



## Board Members Needed

The past and current Catalina Foothills Estates #7 (CFE7) Association Board of Directors have put extensive time and effort into updating the documents that protect the unique character of our neighborhood.

The previous Board rewrote the Association's Protective Covenants and presented them to property owners for approval, which was granted. The current Board has rewritten and approved the Association's two other key documents, its Bylaws and the Architectural, Landscape, and Land Use Guidelines.

While these documents provide a strong foundation for the protection of our neighborhood, and hence our property values, the linchpin of their success is an engaged, active and fully-staffed Board of Directors.

Keeping our Board fully staffed, however, has become a trying task.

CFE7's Bylaws allows for a nine-member board. Currently the board only has six members, challenging its ability, at times, to be as effective and responsive as it wants to be.

Our Association is unique when compared to others.

Many associations are professionally managed by a company hired by the Association to run its day-to-day affairs. CFE7 is different. It has an all-volunteer Board whose members are charged with carrying out the Association's daily business. (Our Association has one paid employee, a part-time secretary.)

This means Board members are responsible, for example, for rectifying violations of our Protective Covenants. This might range from a simple e-mail to correct a problem to extended correspondence and working with legal counsel to resolve an issue. Board members write and publish this newsletter and manage the Association's financial affairs. Board members, often with the help of volunteer committee members, review and approve all applications for construction, remodeling and landscape improvement. And that's just scratching the surface.

It is a big job, it means lots of work and it can come with challenges. However, it is almost always rewarding as you see your hard work and efforts pay dividends -- protecting the character of the neighborhood where we live and which we love.

Despite aggressive recruiting efforts, the Board is finding it difficult to find property owners willing to fill the three open positions on the Board and to expand membership on its committees.

We are asking you to consider stepping forward. If you would like to explore this possibility, contact our President, Dale Pugh. He's familiar with the roles and responsibilities of the Board, its various committees and the time commitment involved. Dale can be reached at 602-653-9799 or at [poppugh@aol.com](mailto:poppugh@aol.com).

If you would consider service on the Board or one of its committees, the Board is committed to providing you with the education and training you will need and a mentor to assist you along your journey. (A list of committees and current Board members can be found at [www.cfe7.org](http://www.cfe7.org))

Ultimately it is CFE7 property owners who determine the future of the Association and our neighborhood. Consider investing in that future by joining our Board.

### *Save the Date for Our 50th Anniversary Celebration!*

*Saturday — March 25  
2 ~ 5 P.M*

We are thrilled to announce our plans for the 50th anniversary celebration of CFE7. Carol and John Bowers have very kindly volunteered to host the festivity at their lovely home. The event will be held on Saturday, March 25, from 2 to 5 P.M. Light appetizers and desserts will be served. What could be better than celebrating the 50th year of our beautiful neighborhood with our fabulous and interesting neighbors? Mark your calendar now and watch for your invitation that will be enclosed with the annual meeting notice.

*We hope you will join us for this festive, once in a lifetime celebration!*

## Handy Tips

### Mailbox Painting

Our mailboxes are frequently the first thing a visitor sees when approaching homes in CFE7. The hot desert sun is hard on the paint of our mailboxes. The CFE7 rules that govern mailboxes call for the use of black enamel paint. A can of spray paint and an hour or so of your time can go a long way in keeping up the appearance of our lovely community.

### Standard Lights

CFE7, along with most of Southern Arizona, deliberately limits artificial-light pollution to help the astronomy industry, which supports about 4,000 jobs in Southern Arizona and brings about a quarter of a billion dollars into the economy. According to the International Dark-Sky Association, excess nighttime lighting does not only waste energy; it can disorient migrating birds and disrupt bat feeding behavior. It also makes the skies over urban areas glow a dull and starless orange, cutting residents off from the beauty of nature's own light show.

The light bulb in the standard should be of a low wattage and preferably blue. This light helps drivers locate homes while allowing us to preserve the beauty of our community.

## Keep In Contact

Throughout the year, the Board corresponds with the residents of CFE7 for a variety of purposes including sending newsletters and annual assessment notices. For this reason, it is important for us to have current contact information. We respectfully request that you let us know when your address, phone number and/or e-mail changes. Let Jane Hoffmann, Board Secretary, know when a change occurs by calling her at 323-9299 or sending her an e-mail at [secretary@cf7.org](mailto:secretary@cf7.org).

## Board Meetings

The Board meets at 7:00 P.M. on the first Wednesday of each month September through June in the Hobby Room at Campana del Rio located at 1550 E River Road. We allow a ten minute period at the beginning of each monthly meeting for "Resident Related Issues." Agenda time must be scheduled with the Board Secretary two weeks prior to the meeting.

**Dates for 2016: Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7**

**Dates for 2017: Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3, June 7, Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6**

Please check with the Board Secretary to confirm an upcoming meeting date and time and for directions to the meeting location.

## Save the Date for the CFE7 Annual Meeting

The CFE7 annual meeting will be held the morning of Saturday February 11. Mark your calendar now and watch for your notice in January. We hope you will attend.

## Desert Plants and Water Saving

Once again it is that time of the year when many of us start thinking about fall plants for our garden. Whether you are planting for the first time or you are a regular gardener, selecting desert plants that save water and look beautiful should be one of your primary considerations. Desert plants do not have to be boring and do not have to look the same; to the contrary, there are a variety of flowers that have very bright colors and thrive in our environment. Additionally, these plants can save plenty of the precious commodity we call water.



