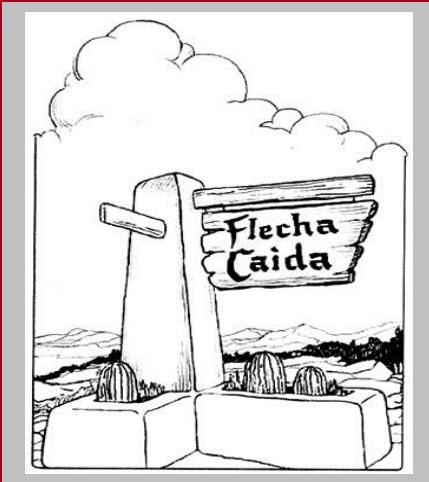


THE ARROW

THE NEWSLETTER OF FLECHA CAIDA HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION



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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.

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GET TO KNOW YOUR DESERT

A wonderful resource lies just a few miles from Flecha Caida and can provide you with a number of opportunities to learn more about the desert surrounding your homes. Many of you are probably already familiar with the Sabino Canyon Recreation Area and no doubt you go there to walk, run, hike, or bike. Besides that, there is an organization that might be of interest to you. The Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists (SCVN) offer a variety of free Public Interpretation activities during the cooler months, October through April. These activities include guided Bird walks, Nature and Wild Flower walks, a Geology walk, and Friday Hikes in the Recreation Area and surrounding mountains. Many of the activities move up the mountain in the summertime. Activities are posted on the boards on the patio in front of the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center.

The SC Naturalists have recently published the second edition of "A Naturalist's Guide to Sabino Canyon". This handy pocket-sized guide is NOT yet available for sale in the bookstore, but can be only obtained from SCVN Naturalists on nature walks, or from other activities in the canyon. The cost is \$10.00.

To find out more about the organization, its activities and resources, check the website www.sabinonaturalists.org.

Another excellent **DAILY** reminder of the wonders of Sabino Canyon can be found on the SCVN blog-spot. This blog is the sole property of one of the Naturalists and registration is free. Each day the blog features a photo with a short description. For more information visit the blog at www.sabinocanyonnaturalists.blogspot.com .

"The desert when the sun comes up ... I couldn't tell where heaven stopped and the Earth began."
-Tom Hanks

ABOUT FLECHA CAIDA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

The Flecha Caida Homeowners Association was established in 1968 and has actively protected our beautiful neighborhood for all these years from vegetation clearing, unsightly development and numerous attempts to change the atmosphere that we all cherish.

Membership in the HOA is voluntary and the annual dues are \$65.00. Dues are due May 1st of each year following our Annual Meeting. Please participate by paying this small fee and attending our meeting each year. One of the benefits the Board provides is bi-annual dumpsters in the neighborhood for FCHOA members to provide an easy method for disposal of vegetation during Spring and Fall cleanup season.

You can also meet your neighbors and be a local hero by serving on our Board which meets the third Tuesday of each month except December when we get together to celebrate the Holiday Season. Come join us, we are a cordial group, but serious about protecting the wonderful setting we are so fortunate to live in.

Even though our dues are voluntary, abiding by our CC&Rs is not. The CC&Rs are enforced by the HOA on every lot within the 10 phases of Flecha Caida, stretching from Alvernon to Craycroft and River to just south of Sunrise. You should have received a copy of our CC&Rs when you purchased your home, but if not, you can get a copy at our website, www.flechacaida.org.

If you are planning to make changes to your property, please keep in mind that you need prior approval from our Board before you make changes to most things on the exterior of your home. The following list will give you an idea of what needs **prior** approval:

- Removal of native vegetation.
- Exterior changes to the buildings, including changes in house color.
- Construction of walls, fences, swimming pools, outbuildings.
- Disturbance or new construction.

Fall Clean Up! Dumpsters Coming

October 19 & 20, and October 26 & 27, 2013

(Available to current paid members only)



Do you have an article you'd like to submit to The Arrow? If so, please email it to fchoa@flechacaida.org! We would love to hear from you!

