



FOOTNOTES



Annual CFE7 Association Meeting

The 49th Annual Meeting of the Catalina Foothills Estates (CFE) No. 7 Association was held on Saturday, 9 February 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the East Murphy Gallery at St. Philip's in the Hills Church. The annual meeting was preceded by a social time and the annual Neighborhood Watch Meeting. President welcomed approximately 86 members and called the meeting to order.

The Neighborhood Watch meeting preceded the Annual Meeting and Chair June Le Claire announced that in the last six months there were 5 larceny, 6 fraud (mostly mail theft), 2 burglaries and 1 attempted burglary. CFE7 still has the lowest crime rate of the surrounding areas. Residents were encouraged to call 88 crime if they see anything strange going on and told that the Sheriff's auxiliary will come out and evaluate your home for safety issues and will also engrave electronic equipment. Junw reported she has 21 block leaders but needs help on west Via Entrada, upper Via Condesa and on the west side of Foothills Dr. The job of the block leader is to disperse information to their neighboring homes. June also said she is looking for someone to take over her position as she would like to step down. The residents thanked June for all her hard work.

Annual Meeting:

It was determined that there was a quorum and a motion was made to approve the 2018 minutes. President Pugh introduced the old Board members and asked the prospective Board Members to say a few words about why they wanted to be on the Board.

A question also arose about making changes in the Guidelines and whether the membership got to vote on them. It was explained that only changes in the CC&Rs require membership voting. Changes in the Guidelines are done by the Board. These changes are put on the CFE7 website for 30 days and then officially go into effect. One resident suggested that these things should be sent out by mail, but it was explained that it was becoming too costly to send things by mail and that the website was used to disperse information and also by email; however, we have only a limited number of email addresses for our members. The membership was also invited to attend the monthly board meetings (the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 in the Hobby

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Meet Your New Board Members

Lynn Tofel Dent

Lynn and her husband Dave recently moved to the CFE7 neighborhood with their four children – 3 teenage boys and a 5th grade girl. A long time Tucsonan, Lynn loves to stay busy in our community. She currently works as a Realtor and serves on the school board of Pusch Ridge Christian Academy. Lynn has previously served on the board of the Children's Museum Tucson and as a PTA president. She and her family love their new house and look forward to making memories getting to know their neighbors.

Phil Harber

Phil would like to share his energy and insights to help maintain and improve our community. He has lived in CFE7 for over eight years and every day appreciates our unique area, combining a natural environment with easy access to the city. In addition to gardening and home maintenance/enhancement, he has two other jobs: Professor of Public Health at the UA and consulting in occupational and environmental health. Before moving here, Phil served in roles including professor, division chief, and department vice chair at UCLA. He has organizational experience in leadership and board membership of several professional organizations as well as membership/chair of federal advisory committees. He anticipates traveling much less than before and welcomes the opportunity to serve on our HOA Board.

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Welcome New Neighbors!!!

David/Ellin Ruffner
5101 N. Via Entrada

**Cesar Melendez/
Laura Kemper**
1500 E. Soledad

John/Arlene Watkins
1021 E. Via Soledad

**Kendall Casey/
Patricia Cavanaugh**
1145 E. Vis Entrada

Michelle Martin
5312 N. Foothills Drive

**Marcelo Gonzales-Oerdoerffer/
Ana Hus**
5555 N. Via Entrada

Room at Campana del Rio — call the board secretary at 323-9299 for directions).

Project Review:

The most important thing for residents to remember is to file an application before any exterior work is started; the Project Review Committee looks forward to working with you.

Landscape Committee:

The county maintains the medians and residents are responsible for their own lots. He encouraged residents to call the county about concerns as the more calls the better results; Pima County Road Maintenance, 520-724-6410. The date of the next neighborhood cleanup will be announced shortly — announcement will be on the website.

Treasurer's Report:

It was explained to the membership that yearly assessments can now be paid electronically by Zelle; check with your bank. The assessment will remain \$100.00. The treasurer explained that the largest expense is maintaining the proper reserve fund, then the Secretarial fee, and legal fees. Income comes from the yearly assessment, and transfer fees when a property is sold. A resident asked what the legal fees consist of and it was explained that part of it is for covenant violations and part is for interpretation of state law and the CC&Rs. A resident asked if the Board was indemnified and Howell assured him it was.

Covenant Review Committee:

Twenty-two actions have been addressed this past year. These actions included trash bins, lighting issues, mail boxes, play equipment and over grown trees.

The guidelines require that play equipment be placed in the walled backyards. Recently there have been inquiries about placing basketball hoops along driveways as you need a hard surface in order to play. An in-depth discussion was held. Some residents felt there were county parks or fitness centers to play basketball at. Others felt the noise of the balls outside the rear of the house would totally change the aesthetics and peacefulness of CFE7. Residents asked if they could vote on the issue and it was explained that it would require changing the CC&Rs which would have to go out to all the residents. It was suggested that perhaps each case should be reviewed on an individual basis and a variance could be given with certain conditions (i.e. time limited variance, no night lighting, concurrence of affected residents, hoops taken down when not being used, etc. etc.) agreed to.

