



# THE ARROW

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## **ANNUAL MEETING ATTRACTS FLECHA VOTERS ALSO NETS NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

The 2006 Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 27, featured discussion of the Regional Transportation Plan, with former County Supervisor Katie Dusenberry speaking in behalf of the plan and Campbell-Grant Neighborhood Association President Ken O'Day taking the opposing position. Both speakers attracted a number of questions from the floor, with some interested attendees following our guests to their cars.

The result was a large turnout at the polls on May 9th in the two Flecha precincts with a victory for both the plan and the half-cent sales tax to fund it. A preliminary check of the results shows that both passed comfortably in our area.

It will be some years before we see the results of this initiative, with many planned projects such as the widening of Grant Road not scheduled until ten years from now.

The election of directors preceded the program, with all present directors being reelected. Continuing board members are: Connie Beuerlein (Section 2), Carol Donner Lescoulie (Section 4), Jerry Garafola (Section 7), Tina Gingras (Section 6), Bryck Guibor (Section 8), V.C. Karumanchi (Section 3), Tom Mason (Section 3), Parviz Nikraves (Section 10), Joe Pennington (Section 1), Cindy Ruedy (Section 8), Patty Sea (Section 2) and Bill Staples (Section 6). New members nominated from the floor were Bridget Barry (Section 2) and Ed Balmer (Section 6). You can see we have support on the board from most of the ten sections of the Flecha's. If you would like to serve on the board and be your section representative on the board, come join our board meetings. Usually we meet at the First Evangelical Free Church on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30p.m. (Next board meetings are July 11th, August 8th, September 12th, October 10th, November 14th) Check on our website for more information. [www.flechacaida.org](http://www.flechacaida.org).

### **MAILBOXES AND STREET SIGNS MORE THAN DECORATIVE**

When we send out a notice asking you to have your mailbox refurbished, it is more than an aesthetic suggestion. **It could save your life or a loved one**, as could the Flecha street signs that we keep painted and marked. Could emergency personnel find your home if you called Rural Metro or the Sheriff's Department? Is your driveway clearly marked even though your mailbox is on the opposite side of the street? Even with the wonderful GPS equipment now used, some of our homes are still hard to find. Check out your situation and take steps to make your home and its occupants safer. Don't wait until an emergency -- do it now! Either call or e-mail Patty to paint your mailbox at 577-6226 [pasea@earthlink.net](mailto:pasea@earthlink.net).

### **REMODELING? REPAINTING? - CCR'S, YOUR FIRST STOP -**

**Steps to guide you through the process.....**

**1. Read your CCR's and read article 14**

(This tells you how to get approval.) If you don't have a set of CCR's for your section, you can download them from the website at: [www.flechacaida.org](http://www.flechacaida.org) or call Sue at the office and she will send you a set. (327-4240)

2. If you are making changes to the exterior of the home, there is a **form** on the Flecha website for your use in submitting the changes for approval. If you do not have computer access, call the office to request that the form be mailed to you.

3. **Contact our architect and submit two copies of the plan to be reviewed.** The architect can approve most plans, but if there needs to be a variance to the 40 foot set back to your lot, the board must also approve the variance. **You may be asked to get written agreement from any neighbors affected by the variance.**

4. Submittals requiring Board action, such as variances, must be submitted a minimum of **10 days prior to scheduled monthly Board meetings.**

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## Arrow News

If you need to contact us, please call the Flecha Caida HOA office at 327-4240 and ask for Sue Jamison, our Executive Secretary

### About the Arrow:

The Arrow newsletter is published quarterly and distributed free of charge to homeowners. Next newsletter will be sent out in September, Classified ads info. to be in to the editor by August 15th

### Contributions:

Submissions may be edited to conform to space restrictions. Call 615-9494 or e-mail [connie@chbdesignlink.com](mailto:connie@chbdesignlink.com)

**Consumer Health Department**  
To report standing water that has or might have mosquito larvae in it, call 740-2960.

## Committee News

### Architectural Review Committee

#### Some Do's and Don'ts

**DO** refer to your CC&Rs.  
**DO** submit all requests for property improvements to ARC & John Gabb at [johngabbarchitect@msn.com](mailto:johngabbarchitect@msn.com)  
**DON'T** hesitate to contact us at 327-4240 with any architectural related questions.

### Grounds Committee

#### Some Do's and Don'ts

**DO** keep vegetation trimmed.  
**DO** remove mistletoe from trees.  
**DO** keep your property free from rubbish, abandoned vehicles, etc. Read your CC&R's for more information, found at [www.flechacaida.org](http://www.flechacaida.org)  
**DON'T** hesitate to contact us at 327-4240 with any questions.

