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Spring 2015



## Welcome Our New Neighbors

Knute and Karen Knutson  
1102 E Via Entrada

J.Kenneth Hester  
Heidi Bunch  
1621 E Entrada Quinta

Dennis and Judy McAlister  
1530 E Entrada Sexta

Joshua and Malgorzata Betancourt  
4955 N Via Condesa

David and Eileen Dillman  
1625 E Entrada Diez

Ron and Lisa Soroka  
1642 E Entrada Tercera

Rajesh/May Khanna  
1555 E Entrada Segunda

Darren and Katie Hicks  
1810 E Camino Cresta

Kellie Hurdell  
1631 E Entrada Octava

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## Beware of Javelina

Karen Lansdale

This morning as I sipped my morning coffee, I looked out at a bobcat watching me. One of the biggest joys for me after returning to CFE7 after 33 years is its natural setting. I am so happy to be home enjoying all the splendors of the desert.

However, I recently had a trying experience which has made me afraid to walk with my dogs. My Golden and I were walking on Via Condesa when two javelina bounded toward us. We ran for quite a distance. When we stopped they flanked us and barked and made noises with their teeth. I screamed for what seemed like forever and they retreated. What saved my dog was that he did not act aggressively toward them.

Last week there was another attack on Calle Luisa. Mr. Torrance, a 35 year resident, told me that he was with his German Shepard when two javelina came onto his property and one of them viciously attacked his dog. Thankfully, she will survive after what he said was a very large vet bill. He also has a small dog and now will not take her out into the desert. We discussed how the javelina population has grown. He told me that 35 years ago this problem did not exist.

Living amongst the many forms of wildlife, it is important to be *AWARE* and be *PREPARED*. I have found a tremendous amount of useful information about javelina on the Arizona Fish and Game website (Azgfdportal.az.gov). The three top recommendations: 1. Avoid them. 2. Carry a loud horn and be prepared to scream. 3. Keep calm and don't move around too much.

One very important piece of advice is **NEVER FEED THEM!!** "This can cause them to become regular visitors and lose their fear of people, creating problems for the neighborhood and often leading to the death of the javelina."

In closing, please keep safe. An early summer morning walk is a wonderful way to start the day but being prepared is mighty important!

If you have encountered any javelina, please let the Board secretary know where and when you saw them, the circumstances and the size of the pack.



## E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

***This is the second newsletter that we have sent out by e-mail.***

A number of residents have signed up for this service. The Board felt that this would save CFE7 money as the cost of postage and printing continues to increase.

We would like the residents who would be interested in receiving the "Footnotes" by e-mail to request this of the Board secretary. Please send an e-mail to secretary@cfe7.org confirming their e-mail address(es).

***E-MAIL ADDRESSES WILL NOT BE SHARED WITH ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION.***

## Mission Statement

The Catalina Foothills Estates No. 7 Homeowners Association (HOA), a Board-managed HOA, shall promote maintaining area No. 7 in the spirit of the Protective Covenants. This shall be accomplished through various programs that help support our natural environment and a clean, crime-free area, while maintaining the aesthetic character of the neighborhood.

## Board Goals

The goals of the HOA Board are serving our members by keeping them informed of the Protective Covenants, regulations, and membership activities; being a resource for information about our community, providing news and announcements of local events, and providing our members the opportunity to have an active role in our community.

## Board of Directors

2015

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## Open Board Meetings

The Board generally meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month ( 2015 Jan. 7th, Feb. 4th, Mar. 4th, Apr. 1st, May 6th, June 3rd, July/Aug. *no meetings*, Sept. 2nd, Oct 7th, Nov.4th, Dec.2nd, 2016 Jan 6th)

Holidays and vacation schedules sometimes result in the re-scheduling or cancellation of a particular meeting, so please check with the secretary, 323-9299, to confirm a meeting date and time.

At the beginning of our meetings, we allow a ten minute period for "Resident Related Issues" – these must be scheduled with the secretary two weeks before the meeting.

Articles for the newsletter are welcomed and should be mailed to:

Catalina Foothills Estates #7 Association

P.O. Box 64173, Tucson, AZ, 85728-4173

or e-mailed to [CFE7News@msn.com](mailto:CFE7News@msn.com).

