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THE ARROW

The newsletter of Flecha Caida Homeowner's Association
www.flechacaida.org



Fall is Coming!

Dumpsters will be available in October

It's time to start thinking about your vegetation clean-up for fall.

Dumpsters are provided for paid members so if you haven't yet sent your dues for this year, it's time.

If you have an off street location and would like to host a dumpster, please call or email right away. 520-327-4240 fchoa@flechacaida.org

Citizen Scientists Needed

Here is a fun opportunity to be a citizen scientist. Lots of Flechans have hummingbird feeders and many of you know that bats are visiting your feeders at night. It turns out researchers would like to hear from you. There is an on going bat population study to count the number of nectar feeding bats in our area. All you need is a hummingbird feeder and measure the amount of sugar water that is being consumed at night: it's the bats that are out at night. The study depends on volunteers. The bats head south in October, so time is short this year. Here is a copy of the email from the environmental project manager.

Arizona Game & Fish, along with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Town of Marana are collaborating on a Citizen Scientist initiative,

*involving the monitoring bats use of hummingbird feeders. If you enjoy watching wildlife and sitting on your porch during summer evenings, please consider volunteering your time to this worthy cause; your efforts will allow Wildlife and Resource Managers in Arizona to have a better understanding of the ecology of the nectar-feeding bat species. For more information about becoming involved, please visit www.maranaaz.gov/bat-study.
Janine Spencer, 520-382-2600*

CORRECTION:

The last Arrow incorrectly stated that Flecha Caida was 45 years old. **WRONG!** Try 58 years old. Neighbors have called to correct us that they have live here for over 50 years.

Newcomer Information

By Diane Flores, President, FCHOA Board

The Dumpster Program

What is the dumpster program all about? The Flecha Caida Homeowners Association provides dumpsters to residents twice a year, Spring and Fall. The dumpsters are paid for by your dues. Not all residents pay their annual dues, so we keep the locations of the dumpsters a secret for members. So if you pay your annual dues of \$65, we will send you a postcard with the map of the “secret” locations. Seriously, in the past, our dumpsters have been filled by commercial outfits, so we are cautious. If you have an “off the road” site for a dumpster on your property, let us know, we are always looking for new locations. It’s very convenient to have the dumpster near your home.

LAST LAST LAST CHANCE FOR ARCHITECTURAL PLANS

The Flecha Caida Board is so kind, we have still not destroyed our large collection of house plans for most of the lots in Flecha. Many of you have picked up your old, yellowed plans, but we still have lots of unclaimed plans. Since we have digitized them all, we don’t need them anymore, but we do need the space. November 1, 2015 they will be recycled.

You have until November 1st to pick them up at Bridget Barry’s real estate office:

Pima Valley Realty, 4641 E Pima. Office hours are open 9 -5, Monday - Friday. Please call the office the day before you come so your plans are ready for pick-up.
520-795-7031

November 1st the plans go in the recycle bin.

WHITE ROOFS

Are you aware that white roofs are not allowed by Flecha Caida CRRs? Originally our developer, John Bender felt that a white roof was not appropriate for a quality neighborhood. If you drive around Flecha Caida you will see lots of tan roofs and it’s easy to see that this “cafe ole” color is much more attractive than white. This does make the neighborhood more appealing which increases our enjoyment and also helps us all enjoy higher property values. The good news about the more subtle tan is that the reflective value is nearly the same as white. There’s at least one other reason the luscious creamy tan is superior; the glare is muted. Homeowners higher on our hills would have to wear sunglasses in their living rooms if white roofs prevailed.

Pima County agrees that mocha is better as well. Pima County Zoning Code 18.61.056 Color Requirements: All exposed exterior walls and roofs of buildings (unless a roof is screened by a parapet wall extending at least three feet above the building), retaining walls, and accessory structures that are visible from outside the land parcel boundary shall be earthtone in color and shall blend in with the natural setting. Colors shall not exceed a light-reflective value of 60 percent.

Most local stores carry a tan alternative to white rubberized coatings. Also beware of silver roof coatings. Not only are they most unattractive, there are studies that show the is silver actually hotter than tan.

So, congratulations to those of you who have desert tan roofs , but if you have a white roof when you next coat your roof, choose tan.

The October issue of Arizona Highways has an article in it about the nectar-feeding project. It is entitled "Things That Go Bump In The Night" by Matt Jaffe.

A Letter from Your President

Hello Neighbors,

I would like to introduce the Flecha Caida Board. The board is a diverse group and represents a variety of outlooks and areas within Flecha Caida Ranch Estates.

