



### President's Note —

**W**elcome to the 16 new families who have joined our neighborhood so far this year. We consider CFE#7 to be a very special place. Please become familiar with the CFE#7's CCR's and Guidelines, before starting any outside work, and remember to submit your Project Review Application. One of the things that makes Catalina Foothills Estates #7 so special is our protective covenants. The CCR's and Guidelines ensure our community retains the characteristics that make our neighborhood so attractive. If you have any questions our website (cfe7.org) is a great source for information. And don't hesitate to contact the Board Secretary or one of the Board members if you have questions. The website has a directory with contact information.

Your Board of Directors is comprised of unpaid volunteers from within the community. Their primary role is to administer the business of the association and to enforce the CCRs and Guidelines. The Association members will elect board members at the upcoming election in February 2023. There will be two vacan-

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### NEWSLETTER EDITOR

**H**ello again to the neighborhood. Randy Accetta here, you Newsletter Editor. In this newsletter you'll find updates on Board Committee work, meeting announcements, and other items we hope are of interest. If you have any topics you would like to see us address — or that you would like to write about — please email me at [randy@runtucson.net](mailto:randy@runtucson.net).

### COMMITTEES

**O**ur various committees are hard at work managing the needs of the community:

The Project Review Committee reported that 16 projects had been successfully closed over the summer, while others are ongoing.

The Covenants Committee reports that 10 covenant issues were managed during the summer, with five resolved and five still pending as of mid-September.

The Landscape Committee reports that six recent projects have been reviewed and completed, while an additional six are still being managed. In addition, a sub-committee looking at various issues regarding local vegetation has met throughout the summer and working on updates for the community. Special thanks to Angie Stingelin, Betsy Timmons, Carl Englander, David Sygall, Martin Karpiscak (with Jane Hoffmann and Julie Kelly from the Board).

### SAVE THE DATE!

### 2023 CFE ANNUAL MEETING

**Date:**

**Saturday — February 4, 2023**

**Location:**

**St. Philip's Gallery**  
**St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church**  
**4440 N. Campbell Ave.**

**Time:**

**9:30 — Meet & Greet**

**9:45 — Neighborhood Watch Meeting**

**10:00 — Annual Meeting**

cies to be filled. Positions on the board are three-year terms and members can be elected for two consecutive terms. If you would like to take part in serving your community or would like more information on becoming a board member, please call the Secretary (323-9299) who will pass your name to the nominating committee. Ultimately, the CFE7 property owners determine the future of the Association and our neighborhood. Consider investing in that future by joining our Board of Directors.

A topic that always comes up during an election cycle is political signs. Questions usually center around size, shape, how many, the timeframe, and the message. The Arizona statute stipulates that the association may prohibit the placement of political signs prior to 71 days before the primary election date and after 15 days beyond the general election date. Signs supporting primary candidates who don't advance to the general election may be required to be removed 15 days after the primary election date. The statute gives HOA's the authority to limit political signs to a maximum aggregate dimension of nine square feet. Currently the CFE7 Guidelines do not place any limits on the signs. But the Board in consultation with legal counsel has developed a policy to limit political signage as allowed in the statute. The policy will take effect after the current election cycle.

By way of reminder, as the holiday season approaches be sure to keep a watchful eye for unusual vehicles or people and call 9-1-1 immediately to report suspicious persons or behavior. On behalf of the rest of our Board, I wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday season!

**Ken Ellis**  
*President*

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**T**he Board meets the first Wednesday of each month. Currently meetings are held via zoom, from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Neighbors are welcome to attend, though some meetings reserve time for closed sessions to accommodate special needs. Contact Jane at [secretary@cf7.org](mailto:secretary@cf7.org) if you are interested in attending.

## SWATTING

**E**arlier this summer it was reported that one of our neighbors was a victim of what is commonly called "swatting," when a police presence arrived at her house under the impression that there was a violent disturbance on site. As you may know, the term swatting refers to what Wikipedia calls "a criminal harassment tactic of deceiving an emergency service (via such means as hoaxing an emergency services dispatcher) into sending a police or emergency service response team to another person's address. This is triggered by false reporting of a serious law enforcement emergency, such as a bomb threat, murder, hostage situation, or a false report of a mental health emergency, such as reporting that a person is allegedly suicidal or homicidal and may or may not be armed, among other things." If you have any concerns about this behavior, please reach out to Pima County Sheriff at their non-emergency number 520-351-4900.

NOTE: I will do more research on this

## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

**D**o we prune Palo Verdes and native trees? The answer may be surprising. "We're so lucky to have all this green," is something we often hear from new residents. "This undisturbed desert in the middle of a city is priceless," they add. Longtime residents know this doesn't happen by accident. Historically, CFE7's Guidelines, stating that, "no native growth shall be destroyed or removed..." has continued to guide residents in keeping the natural look that we enjoy in our community. Recently, a few lots have been observed where excessive pruning has taken place without consultation with the Landscape Committee. In some instances, removal of branches at the base and mid-level of the trees occurred. Pruning of this nature destroys the natural look of the trees and eliminates much needed protection for native shrubs, young cacti, and ground cover that is essential for erosion control. Removal of dead plant material and mistletoe is a maintenance function; however, any other landscape activity requires consultation and possibly an approved Project Review Application. Please do your part to keep our community landscape natural and beautiful. If you have any questions about your landscaping plans, please contact the Landscape Committee at [landscape@cf7.org](mailto:landscape@cf7.org).