Other guideline changes included that only native trees should be planted. The neighborhood is experiencing an invasion of non-native trees (*Rhus lancea*) and also trees that are have grown so high that they block views. There is a wonderful list of native trees and vegetation on the website.

Guideline changes to house colors – because of the reflective issue of white; when repainting homes it will be required to



use earth tones. Energy tan is suggested for roofs.

The final guideline change is regarding lighting. Lighting should always be directed downward. Also, over lighting is discouraged. A resident asked if the Board could address the issue of people leaving Christmas lights up all year long. Another resident asked who defines “areas that need lights” — for an elderly person it could be lights along a walk way.

Now that there are so many courtyards in front of homes more and more patio umbrellas are appearing, another resident asked if this against the CC&Rs? Many cases would have to be handled on an individual basis.

Guest Speaker:

Joe Frannea, Southern Arizona Chapter Leader for the Internal Dark Sky Association.

Joe explained that the International Dark Sky Association started in Tucson 30 years ago by two amateur astronomers. He shared that he had looked at our CC&Rs and they do not violate the Dark Sky initiative.

Lights that reflect upwards give off a sky glow and disrupt the observatories. Flood lights need always to be turned downwards at 45 degrees or lower. Non-residential unshielded lighting must be turned off by 11 pm.

Light pollution causes harm to astronomers' work. Two-thirds of the world's population can no longer see the Milky Way due to sky glow. Astronomy is a huge business in southern Arizona and is now threatened by light pollution.

It also is very disruptive to animal and plant life. It disrupts the circadian rhythms of bats, birds, and insects to name a few. Most plants need dark nights for healthy growth, colorful blooms and reproduction. Remember half of the desert wildlife is nocturnal and lights are not their friends.

Light pollution especially causes sleep issues for children. Dark sleep is extremely important for your REM cycle and also for the body to produce melatonin which helps fight off disease. Blue light interferes with one's sleep cycle.

Most crimes happen in the middle of the afternoon and so flooding your property with lights at night does nothing to stop criminal activity. Light pointed downward can be very helpful for walking paths, so people don't trip and at entry ways. People tend to light up cacti and trees, but this does cause light pollution and is not necessary.

The most important thing is to be sensitive to your neighbors when installing lights and always keep them directed onto your own property.

In closing, the president reminded people to attend the monthly board meetings and to also visit the website for updated information. He announced that the four candidates for board positions were elected. The membership was thanked for attending and the meeting was adjourned.

Character of CFE7 Worth Protecting

The unique character of CFE7 makes it a highly desirable neighborhood and is the principal factor that keeps our property values among the highest in the Tucson metropolitan area. We are fortunate to live in a unique desert enclave with an atmosphere that is unrivaled in the Tucson area. The enduring character of CFE7 is a direct result of the principles embodied in our protective covenants.

As a desert island in the middle of an urban ocean you can drive our roads and get a view of the native desert with houses skillfully blended into the natural vista. You don't see the usual sidewalks, streetlights, power lines, or other standard urban features found in most neighborhoods.

The sight of uniform, yet unassuming lamp posts with a standard mailbox design, is the single feature that distinguishes CFE7 as a homogenous neighborhood. Beyond that, every lot in CFE7 has different topography, architecture, and landscape that blends into the natural surroundings.

We have chosen to follow particular community standards to protect the unique characteristics of our neighborhood. Unlike surrounding neighborhoods, we keep our trash bins out of sight. We prohibit exposed tanks, wood piles, inoperable vehicles, storage buildings and containers, signs, RVs, trailers, or any other item that is not in harmony with the pristine appearance of CFE7. We take pride in our property and keep it well maintained and orderly.

The following tips can help maintain the character, serenity and wellbeing of our neighborhood.

1. Keep trash/recycle bins out of sight at ALL times
 - Contract for backdoor service
2. Insure you have a CFE7 approved or alternative style mailbox (only 2 options)
 - Approved style: Number 2 US Postal mailbox: 11" W x 23.5" D x 15" T
 - Alternative style: Black, metal, lockable mailbox w/smooth un-textured flat sides and top: Dimensions: 11"-14" W x 18"-24" D x 15"-20" T
3. Don't feed the wildlife, let it naturally exist without human intervention
 - Don't place water troughs/bowls on the ground
 - Keep food items off the ground
 - Keep bird feeders/baths well off the ground
4. Observe the lighting constraints in the Guidelines
 - Minimize the number and intensity of lights
 - Shield bulbs so they are not visible
 - Direct light down, not up or out