V.C. Karamuchi - Flecha #3 for 27 years
Bridget Barry - Flecha #2 for 15 years
John Sharawara - Flecha #4 for 29 years
Mark Cline - Flecha #5 for 8 years
Bill Micka - Flecha #4 for 37 years
Steven Poe Flecha #5 for 7 years
Daniel Paoli - Flecha #5 for 15 years
Ana Watson Flecha #2 for 12 years
 Special recognition goes to **Parviz Nikraves**, who has served us all for about 23 years and has lived in Flecha #10 for 31 years.

The Flecha Board has been existence since May 2, 1969 and has met most months since then to find reasonable ways to protect our neighborhood's close-in, but rural character.

To give you an idea what goes on in the meetings; we mostly review plans submitted by homeowners making exterior changes and work to resolve neighbor complaints.

After 4 years on the board I can tell you that we are a thoughtful group who sincerely wish to keep Flecha Caida as close to the original plan as possible in our changing times

We do not change or establish any property restrictions. The CRRs were established in the mid-1950s.

Diane Flores Flecha #5 for 18 years.

GOOD NEIGHBORS ARE A WONDERFUL THING

I'd like to say a bit about the joy of having good relations with our neighbors. I have been very lucky to have had great neighbors throughout my life. A neighbor can come over to watch the sunset and have a glass of wine or two or three. They just have to walk home, right? Maybe you need just one more egg to finish making lasagna for dinner. There is usually an egg right next door. Then offer them a slice of your lasagna. Isn't it nice to come home from work and get a wave or two?

Here in Flecha Caida we sometimes forget we have neighbors. I have a feeling we all live here because we cherish our natural setting and enjoy the privacy our acre plus lots. It's easy to believe that we live on a ranch out of town. Truth is we all have neighbors and it's important to remember how the way we live might affect them. There are things we can all do to show our consideration to our neighbors and our neighborhood.

As you are planning your remodel, think about how your plans might affect the homes around you. It can be unsettling to see things changing and not know how far it will go. Tell neighbors about your plans and get their blessing. This is not always possible, but it is well worth the effort and its required to get their signoff when you need to request a variance. So often a small modification of your plan will allow others to continue to enjoy their yards and views.

White roofs can also be a problem for those above you and they are prohibited by the CR&Rs because the reflection can be blinding for your neighbors. The approved tan looks much better for the whole area. The simple decision to use an approved tan is a win win.

Clean up after your dog. Doesn't everyone carry a bag these days?

Also, bring in your garbage/recycle cans in a timely manner. They detract from the wonderful drive we home and leaving them on the road is not neighborly. Of course, this can happen, but don't be a perpetual offender.

How about outside lights? Take a stroll out after dark and see if your lights are shining up in your neighbors' direction. Tip that light down or buy a light guard. You have a "win-win" Our favorite.

**Flecha Caida HOA
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If you are interested in becoming a member of the board of directors, we have openings on all of our committees.

Call or email us for more information.

Committees: Welcoming committee, Architectural committee, Grounds Committee, Website & database

HAPPENING THIS FALL IN SOUTHERN ARIZONA



**Amerind Autumn Fest
Saturday, October 24, 2015
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Expand your cultural horizons and join Amerind for a family-friendly, fun-filled autumn day with food, artists, vendors, live entertainment & more!

Come celebrate Diné (Navajo) art and culture at Amerind. See the internationally acclaimed Jones Benally Family Dance Troupe perform a program of traditional Diné (Navajo) dance and song. Also joining in on the festivities is award winning rock duo Sihasin.

Admission: \$10 per vehicle.
Amerind Museum. 2100 N. Amerind Rd.
Dragoon, AZ 85609. 520-586-3666.
Amerind.org

Astronomy at Amerind * **Saturday, October 10, 2015* 5p.m. - 9p.m.**

Join us for an fascinating and educational evening under the stars. Ken Zoll, Executive Director at Verde Valley Archaeology Center, will talk to us about archaeoastronomy. Archaeoastronomy is the study of ancient astronomy and astronomers. The Huachuca Astronomy Club will also be on hand to tell us about our night sky and the importance of reducing light pollution. Telescopes will be on site for our guests to peer into and ponder our limitless skies.

Price: Members: \$75 Nonmembers: \$100 (membership starts at just \$40) Price includes a deluxe box dinner prepared by Amerind's own Chef Debbie. Call 520-586-3666 to register.