There are numerous methods to save water in your landscaping, and for very good reasons. Since one-half to three-quarters of household water usage is spent on landscaping, being water conscious with our plants is one of the easiest ways to save water and money. With proper watering we can keep our landscape plants beautiful and healthy throughout the year. Determining how much water your plants need is a good starting point, meaning match your plants water needs to your watering system output. Overwatering plants in the desert is not only wasting water but it can also harm the plants. Plant roots need oxygen to grow and overwatering can prevent the roots from getting proper ventilation. Regularly checking for leaks in your irrigation system can also help save precious water. Choosing desert plants that require very little to no water is another effective and proven method to conserve water.

Today we live in an era where information about any subject is literally at your fingertips. Browsing through the plethora of websites and videos about any kind of flora and fauna is just a few clicks away. You can find a listing of plants that are most suitable for our environment on the CFE7 website under the heading "Nature." Another website that contains a more extensive list of desert plants with colorful photographs is <http://www.amwua.org/plants/>.

Everyone can participate in conserving water. Low water usage, especially through planting low water desert plants, greatly diminishes our use of energy for water harvesting. This in turn reduces energy costs and benefits the environment and our wallets. Given that we chose to live in such a place for its beauty and uniqueness, it behooves us to continue preserving our environment for generations to come.

## Talking Trash

The homeowners in Catalina Foothills Estates #7 had an opportunity to make changes to the Protective Covenants when the Protective Covenants were amended and restated in 2014. Based on membership input, Protective Covenant 3.14 Trash and Recycling received continued support.

**3.14 “Recycle bins and trash containers shall remain concealed at all times from view of other Lots and roads and shall not at any time be placed along street rights-of-way...”**

This Covenant restriction has a basis in the preservation and protection of our environment. Trash cans can be easily tipped over by wildlife. The spilled trash becomes scattered and litters the area. This garbage also becomes an easy but unhealthy meal for some wildlife such as javelina. This can result in more aggressive scavenging, damage to the surrounding landscape and increased safety concerns of people.

To appreciate the positive effect of this covenant restriction, one just needs to drive through other neighborhoods on trash day. The roads are lined with green and blue barrels, some dumped over. For some of us, another benefit is not having to roll the heavy trash containers to the road.

The biggest drawback is the expense of “Back Door Service.” For this reason it pays to shop. At this time, only two companies provide “Back Door Service” in CFE7. Each company was recently contacted to negotiate a lower rate for CFE7 subscribers. Both providers explained that in order to obtain lower rates, the CFE7 Board of Directors would need to contract services for all

the homeowners in CFE7 and the CFE7 Board of Directors would collect the fees. This would be difficult to accomplish, so it is up to each homeowner to select a service provider.

Both companies encourage new members to submit a request for new service from their website. Once received, a service representative will contact you. ***At this time, it is important to request “Back Door Service.” It is the responsibility of the homeowner to subscribe only to “Back Door Service” even though the service providers are willing to contract curbside service.*** This is particularly relevant when dealing with Waste Management as they have signed members of our association up for curbside service in the past.



Service Provider	Quarterly Cost Including taxes and fees	Barrels	Additional Fees
<b>Waste Management</b> Monday – Friday 6am - 5pm Saturday 8am – Noon <b>520-744-2600</b> <a href="https://www.wm.com/index.jsp">https://www.wm.com/index.jsp</a>	\$213.32	Provide trash barrel Provide either recycle bin or barrel \$30.00 initial charge for barrels/bin	\$35.00 nonrefundable initial set-up fee
<b>Arizona Sanitation Services</b> Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm <b>520-867-6080</b> <a href="http://arizonasanitation.com/tucson.htm">http://arizonasanitation.com/tucson.htm</a>	\$174.00	Provide trash barrel Provide recycle barrel No initial charge for barrels	\$25.00 nonrefundable initial set-up fee

Please remember that we all signed the Protective Covenants before becoming a member of the Catalina Foothills Estates #7 Association. As a member, we need to follow our covenants with integrity.

### Welcome New Neighbors

**Sotiri Barbounis**     **Roy/Marlene Verdery**  
**Judith Taylor**         5322 N Via Entrada  
 1422 E Via Entrada

**Jeffrey Harvey**         **Firuzeh Mehraboni**  
 5210 N Via Condesa         1720 E Entrada Nueva

### Board of Directors

**Dale Pugh,**  
 President, Covenants Enforcement Chair  
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 Treasurer  
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See [www.cfe7.org](http://www.cfe7.org) for contact information.



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## Annual Assessments

In the past, there has been confusion regarding the annual assessment notices that homeowners receive from Catalina Foothills Association and Catalina Foothills Estates #7. This is understandable as the notices appear similar and are sent at the same time of the year.

It is important to know what each organization is.

The main **Catalina Foothills Association (CFA)** is a volunteer, nonprofit organization devoted to the preservation of the unique residential character of the Catalina Foothills. While CFA represents and supports the interests of all areas within the Catalina Foothills, it is only responsible for enforcing the covenants for areas 1 through 6. Areas 7 through 10 each have their own covenants and the authority to enforce them. For this reason, the \$20.00 dues to the CFA are voluntary for the homeowners in areas 7 through 10.

**Catalina Foothills Estates #7 (CFE7)** is the area in the Catalina Foothills where our homes are located. As part of our covenants, there is a mandatory annual assessment.

The annual assessment supports the affairs directly related to the CFE7 neighborhood. The assessment has been increased from \$72.00 to \$85.00 this year as voted on by the members of the association and approved at the 2016 annual meeting.

To minimize confusion, the CFE7 Board of Directors has decided to mail CFE7 assessment notices at the end of November for the 2017 annual assessment cycle. In addition, our invoice will be printed on a different color paper than the CFA invoice. While the main CFA board has online payment, CFE7 does not have the ability to accept charge card payments at this time.

We hope that you continue to support the main organization as it broadly represents our community interests. Your timely submittal of the CFE7 annual assessment is appreciated.