### Welcoming Committee

Please call the Welcoming Committee with new homeowners in your neighborhood. We would like to offer a packet to welcome them to the neighborhood. Call 327-4240.

## From the President's desk...



The annual meeting was a lively success. Last year's minutes and the treasurer's report were approved as well as some minor revisions of the by-laws. The board was re-elected with the happy addition of two new members, Brigett Barry and Ed Balmer. I reported on the efforts of the board members regarding last year— we put in lots of time and effort in consolidating our records, sorting and scanning our architectural plans that have been in storage for years. We produced a new addition of the Resident's Handbook for new owners, and sent it to everyone as a source of useful information. We have a few on-going legal cases but are optimistic they will be resolved this year. Then we adjourned for the program.

I thank the officers and members of the board who dedicate enormous time and talent. Our Architect, John Gabb and our Executive Secretary, Sue Jamison are superbly professional. We all thank Darlene Espinosa who served so well as president for so many years. They help make Flecha Caida a great place to live.

Sincerely,  
Carol Donner Lescoulie

## A New Excerpt in Flecha Caida's History

Sue Jamison, Executive Secretary & Official Historian

Some newcomers to the ten sections of Flecha Caida may not know why careful and consistent management has made the Flechas one of the most desirable communities in Pima County.

Flecha Caida is made up of a variety of styles, from traditional ranch homes to mid-century modern to contemporary. They are all custom homes and their individuality is celebrated. **But the main thrust has always been to fit in with our surroundings with as little impact as possible.** Some recent projects have alarmed the owners of neighboring properties.

Fashions in color are also changing. Most longtime Flecha Caidans remember the building of the so-called 'two white houses' that not only flouted our own restrictions, but were in violation of the Hillside Development codes of Pima County and were painted stark white because the Public Works Department was misinformed by the builder who said "Flecha Caida doesn't care." He soon found out in court that this was not the case. These two homes are now painted in shades of light and medium brown. We are fortunate that County officials share our concerns.

Those who manage Flecha Caida have, for the entire half-century of its existence, **approved only colors that reflect and blend into the surrounding desert tones** on the most visible parts of the structures. No one has ever been refused approval for a red or other bright-colored front door – this is a way to express the owner's personality – but the main body of the finished house has always been in keeping with the philosophy that was part of the original concept.

## Recent Homes That Sold in the Flecha's

Courtesy of Flecha Caida homeowner Danelle Kornberg (Long Realty)

E Calle Barril	\$262,500	E Camino Llanoso	\$499,900
N Camino Gacela	\$360,000	N Alvernon Way	\$510,000
E Calle Del Pantera	\$395,000	E Calle Del Ciervo	\$560,000
N Via Carcaj	\$400,000	E Cerco Del Corazon	\$672,500
E Camino Llanoso	\$400,000	N Flecha Dr	\$700,000
N Flecha Dr	\$450,000	N Caida Pl	\$763,750
N Calle Bendita	\$482,000	E Calle Barril	\$980,000

## The Desert Green Thumb



June/July are the hottest months in Tucson and all the news media are

stressing water consumption as a priority during our drought. If your plants are hurting, increase the depth of mulch to decrease the evaporation rate and keep the roots cooler. If possible, change over your thirsty plants to succulents. This might be the perfect time to investigate desert landscaping. Would anyone like to host a "Plant Exchange" in late September? Call 615-9494 before our next newsletter. We are still looking for someone to help write this section of the newsletter.

## School Watch - In Session

It has been brought to our attention that parents who are waiting for their children at the bus stop during the school session should be parked at least **15 feet from the intersection**. Another area of concern is cars going around the bus when children are leaving the bus. In addition to being illegal to pass a bus stopped for school children, it is very dangerous to the children getting off the bus. Please stop for the busses - our children's safety is at stake. Also please slow down while driving through the Flechas -- especially around curves where you may not be able to see pedestrians. We have a lot of walkers in the Flechas -- let's keep them safe.

