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THE ARROW

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



Fall is Coming!

Dumpsters will be available in October

Its 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.

Vegetation only

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

Newcomers

Twice a year the HOA provides free dumpsters for vegetation if you have paid the \$65.00 annual dues. Paid members are notified of the dates and locations. If you interested, send a check for dues to: FCHOA, P O Box 64633, Tucson AZ 85728



Trees for Tucson and for Flecha Caida is here!

Trees for Tucson is working with Flecha Caida to have a Tree Planting Day. High quality, low cost, desert adapted trees are available for purchase at only \$20 for a 5 gallon tree. The trees come with a site visit from TFT to discuss tree variety, placement, and ongoing care. Also we can support a wonderful program at Changemaker High School where students are learning the ropes of landscaping. They will plant our trees for us on delivery day for a small fee of \$15 per tree.

Flecha Caida's Site Visit Day is Saturday, October 1st

Planting/Delivery Day is Saturday, October 22nd

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Flecha Caida Helps to Save the Planet!

Trees For Tucson & Flecha Caida

Site visits: TFT will make a site visit trip to the neighborhood for any residents that want us to come by and give species or planting location advice. We suggest a date 2-3 weeks prior to the planting date to allow residents a chance to order trees after our visit. Once we figure out that date, residents can email rocky@treesfortucson.org to sign up for us to come by and answer any questions residents might have about tree selection and placement. Site visits will be made to discuss new tree selection and planting locations only, we will not be making site visits to do tree assessments of trees that are currently on their properties. When emailing to sign up please include name, phone number, and address.

Tree planting assistance: We have a group of students from Changemaker High School that are trained in tree planting and care that have offered to plant trees for Flecha Caida residents at a cost of \$15 per tree. When ordering your trees, indicate in the notes that you would like planting assistance. Payment for planting assistance will be paid directly to them and not to TFT. Proceeds from the planting costs go towards their programs.

Additional trees: In addition to the trees that are pre-ordered, TFT will be bringing a small handful of extra trees and bags of mulch in case any residents missed the ordering deadline or want extras. These trees will be first come first served and will be limited in availability and quantity.

Tree ordering can be done 3 different ways:

Online: <https://tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org/trees-for-tucson/information-resources/tree-descriptions/>

When ordering online, indicate in the notes that it is for Flecha Caida HOA delivery. This way we don't deliver your trees before the planting date.

Paper form:

Complete the special ordering form for Flecha Caida that should only be used by residents. This way we can keep track of your orders as they come in so that they can all be delivered at the same time.

Phone: Call Rocky at [520-837-6829](tel:520-837-6829) and he will take your order.

Got Mistletoe?

Mistletoe abounds in Flecha Caida and is easily identified by its dark green clumps of growth often the size of a soccer ball. This parasitic growth is spread by birds that feed on its berries and then deposit them on the same host plant or another one nearby.

A little bit of attention to your mistletoe will go a long way towards keeping it under control. If you see "shoots" of mistletoe forming, remove them as close to the bark as possible. If you have small clumps, cut off the affected branch a foot or so below the infestation. Be sure to disinfect your garden tools after dealing with your mistletoe problems or you may inadvertently speed the disease yourself!

Finally, and as a last resort, if you have a tree that is truly overrun with clumps (dozens of clumps infecting most branches) you may need to consider removal of the tree. For complete information about mistletoe, go to cals.arizona.edu/pubs/diseases/az1308.pdf

