



THE ARROW

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A Letter to Flecha Caida from this years Annual Meeting speakers.



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Rural/Metro Fire Department is proud to be providing Fire and EMS services to you and your community for over 45 Years.

Rural/Metro is always excited to visit the residents of our service areas. As your local Fire Department, our goal is to provide you professional services with the finest levels of care using the industries most sophisticated methods and technologies. But our commitment to service goes well beyond the scene of an emergency. We're doing more every year to serve our community and make it a safer place – with an emphasis on public safety through prevention.

We would like to keep fresh the topics we discussed at the meeting so, here are the answers to the most popular questions Chief John Walka answered.

- Make sure that address numbers are clearly marked, and use reflective numbers.
- Make an escape plan in case of fire in your home and practice it with your family.
- Check your smoke detectors monthly, and change batteries once every six months.
- Brush fire season is here, clear a 30 foot defensible space around your home.
- Have a fire extinguisher in your kitchen and laundry room.
- Make sure your children know how to call 9.1.1.
- Call Rural/Metro if your children need education in pool safety, fire safety etc.
- For a free home safety review please call, 297-3600.

Rural/Metro is always available to answer questions or concerns you may have regarding any fire or EMS related issues. If you would like any of the question above answered in more detail please contact **297-3600** or visit us online at www.rmfire.com - click on the FAQ tab to see our most frequently asked questions.

Caring for the Safety of Southern Arizona for Over 45 Years!

HOA's Win One, Lose One

by Sue Jamison

Arizona Daily Star's Business Section, April 29th, carried a story about two homeowners who made alterations without approval from their HOA boards. One was the addition of a garage door, the second involved a convoluted tale of longtime incorrect property lines and a man who knocked down a concrete wall to access to his side yard, all without the HOA's approval.

In the first case, a judge in Superior Court threw out the covenants that governed the HOA, causing no end of trouble for the subdivision, whose homeowners are now worried about what this will do to their property values. In the other, the homeowner decided to opt for the hearing process under a new state statute, alleged to be less costly than a lawsuit. For a small fee those in planned HOA's can opt for this form of arbitration. In this case, the hearing judge ruled in favor of the HOA.

This new arbitration option does not apply to Flecha Caida as membership is not mandatory. If we have a violation that goes to court, it is on the basis of a breach of the contract signed by our homeowners, at the time of purchase - acceptance of the CRR's.

Our CRR's clearly state that the homeowner is responsible for all legal fees if FCHOA has to turn a case over to its attorney. So far, we have a remarkable record of winning.

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Arrow News

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About the Arrow:

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Contributions:

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

Consumer Health Department

For mosquito complaints, and control tips, or to report dead birds call (740-3191) - West Nile Virus has come back in force this year. No humans, but mosquitos have been tested to have it.

Committee News

Architectural Committee

Some Do's and Don'ts

DO refer to your CR&Rs.
DO submit all requests for property improvements to AC & John Gabb at 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 CR&R's for more information, found at www.flechacaida.org
DON'T hesitate to contact us (327-4240) with any questions.

Welcoming Committee

Please call the office with new homeowners in your neighborhood. Sometimes we are the last to hear. We would like to offer a packet to welcome them to the neighborhood. Call (327-4240).



From the President's desk... Happy 50th Anniversary FCHOA



Most of us chose to live in Flecha Caida for the quiet residential lifestyle. We have substantial investments in our properties that depend upon our keeping it an exceptional community. Flecha Caida Homeowners Association is a volunteer group made up of residential property owners who, since 1957, have been actively enforcing the CRR's.

This year has been busy, with many approvals of new construction and remodels. As usual, there were a few problems, mostly unapproved constructions and setback violations. A few people built walls without approval, forgetting that all construction projects require compliance with the CRR's—and proving again that it is better to get approval before starting to build.

At this, the end of another busy year, I would like to thank the board members for their willingness, creativity, time and skill. The viability of this association relies upon their efforts. Thank you, our members; we depend upon you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,
Carol Donner Lescoulie

A Note From the Grounds Committee

Each section of Flecha Caida has the following restriction included in their CRR's: *All clotheslines, garbage cans, equipment, wood piles or storage piles shall be walled in to conceal them from the view of neighboring lots, roads or streets.*

Especially important for the "feel of the neighborhood" is the concealment of garbage cans. It is obvious when it is trash day in our respective areas, but it is also obvious when cans are left streetside beyond that window.