## Pet Snake Vaccination

**Coachwhips / Whipsnakes** are usually 3 to 8 1/2 feet long, unstriped body, smooth scales, tail tapering to a point, and sometimes pink on the underside of body or paler than the body. Varying in color, black to pink, red, tan, or gray. They make their nests a foot below the surface, mating in the spring, and laying 4 to 20 eggs in June or July. They eat other venomous snakes and control rodents, so they are helpful if you can keep your distance from them. **Racers** are 3 to 6 feet in length, striped dark brown, on tan, or black; with patch-nosed for digging. They tolerate the hottest summer days. **Both of these snakes are not poisonous, but highly aggressive** - chomping down when they bite, and they have a reputation for tearing flesh. **Do not handle these snakes!** Note: If you come across a snake in your house, try to keep an eye on it so you know where it is and call Rural Metro at 624-9913. If your pet is bitten by a rattlesnake and your vet is not available, call Valley Pet Hosp., (748-0331) 24 hour emerg. service. Ask your vet about the rattlesnake vaccine. Problems with any wild critters around your home? They fall under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, call 628-5376.

## Flecha Curb Repairs

The ten Flecha Caida's sections contain about 560 lots. Some of the curbs within these ten sections have been hit and broken by cars or trucks and need to be repaired. If you see that there is a section of curb broken or missing in your neighborhood, please call the county transportation office. Repairs must be reported by anyone residing on the street in need of repair. Call the **Operations & Maintenance Office to report a repair. (740-2639)** Please notify the Flecha Caida office to let us know you have reported a broken curb on your street. Call Sue at (327-4240).

## Flecha Crime Report Scam Alert - Jury Duty

Someone pretending to be a court official calls your house and tells you there is a warrant for your arrest for not appearing for jury duty. The caller asks for your social security number and date of birth, as well as other personal information, so he can verify this information and cancel the arrest warrant. The caller uses intimidation tactics to get the information. Questions about jury duty, call Pima County Jury Commissioner's Office or access their website. Don't give any personal information via the telephone!

**Pima Cty Jury Commissioners Off. 740-4222**

<http://www.sc.co.pima.az.us/jury/>

**Monsoon Alert** - Never use your cruise control during a rainstorm. If your vehicle hydroplanes, the cruise control may try to accelerate while the car has uneven traction.

## Classified Ads

Free to members. Place an ad in the Arrow. All ads will run in space-available (20 words or less). Non-members will be charged \$25 for the same space. Call 615-9494 or [connie@chbdesignlink.com](mailto:connie@chbdesignlink.com)

**Wanted:** 2-horse trailer. Nothing fancy - just need to get to nearby trails. Scot @ 577-6226.

**For Sale:** Older GE 24 cu ft side x side refrigerator. Black front, ice maker/water in door. \$200  
Contact Don or Cindy 299-7982

## Let's Get Together!

A **Sewing Group** would like to form, choose Monday - Friday that you would be willing to meet. Time - either morning or evening? Meet - either once a week or once a month? Call 615-9494 to get on the list. \*\*\* **Game Group** is forming. We will start with "Mexican Domino's". It is a fun game that doesn't take a lot of concentration. We will meet on Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m., call to sign up. Tables of four. 615-9494 This will rotate from home to home. Everyone will bring a snack to share. Host will provide the drinks. If you have a card table please mention this when you call. Call to get on the list.

## ***FC Homeowners Association Survey Response***

We had **not one response** to our newsletter survey. You must really love the new style. We hope you will appreciate the effort that it takes to provide you with an informative newsletter. **The Newsletter Committee**

Join the Homeowners Association! Help us stay strong. Send your name, address and your e-mail address with a \$60 check made out to: FCHOA  
Please remember that real estate signs are not allowed in Flecha Caida except for temporary open house signs. P.O. Box 64633, Tucson, AZ 85728-4633

**For Your Information:** There are **23 threatened and endangered plants and animals in Pima County**. Most are in danger because their habitat has been destroyed or damaged. Here are a few: Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis* (Endangered), Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* (Endangered), Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl *Glucidium brasilianum cactorum* (Endangered), Desert Pupfish *Cyprinodon macularius* (Endangered), Gila Topminnow *Poeciliopsis occidentalis* (Endangered), Huachuca Water Umbel *Lilaeopsis schaffneriana* ssp. *recurva* (Endangered), Jaguar *Panthera onca* (Endangered), Jaguarundi *Felis yagouaroundi tolteca* (Endangered), Kearney's Blue Star *Amsonia keameyana* (Endangered), Lesser Long Nosed Bat *Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuenae* (Endangered), Masked Bobwhite (Quail) *Colinus virginianus ridgwayi* (Endangered), Mexican Gray Wolf *Canis lupus baileyi* (Endangered), Nichol's Turk's Head Cactus *Echinocactus horizonthalonius* var. *nicholii* (Endangered), Sonoran Pronghorn *Antilocapra americana sonoriensis* (Endangered), Southwestern Willow Flycatcher *Empidonax traillii extimus* (Endangered).

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