*“Where we love is home –
home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts.”*
- Oliver Wendell Holmes

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

After my home was burglarized in 2002, I sent a letter to inform my neighbors. Three days later, a neighbor's RV, boat and SUV were burglarized. Not only did my neighbor and I immediately install security systems in our homes, we started a Neighborhood Watch (NW). We identified 76 Flecha Caida homes northeast of Swan and River. During the next nine years, we invited neighbors to NW meetings with deputies from the Pima County Sheriff's Department (PCSD) and the Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers (SAV), and hosted potlucks and training sessions to help our neighbors become acquainted with each other and the criminal activity in our area.

During those years, we helped launch a new NW group southeast of River and Swan and another one in Heatherwood Hills. Working together, we were able to identify suspects and provide information to the PCSD which resulted in the arrests and convictions of two men who stole our mail and another who helped himself to a neighbor's TV and more. In the latter case, we were able to take the surveillance footage from the burglarized home and promptly share it with over 100 neighbors. On a tip from one NW group, the PCSD apprehended the burglar a day later in our neighborhood. In another instance, a neighbor reported two mini-bikes stolen from her carport. After sending an e-mail message to our NW group, the bikes were quickly found in a nearby wash and returned to the neighbor.

A couple of years ago, one of our NW leaders passed away and others moved out-of-state, as did I. Our group was no longer active and the NW signs were removed and crime in our area increased. While I lived out-of-state, my home was again burglarized and upon my return to Tucson this summer, a man broke through a door in my home while my 77-pound dog barked by a window just a few feet from him. I watched in disbelief from another window. After this third burglary, I again notified my neighbors and learned that nearly half had been the victims of crimes. We immediately held a meeting with the PCSD and SAV to educate ourselves on the increase in crime in our area and to discuss ways to stay safe. After our next meeting in October, we will regain our NW status and our NW signs will be reinstalled.

In previous years, attempts have been made to establish NW groups throughout Flecha Caida. The program has proven to have a tremendous impact on reducing crime and the PCSD depends on us to be their eyes and ears since so many of our homes aren't visible from the streets. We have a lot of leaders in Flecha Caida and we strongly encourage you to step forward and either start a NW group or participate in one. The SAV requires two meetings to start a Watch and only one annual meeting. It's such a small commitment that makes a huge difference in our neighborhoods.

You're welcome to contact me if you have any questions or would like to be included in one of our events. You can also call SAV Sue Stensel who coordinates the NW program. She can be reached at 351-4972 and she will be glad to advise you. The PCSD encourages us to call 9-1-1 if we see anything out of place and said they will gladly run a plate for us or swing by and check our homes while we're on vacation. In addition, please keep the PCSD non-emergency number by your phone (351-4900) and refer to www.pimasheriff.org for important information and to be added to their crime alerts e-mail list.

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*"Virtue is not left to stand alone.
He who practices it will have neighbors."
-Confucius*

THE BACK PAGE

If you have an article for the newsletter, please email it to fchoa@flechacaida.org
What would you like to see here? We want to hear from you!

NEIGHBORHOOD HEROES

The Board would like to recognize a couple of our Board members, Brent Beardsley and Bill Micka, who have been updating the Flecha Caida Homeowners Association database. This is one of those invisible things that can make so much difference to an organization's ability to communicate with its members. Brent has modified our system so that it can email large numbers of us or print mailing labels. This will be a great help going forward. Thank you, Brent and Bill for the gift of your expertise and valuable time. Next time you are at a party you can brag about your HOA's database being very sophisticated and effective.

BOB KUHN: DRAWING ON INSTINCT

Showing at the Tucson Museum of Art October 12 2013 - February 16, 2014

This exhibition focuses on a selection of stunning masterpieces and sketches by wildlife artist Bob Kuhn. Visitors will view early drawings from his youthful days studying animals at the Buffalo Zoo, to the landscape studies and gesture sketches from later in his artistic career. Seeing this material together provides a glimpse of the evolution of Kuhn's artistic process over time, from sketches to finished works. (Copied from TMA website).

The late Bob Kuhn was a longtime time resident of Flecha #5 where his wife Libby Kuhn still resides.

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