**Board Members and positions change February of each year. Information can be verified on-line at [www.CFE7.org](http://www.CFE7.org).**

*Has your telephone number and/or e-mail address changed?*

*Please let us know by phone (323-9299) or e-mail*

*(Secretary@ cfe7.org ) to update your information.*

## Meet Your New Board Members



### *Susan Frieze*

Susan Frieze has lived in CFE7 for seven years. She works at Literacy Connects and helps run the Adult Basic Literacy program. Additionally, she has served on several boards and is now a volunteer with the Tucson's January 8<sup>th</sup> Memorial Foundation. Susan is married to Dr. Randall Frieze, who currently serves as one of our State representatives, representing Legislative District 9.

### *Mary Herring*

Mary Hickert Herring moved to Tucson from Philadelphia 16 months ago for her husband Howell's career move. Since arriving in CFE7 Mary and Howell have devoted lots of energy to learning desert ecology, practicing passive rainwater harvesting and restoring native habitat to parts of their yard that were cleared years ago -- values Mary brings to the homeowners association board. Mary serves as the volunteer coordinator for Old Pueblo Community Services, an agency that helps homeless veterans, persons returning from incarceration and those experiencing long-term chronic homelessness transform their lives.

### *Julie Kelly*

Julie Kelly and her husband, Guy, have lived in CFE7 for the past 22 years. A Tucson native, Julie fell in love with "the beautiful neighborhood 'way out' by St. Philips in the Hills" at an early age, and hoped to live there someday. Her husband discovered this same neighborhood while cycling in college, so they realized their mutual dream when they found their home in CFE7. Julie is a former first grade teacher and reading specialist and now works in residential

real estate with Long Realty Company. Julie is happy to serve on the board, in order to help preserve the unique beauty and qualities of CFE7.

### ***Karen Lansdale***

Karen Lansdale and her husband are very pleased to make CFE7 their home after being away from Tucson for over 30 years. They have lived in many exciting places around the world but always knew that Tucson would be their final destination. Karen was very specific with her Realtor that they only wanted CFE7. Karen's love of CFE7 began when her folks built a home on Condesa Tercera in 1972 and so, after many years, Karen and her husband are finally home!! They have two dogs, a two year old Golden Retriever who is finally starting to behave and Gypsy, their sweet Westie. They certainly are excited to meet their neighbors and become a part of the community. Karen is very proud to serve as a member of the board of the community that she has loved for most of her life.

### ***Stacy Litvak***

Stacy Litvak has lived in CFE7 since 2002. Stacy was one of the first members of the Beresford-Hillsdale Neighborhood association in San Mateo, CA. He served as an active member for 12 years including board member, president, and newsletter editor. Stacy enjoys foreign and domestic travel, reading, interesting cars and the outdoors. He continues to be amazed by how much Tucson and the surrounding area have to offer.

### ***Dale Pugh***

Dale Pugh is a graduate of the University of Arizona. He is a healthcare executive who has worked with hospitals and health systems in Nevada, Texas, Illinois and Arizona. His wife, Melinda, is a clinical professional currently working for the University Health System. Dale and Melinda share their home with a six-year-old yellow lab and are active members of the Southern Arizona Corvettes.

### ***Joanne Robinson***

Joanne Robinson is a returning CFE7 board member to CFE7. She previously served on the board as the covenants chairperson and treasurer from 2008 to 2012. She was born in Ohio but has called Tucson home for the past 32 years. Joanne and her husband recently celebrated their tenth year residing in CFE7. Joanne works in private practice and in schools as a speech-language pathologist. When not working, she enjoys spending time with her family, reading and tinkering in the garden.



## **From the President's Desk**



Our annual homeowner's association meeting in February was an outstanding gathering that presented an opportunity for the Board members to listen to and learn from the property owners we serve and represent.

As a relatively new resident to CFE7, it was informative to talk to those homeowners who have lived in our neighborhood for many years. I asked one homeowner who has lived in CFE7 for 20 years what changes he had seen since arriving in Tucson. The answer was "Lots of changes in our city, but not so many in our neighborhood and that's a good thing." This comment was echoed by others with whom I had the opportunity to speak.

