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to you and your families!



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Meadow Hills Estates



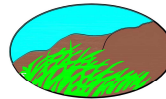
Apex Development Consultants is teaming with CMG Drainage, Westland Resources, and Mick Mathieu to begin design of the remaining parcels of the Meadow Hills development in the City of Nogales Arizona for the Meadow Hills Group. This project has a potential for approximately 80 3/4 acre residential lots, but will be developed in phases.

Apex will provide the Survey, Tentative Map and site engineering plans.

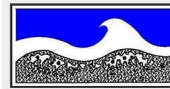
The project abuts a FEMA Floodplain and CMG Drainage Engineering will provide the expertise to process the local and federal drainage requirements.

Westland Resources will provide the water pressure

modeling and Mathieu Engineering will be responsible for the traffic impact statement.



**MEADOW HILLS
ESTATES**



CMG DRAINAGE



Mathieu Engineering Corp.

Special points of interest:

- MEADOW HILLS ESTATES
- APEX PROVIDING ENGINEERING EXPERTISE TO MPA
- COMMUNITY SERVICE

Apex to provide Engineering Expertise for MPA

Apex Development Consultants has volunteered to provide Engineering Services for the Metropolitan Pima Alliance Technical Advisory Committee.

Recently Apex has provided engineering assistance to help evaluate the Oro Valley Environmentally Sensitive Lands Ordinance (ESL). Through meetings and an engineering analysis of an existing parcel in Oro Valley Apex helped give the MPA

and SAHBA representatives the guidance to insure that they could respond to the Town on technical portions of the proposed ordinance.

Apex is committed to providing the engineering expertise necessary to insure that the Metropolitan Pima Alliance and its members have the answers to technical questions when cities and counties begin to change their codes.

Apex is committed to pro-

vide technical answers to the development community to insure that they are fully informed of the ramifications of any potential changes to codes.

We are excited to work with MPA, a group that has been representing the development community since 1997.



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We live in unprecedented economic times. With millions of Americans out of work and the economy possibly progressing into a second dip.

There will be novels written regarding this downturn. There will be statements of why it happened and how it could have been prevented.

Both primary political parties have used the debacle for their own gains, regardless of whether they have an answer to the problems at hand for the millions of people out of work. Quick to vilify the other side, they should look intently in the mirror and recognize their own faults and errors that led to our current position.

In an industry that has experienced unemployment twice as high as the national average, it is hard to remain upbeat. The bottom line, though, is that we are still the richest nation on Earth, bar none. We all enjoy a standard of living and wealth unprecedented in human history. Because we aren't as wealthy as we were five years ago, seems to plague our every thought, but we should consider our blessings and try and give back where we can.



If you find yourself with time on your hands, then you should find a way to turn that extra time towards something positive, namely volunteering.

I knew that when we created Apex in the worst downturn since the great depression, that there were difficult times ahead and success was far from guaranteed.

Before the incorporation, though, I decided that we would be a company that would give back to the community that we would be a part of. As a company we have dedicated to help where we can with our time and our skills.

Our most recent company project was to support ASCE in their Community Food Bank Volunteering Effort. I never fully realized the magnitude of the Community Food Bank of Tucson until I recently

spoke with Mr. An who is on the Community Food Bank Board of Directors.

In the last five years they have nearly doubled the number of meals distributed. In 2005 they served the equivalent of 10 million meals and they are on track to serve 20 million meals this year. This is surely a sign of the economic crisis.

The Warehouse on Country Club is a site to behold. An enormous warehouse distribution center. I was amazed at the size, but after consideration of the number of meals served it all became clear what an incredible organizational task this was.

A large assembly line that Henry Ford would have been proud of staffed with volunteers created the food boxes that would be distributed to those in need.

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We worked for 3 hours and created 3,300 food boxes. I estimate that each food box contained about 15-20 meals filled with a range of food products.

So in a few short hours I touched 50,000 meals. This work is back breaking and is fast paced, but in the end you know you have done something positive.

I anticipate many more returns to the food bank. As Americans we cannot let our fellow citizens down. We cannot let them go hungry.

You can't do it once and say you have done your part. You can never let up. We must help those in need and now is the time to help as much as we can, especially if you have time which is all that volunteering costs.

Working at the food bank will leave you tired and in the end

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Community Food Bank Foodbox Assembly Line

there is no gold star that you receive, nor should you expect it. Volunteering must come from within and must be enjoyed for what it is... helping other people.

I know that it is daunting sometimes, especially if you have never done it, but make the time. Sign up for a volunteer position if not at the Community Food Bank then somewhere else and put it on your calendar. Even if it's once a month, the time you

spend can help someone in need.

Apex will continue to serve the community that we are a part of as long as the doors are open. We will give back when we can. We will donate when we can. We ask that you consider taking some time and help those less fortunate.



The end of the line-Food boxes on pallets

Save Energy through Landscaping

Did you know that how and where you plant in your Tucson yard has a significant impact on your utility bills? Correct placement and type of plant material can reduce heating and cooling costs, and even reduce water consumption, especially if you have a lawn or use an evaporative cooler.

Studies performed at the University of Arizona have proven that a house surrounded by nothing but gravel have far higher utility costs than those surrounded by low water use plants. They have also found that houses surrounded by bare soil uses less energy than those that have gravel or decomposed granite. Houses that had low water use landscaping, including native trees and shrubs, are cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. Not to men-

tion the benefits from an aesthetically pleasing yard. Homes with landscaping have more resale value than those that do not.

So how to reap the benefits? Here are some basics:

1. Get rid of the lawn, or at least half of it and replace with low water use ground cover.
2. Place trees on the east and west sides of your house so they throw shade on the house and roof during the hottest summer months. This means planting them just north of due west and east.
3. Keep the west side of the house shaded either with shrubs or vines while waiting for trees to mature. They grow faster and will reduce heat gain on the side of the house.
4. Place deciduous trees on the south side of your house, not evergreen or broadleaf evergreens, so you can reap the benefits of winter sun to warm

your home.

5. Avoid using rock or gravel in your yard, which retains summer heat. Bare soil is better, low water use ground cover even better yet.

6. Harvest rainwater if you can. Supplemental watering will only be required during the dry portions of the year.

By following these simple steps, you are well on your way to reducing cooling and heating costs. Certainly in this economy a reduced utility bill is a welcome change.

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