

## LATEST NEWS

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Each year Tucson welcomes an influx of visitors to the Old Pueblo for the El Tour de Tucson cycling event. An estimated 9,000 cyclists of all ages and abilities are expected to participate in races that cover distances of 104 miles, 75 miles, 55 miles, and 40 miles. There are also shorter Fun Ride lengths of 12 or 5 miles. The entire city really gets involved in the event and is a big reason Tucson has been named as one of the top biking cities in the US. Another great benefit of this event for Tucson, beyond the great economic impact it has on the area, is the amount of money raised for charities. Last year alone more than \$2,000,000 was brought in from all of the fundraising activities. This weekend be sure and catch some of the action around town!



## HOUSING MARKET UPDATE

Coming soon to the Northwest Tucson area will be a gated custom home subdivision marketed jointly by Team Woodall & Brenda O'Brien! Named "The Estates at Tortolita Preserve", this neighborhood consists of 25 custom home sites ranging from between 2.5 - 4.17 acres. Buyers will have the option to purchase lots individually and choose their own builder, or they may partner with local builder John Herder for one of his exquisitely crafted homes. As the preferred builder at Tortolita Preserve, John has a variety of uniquely styled floor plans featuring oversized garage spaces that simply can't be found elsewhere. Herder Building can also help design and build your own fully custom layout. The Estates at Tortolita Preserve offers panoramic views of the Tortolita & Catalina Mountain ranges. To the west of "The Estates" is the 2,400 acre Tortolita Preserve, an open space with miles of hiking and biking trails. Look for more information COMING SOON on this exciting Dove Mountain area development!



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## HOUSEHOLD TIPS - WATER CONSERVATION

Living in the Desert Southwest we should always be conscious of conserving water. However, there are plenty of financial incentives to also conserve water and repair leaks. Here are a few common areas to check into to see if you might be the victim of slow leaks.

- ▶ **Faucets** - Look for seepage, particularly in areas that aren't used often.
- ▶ **Hose Bibs** - All too often hoses don't fit well with the standard hose bib so check for excessive leaking at the connections when in use.
- ▶ **Irrigation System** - Run your drip irrigation system periodically and then carefully inspect the property (valves especially). A slow leak that's out of sight could end up a major expense over time.



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