



Nutrioso, Arizona



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NCA MISSION STATEMENT

It is the purpose of this organization to promote projects for the betterment and benefit of the community of Nutrioso.

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A Letter from the President

Kathy McKinley

It has been a fabulous year for the Nutrioso Community Association. Many members stepped forward and completed projects we had only talked about for some time. Bob Nordman took on the leadership of building our Ramada and worked with a crew of eighteen members for seventy days to completion.

We have a new chairman, Sandy Springhower, for our End of the Trail Rummage Sale. Phil Crawford's students at the Round Valley High School took our outdoor garbage cans and repainted them all. Apache County renovated the bathrooms. Larry and Kathy McKinley, Kathy and Mike Pensinger, Linda Anderson, Lynn Clemmens and Sandy Springhower repainted the kitchen, pantry and closets.

Apache County purchased a commercial refrigerator, a commercial dough mixer, 100 new banquet chairs and five new banquet tables. Lance Springhower obtained 10 sturdy picnic tables from the BEK-TEL Corporation. These were planed, sanded and refinished by member volunteers.

Bill Farbstein continues to lead the Highway Clean-up twice a year.

Our membership has grown tremendously this year. Hopefully, this will continue as we move forward in renovating the Community Center.

The future of the Nutrioso Community Center Building includes the formation of a Renovation Committee that will decide what needs to be done and set priorities. The NCA is working closely with Apache County Officials and they have given a great deal of support to our ideas and our financial needs. As most members know, the county owns this building. A few years ago, an agreement was reached by which the county would supply the funds for renovations and the NCA Members would do the labor.

The NCA Board believes the association has now reached a milestone in that we can begin giving back to the community in additional ways, other than offering a historical building back to the community for its use. At our last few meetings, we have been brainstorming ways that we can do this. Some of the things we have come up with are giving Food Baskets, Little League Donations, giving to Meals on Wheels or donating to area schools for extra-curricular activities. We have a NCA Suggestion Box posted on the kiosk by the Nutrioso Post Office. If you have ideas for this project, please put a note in the box. We will be addressing this project in one of the next two meetings of the NCA Board. Please remember that any member is invited to attend the board meetings. If you would like to address the board, contact one of the board members a week prior to the meeting (Third Thursday of each month) so you are included on the agenda.

\$ Treasury Notes \$

Well, it's been another successful summer for the Nutrioso Community Association and the Nutrioso Community. The "End of the Trail" Rummage sale netted a profit of almost \$2900.00, and the BBQ netted \$5700.00. We also received payment from the County for their half of the kitchen equipment we purchased this year. This has brought the balance in the Treasury to \$16,283.69 as of 08/17/07. As we did last year, we will again purchase a CD for \$5,000 to insure the funding of the BBQ, one of the reasons the NCA was formed.

Our expenses for the BBQ rose slightly this summer due to offering a cash prize for the raffle, and the NCA buying and making the dough for the sopapillas. We are fortunate that we can afford to try new ideas and techniques to make the BBQ more fun and hopefully less work for everyone. The bottom line is our Treasury is in great shape, and we will be able to continue to make improvements to our community center and make it a usable facility year round.

The proposed Budget for the coming year, 2008, has been prepared, and will be posted in the post office and on the kiosk. The intent is to provide a roadmap for the expenditure of funds, and allow everyone to understand our mission as the NCA.

Thanks to everyone who has paid their dues for 2007. We have a membership of close to 136 members now, and hope that we will continue to grow as new neighbors move into Nutri.

Greg Cross
Treasurer, NCA

YOUR VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO THE NCA IS GREATLY NEEDED!

The NCA needs volunteers for many of our activities. The time you give serves the community. The reward you receive is ownership in your community. Your mileage and hours are tax deductible. We have need for the following leadership:

Chair for the Large Raffle-This involves finding the large prizes (the NCA board will help), getting the tickets printed (this is done by the treasurer), distributing the tickets to members to sell as advance sales, tracking the tickets and the sales, and announcing the winners at the Annual BBQ.

Chair for Onsite Raffle-The chair solicits prizes throughout the year from members and local and area businesses. About 40 prizes are needed. Each prize is identified with its donor and given a receptacle (provided by the NCA) so persons purchasing tickets can place their tickets in the receptacle for the item desired. Tickets are sold the night of the BBQ and winners are posted at the raffle tent.