## MEET A BOARD MEMBER

**A**s you may recall, Board member Cesar Melendez was our guinea pig for this feature last time. This time, though the rest are shy so we'll have to go with what we've got..."

**Name:** Randy Accetta

**Where were you raised?**

I was born and raised in NYC, we moved to Colorado in junior high school, then I went back east for high school and college.

**When and why did you move to Tucson?**

I moved to Tucson in 1993 to get a graduate degree in American Lit from the UofA

**When and why did you move to the neighborhood?**

My family moved here five years ago.

**What do you do for a living — what have you done for a living?**

My wife and I own a running company called Run Tucson — we produced charity running events. I also teach at the McGuire Center for Entrepreneurship at the UofA.

**Why did you join the Board?**

It's a privilege to live in this part of Tucson, and I wanted to give back to our neighborhood. I also wanted to be a voice for parents with young children. As the community ages, we'll have more and more families move in and I want to do my part to welcome them.

Two truths and a lie: I'm training to hike to Mount Everest Base Camp, my 13-year-old daughter idolizes me, and I am listening to a book on Greek philosophy.

(Yes, I am listening to Greek philosophy, and yes I hope to be at Mount Everest when this is published, but no, as soon as my daughter learned about the boy band One Direction she stopped idolizing me and turned her attention to Harry Styles.)

## Please welcome our New Neighbors!

**I**f you get a chance to say hello to our new neighbors, we're sure they would appreciate being welcomed to the neighborhood.

*David/Lynette Dray  
5210 N Via Condesa*

*Richard/Tiffany Couch  
1221 E Condesa Tercera*

*Ulrich Stang/Lisa Tischhauser  
1840 E Calle Del Cielo*

*Phillip Larson/Diane Rogier  
1521 E Via Soledad*

*Michael/Catherine Rioles  
1555 E Entrada Segunda*

*Brian/Sandra Beatty  
1211 E Condesa Tercera*

*James Belanich/Ellen Newhouse  
4401 N Calle Luisa*

*Ross Kelley/Jessica de la Ossa  
5201 N Via Condesa*

*BDB Capital, LLC  
5211 N Foothills Drive*

*Brendan/Emily Neilan  
5425 N Soledad Segunda*

*Rex/Katherine McLachlin  
5015 N Via Condesa*

*KSW Properties, LLC  
5211 N Foothills Drive*

*Andrew Scherffius  
5025 N Entrada Cuarta*

*Daniel/Penny Kautz  
4980/4981 N. Calle Luisa*

*Genti Qesja-Bardhi/Magen Howard  
5541 N Via Entrada*

## REMINDER OF ROAD SAFETY

**A**s we begin to hit the darker winter months, it's a good idea to revisit the idea of road safety. So many of our residential and through-streets are populated with walkers, joggers, bike riders, parents with strollers and the like.

### **If you're a pedestrian:**

In early morning and evening darkness, wear bright clothing and carry a light to illuminate your path.

Consider not wearing headphones so that you can hear oncoming vehicle traffic.

Avoid reading your phone while walking

Walk on the left facing traffic.

If you must walk with traffic, be strategic about the line you take.

Hug the corners and be prepared to step to the side.

When going around corners, walk single file.

### **If you're driving a motor vehicle:**

Please go slow enough to be safe and don't go above the posted speed limit

Don't hug the corners

Use turn signals

Come to a full stop before leaving a cul-de-sac

## RURAL METRO REMINDER

**A**s most residents know, Rural/Metro provides the only fire protection for the area; however, there is no obligation to subscribe to that service. Should a non-subscriber need fire assistance and call 911, Rural/ Metro is called, and the non-subscriber is billed for services at the rate of at least \$900 an hour per vehicle, plus at least \$100 an hour per firefighter, including their travel time. Also, the homeowner need not be the one who calls in the alarm. A neighbor, for example, could activate the service, and the homeowner would still be responsible for payment, which is why we recommend subscribing. If you have questions, please contact [secretary@cfe7.org](mailto:secretary@cfe7.org).

## DO NOT FEED JAVELINA OR OTHER WILDLIFE

**Y**ou may have seen the news articles about recent javelinas attacking children, adults, and dogs. Given that our washes are major wildlife corridors, please do your part and do NOT leave food or water for wildlife, including bobcats and javelina.

Arizona law prohibits the feeding of wildlife, so please do not break the law and feed wild animals in our neighborhood.

Indeed, there are three steps each of us can take to alleviate the threat of wildlife attacking yourself or your neighbors:

**Remove Food:** Remove all sources of what can be called, "artificial food" -- bird feed, pet food, garbage, tossed remnants, and the like

**Change Watering Habits:** Standing water draws wildlife and mosquitos so be sure planters, sprinklers, and other watering locations are not collecting standing water

**Discourage Wildlife:** create barriers, close gates, and close garage doors -- make noises when animals are in sight get them to change their travel paths

## GLASS RECYCLING

**I**f readers are like this author, they may not realize that glass is no longer being accepted in household recycling. However, Kimberly Simpson, a new Cat 7 resident, has provided the following information about where one can easily recycle glass.

**Rio Vista Natural Resource Park**, located at 3974 N Tucson Blvd (at the end of Tucson Blvd, north of Prince Rd.

The bins are in the parking lot in the middle of the facility

For more information, call 520-791-4873.