Some of us have longer &/or steeper driveways than others and that can create a problem getting cans to and from the street for pickup. Solutions for this have ranged from concealing the can(s) behind bushes/cacti near the street or by making a 2-3 sided screen using wired ocotillo branches supported by a few metal stakes. The latter type is especially easy to construct and if the bottom of the screen is in a shallow trench, the ocotillo may grow.

Leaving your cans at the street may be a signal that you are out of town to those that would like to enter your home illegally. Please make an effort to not only be considerate of your immediate neighbors, but also of the neighborhood as a whole.

My Driveway is NOT Your Dog's Bathroom!

Anonomous Contributor

The Flechas are a wonderful place to live. For the most part our neighbors are friendly, thoughtful, and courteous. In other words we are just a down right neighborly bunch. But some of us do not think about how our actions might affect others. This is the case when we allow our beloved pets to "POOP" along the road or in someone's drive way and not show the courtesy of cleaning up after the pet. It is doubtful that any of us would allow that same pet the "POOP" in our own home or drive way with out cleaning it up. Nor would we allow that beloved pet to "PEE" on our newspapers, without possibly using the newspaper on the offender.

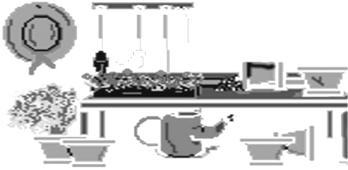
All anyone walking their dog needs to do is carry a couple of plastic bags and "PICK UP THE POOP" or "BAG THE CRAP". Let us all (People and Pets) be on our best behavior and remember – Your dog's bathroom is not Your neighbors driveway.

Classified Ads

Free to members. Place an ad in the Arrow. All ads 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

For Sale: Two Bush computer desks, matching black durable melamine surface resists scratches and stains, wood sides and front, 29"Hx53"Wx29 1/4"D, keyboard shelf, pencil drawer, one deep filing drawer, large area for CPU storage. \$100 each call (615-9494).

The Desert Green Thumb



Since this is the time of year that temperatures begin to soar, you need to increase the frequency and length of time you run your irrigation system.

Keep a check on plants for invading insects and wash off with a spray made up of 1 tbs. of unscented Dawn dish detergent to 1 gal. of water. This spray is the least toxic treatment used as the first line of defense before using toxic insecticides. Remove dead flowers to encourage additional flowering. If you want to propagate a favorite plant, take a cutting from the new growth, using Root Tone on its roots will speed up growth. Check out the Master Gardener website at: <http://ag.arizona.edu/pima/gardening> or call the clinic 626-5161 **Anyone interested in helping with a plant exchange? Hosting?** Contact Connie (615-9494) Those interested that return a call, will also be invited to exchange plants.

Stroke Warning Signs - "FAST"

Face • Ask the person to smile. A stroke can cause one side of the face to droop.

Arms • Ask the person to raise both arms. One arm may be lower than the other.

Speech • Ask the person to repeat a single sentence, stroke victims have trouble speaking and understanding

Time • If the person has any of these symptoms, call 911. Every minute counts, this is a life or death emergency.



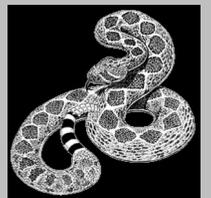
Hundreds of dogs are bitten each year by rattlesnakes! Don't let your dog be one!

There are several locations that offer **Rattlesnake-Avoidance Training** for your pet. Your dog will learn to avoid the sound of rattlesnakes along with the sight and scent. This might save YOU if you are on a walk together. The cost for the shots after a snake bite is \$1500.00 dollars. It's well worth the preventive class, it's \$65 at **Humane Society of Southern AZ 795-6181** or **795-6115** from **5-7:00pm** Reservations are required.