5. Consult the Landscaping Committee prior to doing a landscaping project
 - Don't allow planted trees to obscure mountain or city views
 - Plant only native vegetation
 - Maintain the natural balance of native burs age, cacti, and trees
5. Consult the Architectural Review Committee *prior* to doing ANY outside project
 - Painting
 - Paving/driveway maintenance
 - Construction/modifications/renovations/additions/removals
 - Monuments
 - Bottom line - Anything that can be seen from the road or other lots
6. Consult the Board prior to positioning a trailer, dumpster, or RV/Travel Trailer
7. Don't allow unauthorized signs to be placed on your property

LAST BUT NOT LEAST: Check the CFE7 Guidelines. When in doubt please contact a board member (CFE7.org)

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Brenda Velasco

Brenda and her husband Jeff moved into the neighborhood in 2006. Brenda has worked in health care administration in Boston and then in Tucson since 1982. Last September Brenda stepped away from her corporate health care career to spend more time with her husband and family and decided to use her 35+ years in health care to become an independent licensed Medicare specialist with United Healthcare. Brenda offered to serve CFE as a Board member so that she could "give back to the community that [she] and her husband love so much for its beauty and peace."

John Milbauer

There is much that John, who moved to the neighborhood in 2007, values in CFE7; the views unobstructed by utility lines, the wildlife corridors of our washes, the relatively uniform architecture that is not "cookie-cutter," the placement of homes on lots with respect to topography, the respect for desert vegetation and, not the least, great neighbors. Having gone through the processes for both solar installation and rainwater collection, John would happily advise others on design and implementation. He learned much along the way that would have been useful up front. John works at the University of Arizona School of Music. John plans to remain in CFE7 and has a strong interest in its evolution, therefore he happily offered to serve on the Board.

New Company Collecting Trash

Please Be a Responsible Pet Owner

The Catalina Foothills Estates No. 7 Board of Directors received many emails this past Fall asking it to find an alternative to Arizona Sanitation after it was sold, and the new owner discontinued backdoor garbage collection service.

Most folks writing to the Board were concerned about paying higher fees if they were to transfer service to Waste Management.

Thanks to a tip from homeowners, the Board contacted Hughes Sanitation Services LLC., which is now providing backdoor collection service in our neighborhood.

Hughes, a locally owned company, is providing the following service to CFE7 residents*:

- Cost: \$40 per month, per household
- Garbage Containers: Residents can lease trash cans for \$5 per month (the \$5 provides a homeowner with two 45-gallon trash cans), or residents can provide their own trash cans. If residents provide their own trash cans, the trash cans must be no larger than 65 gallons. Recyclables must be bagged separately from trash. The recyclables can be mixed (that is, glass, paper, aluminum, etc. do not need to be separated).
- Garbage Container Delivery Fee: \$25
- Billing Cycle: Quarterly
- What is Included: Backdoor service, separate trash and recycle collection
- Collection Day: Weekly on Friday

Website: www.tucsontrash.com

If you are interested in the service provided by Hughes Sanitation Services, contact them directly at:

Phone: (520) 883-5868

Email: hughessanitationservices@hotmail.com

*Verify costs, trash container sizes and all other information with Hughes Sanitation.



Recently residents have observed that some owners are not cleaning up after their pets. This is a sporadic problem, but it seems that an upswing began in the fall. There have been several sightings of dog waste along Via Entrada and bags of dog waste have also been left along Via Soledad. In some cases, the guilty party is probably from the adjacent neighborhoods.



But regardless of whom the guilty party is; it is discourteous to leave any kind of waste along any roadway. This behavior is inconsiderate, unsanitary, environmentally unfriendly, and also illegal. This is our home and we should not engage in or tolerate thoughtless behavior in any form that affects the appearance or character of our neighborhood.

If you are doing this, please stop. If you encounter someone else doing it gently remind him or her that the law requires owners to pick up after their pet. If you are uncomfortable confronting them, you can report the incident to the Board. Please include the time, date, location, and description of the person and animal in your report.

Neighborhood Contact Information

Several requests were made at the Annual Meeting to have a handy list of contacts for homeowner needs. You may want to print this and save for future use.

CFE 7 Neighborhood Watch Area Leader

June LeClair-Bucko cfe7nw@com 577-0989

Answer questions about neighborhood watch

Sheriff's Department — Emergency or to file report 911

Call to report any suspicious activity

Inquire about general information 351-4600

Ask sheriff to drive by while you are out of town —

Area Substation 351-6311

Sheriff Community Service 351-4900

88-Crime (882-7463)

Anonymously report information

United States Postal Inspector

USPIS.gov

Report mail and mailbox crime

Pima County Animal Control

243-5900 or 792-2489

Report animal related issues

Other Helpful Phone Numbers/Websites

- Catalina Foothills #7 www.CFE7.org 323-9299
- CFE 7 Neighborhood Watch cfe7NW@msn.com
- Catalina Foothills Association 327-9693
www.CFAtucson.org
- Crime Map www.Crimereports.com
- Animal Carcasses 243-5900
- Barking Dogs 743-7550
- Dept. Development Services
www.pimaxpress.com
Permits 740-6490
Building Codes 740-6441
- Recycling www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org