they were renovating old homes. They continued their profession here, restoring homes on San Lorenzo and Palo Verde in Tahquitz River Estates as well as homes in Warm Sands, Deepwell and Tahquitz Creek Golf Course. Their home on Riverside Drive is a work in progress while they work on another fixer in the old Veteran’s Tract by Demuth Park.



Jeff is also one of the world’s top photographers of fine art male nudes. He has 3 books published and currently has an exhibition running in Paris. The photography came about as a fortunate accident. He and Joe started a fundraising calendar in the 1980’s as a response to the AIDS epidemic. The AIDS Benefit

Calendar was published for 11 years and raised over \$500,000 for direct care AIDS agencies. His photography took off from there.

As for joining TRENO... “I was watching these people clean up the creekbed next to where I lived and wondered who they were. They were doing such a wonderful service. When I learned it was local homeowners - there was no way I could not offer my help. What an incredible sense of community!”

Learning more about TRENO from April (Hildner), I saw that there was so much more to be done and a wonderful chance to create community.”

“I hope my work with TRENO will encourage others to join in the activities and support the goal of this great organization,” says Jeff. He especially is interested in the Tahquitz Creek Parkway Beautification Project and invites others to participate in its planning and implementation - especially those who live along the Parkway. Please feel free to contact me at any time on any aspect of TRENO and its wonderful activities.” Welcome on board Jeff!

Is it time to PARTY?

The Treno Advisory Council has been pondering a neighborhood party. Sound like a good idea? January - somewhere in the neighborhood. If you have an ideal location (here it comes...) take time to get involved! Call the party line - 832-6695.

To get you in the spirit, and just in time for Thanksgiving, Flo Klaasen wants to share this recipe for a cranberry margarita.

Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cup cranberry juice
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cup fresh frozen cranberries, rinsed
- 3/4 cup fresh-squeezed lime juice
- 3/4 cup tequila and 1/2 cup Grand Marnier
- ice

WARNING:
MAKE PIES
FIRST.

Directions:

1. Mix all the ingredients, except for the ice.
2. Pour half of the mixture in the blender and fill the blender with ice.
3. Blend.
4. Repeat with second half of mixture.

TAHQUITZ CREEK PARKWAY

Prepare yourself. The time has come for the long-awaited transformation of our section of Tahquitz Creek.

Right now, after receiving funding from the City and an extremely good neighbor, we are going out to bid for a master plan. This plan will provide us with the information we need to secure grants, and City and private funding to move forward with re-landscaping, establishing new trails, signage, public art, and other amenities. Over the next few years, this area will become a fantastic “urban wilderness” setting in our neighborhood to be enjoyed by the entire community.

Consider joining the Tahquitz Creek Yacht Club to get involved and show your support!