BBQ Chair-This person organizes the volunteers who set-up, prepare food, serve, and clean-up for the Annual BBQ. A step by step manual is provided with contacts for each part of the preparation.

If you could serve in any of these ventures, please contact the president, Kathy McKinley at 928-339-4558.

NCA INITIATES ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW AT THE NCA BBQ AND DANCE

This was the first year vendors were invited to set up a booth at the Annual BBQ and Dance. We had six vendors participate on very short notice. Marcia and John Keane have taken on the chairmanship of the Craft Show for next year. As vendors themselves, they have experience in seeking out and inviting other vendors. We are hoping this endeavor will add to the interest of our BBQ and dance. If you, or someone you know, would like to participate, contact Marcia or John at 928-339-9576. The cost of a space is \$10.00 (12 x 15 ft), there is no electrical supply, and vendors need to be set up by 3:00. The date of the 35th Annual BBQ is Saturday, July 26, 2008; with music beginning at 3:30 and the BBQ at 5:30.

NCA MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE YOU CONFUSED?

If you are confused about the term of your NCA Membership Dues, you are definitely not alone! The NCA Board is trying to clear up the confusion by issuing a membership card to everyone paying their dues. Currently, Bob Nordman, NCA Recorder (339-4122) will accept your dues and issue a card that credits your dues payment from January 1 to December 31 of the year you paid for. NCA dues remain at \$5.00 for an individual and \$10.00 for a family. You will receive a NCA Membership form in our December Newsletter along with a return envelope. We hope you will consider renewing your NCA membership or becoming a member.

WHAT SHALL WE CALL IT?

Back in 2004 -when plans were being drawn up, it was called a Canopy over the basketball court. Later during the construction, it was called a RAMADA. Lately it has been labeled a PAVILION.

Whatever we call it, We can call it "OURS"; our meeting place or our outside gathering place, Thanks to the joint effort of the residents of Nutrioso, everyone, including the county supervisors of Apache County, to the work crews of the county, and those participating in the summer farmers' market, is enjoying the shade, the cool summer breezes, and the protection from the summer rains. It will be interesting this fall and winter how we will use it and what it will be called.

With an excess of 700 donated man-hours and 70 days to construct it "It's ours, Nutrioso" whatever we want to label it, CANOPY, RAMADA, or that upper class word, PAVILION.

Thank You Nutrioso residents.
Bob Nordman



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AMMENDMENT TO NCA BY-LAWS

ARTICLE THREE (Meetings), SECTION THREE (Quorum) has been amended. Previously, the section read that a quorum for all meetings shall consist of fifteen percent of the members in good standing. A quorum must be present in order to conduct binding business.

The Section now reads, “The quorum is the number of NCA members present at the meetings”.

MEMBERSHIP ROLLS

Currently, we have 136 members of the NCA on our roles. We have truly become a community organization, witnessed by the number of volunteers that have helped in our projects.

The NCA has now in place a system to keep track of all our members, as well as who's current on their dues. We had tried to do it a different way for a couple of years, but it was too confusing, and not very accurate. Our President, Kathy McKinley, came up with a great idea to send envelopes addressed to the NCA out with the newsletter when your dues are due. This will be done in December, and will be for the 2008 year. Also, you will be sent a membership card, letting you know that you've paid, and that we received your dues. This should eliminate all the confusion about the dues.

Thank you for your patience and for sticking with us while we got this part of the organization straightened out.

NCA Board Elections

Due to a glitch in our election procedures, the NCA will be holding its elections for the next slate of officers at the September meeting. Last year we voted to stagger the terms of the board members, so that we would not be replacing the entire board every two years. This year, we have the positions of Recorder and Treasurer coming up for election. The nominees for these posts are as follows:

Recorder- Bob Nordman
Treasurer- Lynette Cross

It is hoped everyone that can, will make an attempt to attend this meeting and vote. It is helpful for the people that take on these time-consuming and important roles for the NCA to see your support.

Thanks

Sandi Springhower

There isn't enough room in this newsletter to thank all of you who helped with the rummage sale. We had another wonderful year and it couldn't get done without all the donations and the volunteers. I think that is what makes it so great to live up here, a small community with so many willing to chip in. You all know who you are, so, thanks again for all the help.