Such statements, I believe, reflect well upon the efforts of our homeowner's association board and its focus over the years to maintain the unique character of our neighborhood.

I was also impressed by the many former Board members who were in attendance at our annual meeting and how they continue to contribute as well as the numerous others who volunteer their time to preserve the character of our neighborhood. We are fortunate to live in an area where so many are focused on and committed to the lifestyle we enjoy.

Opportunities for service still exist and I encourage you to become informed and involved. If you have never attended a Board meeting, join us; if you have an idea or suggestion, share it with us; if you have ever toyed with the idea of being a Board member, don't be shy.

I got involved because of my deep appreciation for the wonderfully unique and special neighborhood in which we live.

It took me nearly 40 years to return to Tucson following my graduation from the University of Arizona. Career moves led us to other states and cities. While each of those moves presented an exciting career opportunity, returning to Tucson was always in the back of my mind.

Residing in those different areas helped me to appreciate how fortunate we are to live in our neighborhood. It truly is like no place else.

There are many new members on the Board this year, but I can assure you that our focus remains the same -- to do our best to uphold the protective covenants that preserve our unique and valued neighborhood and the lifestyle it affords.

***Dale Pugh***



## Got Water Pressure?

Jerry Bishop

Unbeknownst to many of us who live in the Foothills is the fact that the Tucson Water Department delivers water from its mains to our homes at a very high pressure, approximately 120 pounds per square inch (psi). The domestic water delivery system within our homes is designed to operate at around 60 psi. It is therefore necessary to have a valve on the house side of the water meter to reduce the pressure and protect your home plumbing system and appliances.

The homeowner needs to be aware of the existence of this pressure reducing valve (prv) as it needs to be serviced on a regular basis and replaced if the water pressure in the home gets too high (over 80 psi). Often the valve is not exposed to view. If you do not see the valve above ground, either by the water meter or where the main water line enters the house, it means that the valve is buried and will require some digging to expose it. The first place to dig is right behind (house side of) the water meter. Should this fail, next try digging next to the house where the water pipe enters the exterior wall of your home. Should you start experiencing plumbing problems such as dripping faucets, low flow shower heads that equal Niagara Falls in volume or a flushing toilet that sounds like a jumbo jet taking off, your pressure reducing valve has probably failed. If so, contact Tucson Water.

Customer Support Unit. Tucson Water will come to your home and run a test of your water pressure. If it turns out that the pressure is too high, the next step is to adjust the pressure at the valve. Should that measure prove unsuccessful, your prv will have to be replaced, a job which should not be delayed as the high pressure could result in a burst pipe or fitting.



## Mailbox Appearance

Jeff Mundt

In CFE7 we know the value of our relatively unspoiled desert, spectacular views and abundant wildlife. We know our property values depend on the preservation of these qualities and we try to keep our homes and properties looking nice to complement our foothills environment. We have all heard the term “curb appeal” and most residents take care to maintain their homes in an attractive manner. Interestingly, the first thing visible upon approaching a home is often the most overlooked by its owner -- the mailbox and its associated light fixture and standard. CFE7 has strict rules governing the mailbox, light fixture and standard in an attempt at uniformity in an area where lot shapes and home designs are quite varied. Our climate causes the mailbox, light fixture and standard to become faded and require attention every few years.

In most cases a good cleaning followed by fresh paint and new street number on both sides of the mailbox do the job. If you are the “do-it-yourself” type with a couple hours to spare on a windless day you can wash, do a little light sanding, if necessary, and apply two coats of quality spray paint with excellent results. Once the paint is fully dry, the new street numbers can be applied. Putting the numbers on both sides of the mailbox is recommended by Rural Metro. You will be amazed at what a difference a smart looking mailbox, light fixture and standard make to the appearance of your home and to the neighborhood!

If your mailbox, light fixture and standard are truly in dire straits, you can find specifications at the bottom of the “Covenants” page of the CFE7 website (<http://cfe7.org/covenants.html>). You can also find specifications for the “Approved Alternate style lockable mailbox”.

If you have any questions regarding the mailbox, light fixture and standard specifications, please contact an Architectural Review Committee member before commencing any work.