Courtesy: Anne Hunt, Flechan, Master Gardener, FCHOA Board Member

Your Neighbor Has This Important Caution

Hi, I just wanted to let The Homeowner's Association know that I had outgoing mail taken from our mailbox on N Alvernon Way on Monday morning Aug. 15th, 2016 between 8:00 am and 11:00 am. When I noted the flag was down and the letter was missing. My bank called and refused to authorize payment when the person tried to cash the check using the name of Joshua Wood on Tuesday August 16th. He white washed the check and totally wrote over it trying to forge my name. I have a case going with Desert Foothills Postal station Postal Inspector but wanted to let the homeowner's association know so you can again remind Flecha Caida residents not to place outgoing mail in their mailboxes. The physical description I received from the bank teller was a younger fairly tall (around 5' 11") caucasian male with dark brown hair. The bank does have him on a security camera which the Postal Inspector will be able to access. Just hope this info can get out there to help prevent someone else from going thru this hassle and if we are all careful it should help decrease this mail theft activity in our neighborhood. Courtesy your neighbor

Hello Calle Barril

The Flecha Caida Board has received numerous complaints from neighbors about someone speeding on Calle Barril east of Swan. Residents have told us that this person takes speed bumps at teeth rattling speed. This will ruin the suspension in most cars, so the problem may be solved by the motorist receiving a many hundred dollar bill for repairs. However, if you are the offender, we hope this mention will slow you down. If you are a parent of a young driver, you may thank us for letting you know about the problem. Otherwise, don't be surprised if a sheriff's car is post strategically to cite the speeder on Barril who is troubling and possibly endangering their neighbors and pets.

Here's a neighbor you probably didn't know about.

Occasionally we receive an email from a neighbors who tells us that there is a peacock in their yard. We finally found out that she has a home. Yes, she, a peahen, that's a female peacock. She has lived in Flecha for a little over a year that we know about. No one knows where she came from, but some kind Flechans have cared for her for that period of time. She even gets mealy worm treats. We are told that she occasionally goes on a walk-about. Probably because she gets spooked by a bobcat stated her caretaker. So, if you should see her, send us an email and we will call her family about her whereabouts.

FLECHA CAIDA MYTHS BUSTED!

If I don't pay my dues, I am not required to follow the CRRs. **Nope.** Every lot in Flecha Caida Ranch Estates is required to follow our Conditions, Reservations, and Restrictions. CRRs can be found on our website, www.flechacaida.org

The white roof requirement was waived in the early 1980s due to energy crisis. **Nope.**

During the energy crisis of late 70's, 80s, the board agreed to entertain waivers for the white roof requirement; few were ever granted.

The Flecha Caida Board can change the CRRs. **Nope.**

The Board enforces the CRRs as they stand today and have stood since we began in 1956 - 1960. CRRs can be found on our website, www.flechacaida.org.

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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

Hello Bat-Watchers!

Last year we told you about a bat population study going on in Tucson and it looks like the bats are back and feeding at our hummingbird feeders at night. Here is some important information if you wish to participate this season:

- Submit your observations on the project website, www.maranaaz.gov/bats<<http://www.maranaaz.gov/bats>> under "Data Input Form" on the right hand side of the page
- Submit a single observation for each date you checked your feeder
- Submit two or three observations per week
- Observations of "No Drop in Fluid Level" are still very important to the study

For those of you who have NOT been a part of our project before but have been watching bats at your hummingbird feeder in past years, consider submitting an "End of Season Summary Form" on the right hand side of the webpage detailing your past experiences.

- Photos of your bats can help us identify which of the 2 possible species of bat are visiting your feeder. You can send your photos to project collaborator Ted Fleming at tedfleming@dakotacom.net

If you have a problem with the website link, try the one below, but if that doesn't work for you, just copy and paste it into the address bar of your browser. Again, you can submit your observations to us under "Data Input Form" on the right hand side of the page. <http://www.maranaaz.gov/bats>

Exciting New Health Tip - So we all know that the "Bunny Diet" and, of course, Huffing and Puffing are good for your health but, did you know that disliking your neighbor can shorten your life? If every time you look in their direction, you frown, then the prescription is: take a dozen cookies or a bottle of wine and go make friends, at least wave from a distance. Your smiles when you look their way will add days or weeks to your life. Sorry, No scientific verification.