The American Red Cross suggests when bitten:

- * Wash the bite with clean water and soap.
- * Immobilize the bitten area and keep it lower than the heart.
- * If the bite is on the hand or arm remove any rings, watches or tight clothing.
- * Get medical help immediately

If your pet is bitten by a rattlesnake and your vet is not available, Valley Pet Hosp. is open 24 hours (748-0331). If you find a rattlesnake and need it removed call Rural Metro 624-9913.



Crime Report

1/01/07 through 04/16/07 Stats in our area

BURGLARY FORCE RESIDENCE	2
BURGLARY NO FORCE RESIDENCE	2
BURGLARY ATTEMP RESIDENCE	1
LARCENY FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	11
LARCENY AUTO PARTS/ACCES.	2
LARCENY SHOPLIFTING	1
LARCENY ALL OTHER	8
THEFT - AUTO	3
THEFT - TRUCK OR BUS	2
FRAUDS	3
INTENTIONAL VANDALISM	19
POSSESSION MARIJUANA	7

ALERT

Neighborhood Watch

If you are willing to be a block leader, contact the Sheriff's department Neighborhood Watch at (741-4972). They will send you information on how to set up the watch in your neighborhood. Then contact Connie at (615-9494) Flecha Caida's coordinator for a listing of your neighbors to start making your calls. Set up a meeting with the your group acquiring their e-mails. Notify Connie of the meeting date and send her a listing of all the e-mails you have acquired. She will attend your first meeting and provide hand out material. Connie will add your list of e-mails to her master list and when a crime or incident happens in the neighborhood she notifies everyone on the e-mail list with an alert. Neighbors that do not have e-mails are contacted by the block leader within their area. connie@chbdesignlink.com

Spring is one of the most beautiful times of the year in the desert, but it can also be a time for caution. **Rattlesnakes** lie dormant during the cold fall and winter months and awaken from hibernation in the warm months of March and April.

Rattlesnakes have no control system for their body temperature and cannot handle excessive heat, so they remain underground during the day, hidden in burrows, under rocks or in the shade of shrubs. In the spring and autumn, when daytime temperatures are milder than summer months, rattlesnakes are seen sunbathing on rocks or hunting for food during daylight hours.

Rattlesnakes do not rattle their tail when hunting, and they do not always rattle their tail when taken by surprise. So don't depend on the warning rattle to alert you that a rattlesnake is nearby.

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
P.O. Box 64633,
Tucson, AZ 85728-4633**

Questions and Answers

Q: Did you ever wonder where Rural Metro releases the snakes that they capture? **A:** They find a property nearby to release those snakes. They gave the explanation that snakes cannot survive outside of their area.

Q: Which department do I call for Highway issues (cracked windshields; road repairs; road maintenance schedules)? **A:** Contact the Transportation Department, phone # 740-2639.

Q: Where do I call for information regarding road conditions? **A:** Contact Department Of Transportation Road Conditions and Maintenance, phone # 740-2639. For outside Tucson city limits, call the Sheriff's Department, phone # 547-7510 Traffic questions, complaints, or concerns please call: 740-2601

Q: Who do I ask regarding questions I might have on the Craycroft Road Improvement? **A:** If you have questions or want more information about the Craycroft Road Improvement Project, email or, call the Craycroft Road Project Info. Line at: kathy@kaneenpr.com (722-6900) ask for Nanette or Kathy.

Q: Did you know that you could take a tour of the Tucson Water facilities. **A:** The Utility conducts free guided public tours of several of its facilities. All of our tours are scheduled upon a request basis. A tour van leaves from various sites; however, seating is limited. To schedule a tour, please contact Joaquim Delgado at (520) 791-5080 ext. 1461 or the Public Information Office at (520) 791-4331 for reservations and meeting sites.

Q: How do I find out more information regarding the smoke free law? **A:** Contact the AZ Dept. of Health Services 1-877-AZSTOP or 602-364-3122. To view the rules. http://www.azdhs.gov/diro/admin_rules/index.htm

Q: Do you have a question regarding West Nile Virus? **A:** For mosquito complaints, mosquito control tips, or to report dead birds call (520) 243-7999. Questions about illness in humans and horses, call (520) 243-7797.

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