**IT's the LAW:** County ordinance (6.04.030) states: Dog owners must clean up after their pets while on public property (our streets), or private property (our washes) without the owners consent. A person convicted of this offense is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and subject to a fine and/or jail term. Do be aware that many of the washes used for walking dogs in CFE7 are private property. Please respect the owner's right not to have their property fouled.

## Architectural Committee



All residents must obtain approval from the Architectural Committee **prior** to any construction, modification or building alterations.

**This includes Solar and Water Harvesting Installations.**

It is suggested that residents not make any down payments with contractors until the project is approved.

Forms and/or any information can be obtained from the Architectural Committee or Office Secretary or our web site ([www.CFE7.org](http://www.CFE7.org)).

The committee works diligently to review your request and enable you to complete your work project in a reasonable, timely fashion.

## Danger of Dead Trees

Jean Harber

While trees on your property can be beautiful and provide needed shade in our hot summers, dead trees are dangerous and should be removed. Dead trees can pose many dangers.

Because the wood in a dead tree is not replenished with nutrients and moisture from its roots, the branches can become brittle and susceptible to breakage and/or fire. Falling branches or limbs can cause injuries ranging from minor cuts and bruises to death. In our dry desert climate, a dead tree is a major fire hazard.

If a dead tree or one of its limbs falls on your structure or vehicle, the resulting damage can be catastrophic. In addition to possibly causing injuries to people and pets, it can also cost a lot to repair the resulting damage to property. Needless to say, a fire can have tragic consequences.

Some homeowner's insurance policies cover the cost of dead tree removal.

While a completely dead tree is easy to identify, a tree may be in danger even while some of its foliage may still be healthy-looking. Dead branches or limbs should be removed to avoid them from falling and causing injury and/or from catching on fire.

## Annual Neighborhood Cleanup

CFE7's annual neighborhood trash cleanup was held in February and was once again a tremendous success. At 8:00 A.M. volunteers met at the corner of E. Via Entrada and North Foothills Drive to greet one another and claim a section of roadway/median to clean.

Trash bags and coffee and donuts were provided and each individual or group set off for the assigned area. All of the roadways and medians (and a couple of washes too!) were scoured and left nearly spotless in only a couple of hours. Paper, cigarette boxes, soda cans, bottles and miscellaneous debris were found.

***A very sincere thank you to this year's volunteers.***



## Calling All Bookworms

There is interest in forming a monthly CFE7 book club. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail Jean Harber at [jeanharber@aol.com](mailto:jeanharber@aol.com) with the following information:

1. Your name
2. Your telephone number
3. Your e-mail address
4. The day(s) of the week, times of the day and which week(s) of the month would be best for you to attend book club meetings

## Helpful e-mails and phone numbers

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Web  
[www.CFE7.org](http://www.CFE7.org)

CFE 7 News  
[cfe7news@msn.com](mailto:cfe7news@msn.com)

CFE 7 Neighborhood Watch  
[cfe7NW@msn.com](mailto:cfe7NW@msn.com)

Catalina Foothills Association  
327-9693  
[www.CFAtucson.org](http://www.CFAtucson.org)

Pima County Sheriff Dept.  
911  
[www.pimasheriff.org](http://www.pimasheriff.org)

Shannon Station  
351-6311

Community Svc  
351-4900

Crime Map  
[www.Crimereports.com](http://www.Crimereports.com)

Dept Dev. Svc.  
[www.pimaxpress.com](http://www.pimaxpress.com)

Building Codes  
740-6441

Permits  
740-6490

Barking Dogs  
743-7550

AZ Wildlife  
628-5376  
[www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov)

Postal Svc  
[www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)

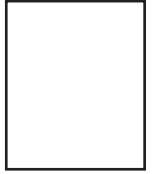
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## Are You Interested in Finding a Group of CFE7 Folks with whom to Hike?

If you are interested in hiking with a group  
of your CFE7 neighbors, please e-mail Jean  
Harber at [jeanharber@aol.com](mailto:jeanharber@aol.com) with the  
following information:

1. Your name
2. Your telephone number
3. Your e-mail address
4. The day(s) of the week and times  
of the day would be best for you  
to hike

