



# THE ARROW

The newsletter of Flecha Caida Homeowner's Association

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## MAILBOXES!

The mailboxes of Flecha Caida are intended to be a common element that tie the neighborhoods together. With its meandering streets and gerrymandered board, the one way that you can tell you are within the Flechas is the brown mailboxes with the fallen arrow motif propping up the mailbox from the otherwise dainty looking post. For those not familiar with the term, "Flecha Caida" means "Fallen Arrow", or "Sagging Arrow", so the steel cut-out mounted on a 45 degree angle seems to perfectly reflect the name.



So, where did Flecha Caida get its name from? A 1959 advertisement for Flecha Caida Ranch Estates suggest the name arose from the developer finding an arrow while walking through the land, inspiring the name "fallen arrow". Whether or not there is truth in that advertisement, the downward pointing arrowhead on the mailboxes is indeed a signature of Flecha Caida.

The CR&Rs grant the HOA the responsibility of defining characteristics of the mailboxes. Flecha's 2-10 all share the same wording, which is slightly different than Flecha 1.

### Flecha 1:

*"That the reversionary owners, their heirs or assigns, shall determine the location and size of all mail and paper delivery boxes."*

### Flecha 2-10

*"That the reversionary owners, their heirs or assigns, shall determine the location, color, size, design, lettering and all other particulars of all mail or paper delivery boxes and standards and brackets for same in order that the area be strictly uniform in appearance with respect thereto."*

The practical impact of the differences in wording is that Flecha's 2-10 are required to follow the mailbox color, stand shape (including the fallen arrow) and mailbox style, while the residents of Flecha 1 are only required to follow the mailbox styles.

Full mailbox style information can be found at our website, [flechacaida.org](http://flechacaida.org) and following the "Mailboxes" link on the left side of the page.

Patty Sea and her husband Scot have been doing

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## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

W John Gabb III, the FCHOA Consulting Architect, has announced his retirement from the role that he has held for the last 31 years. While not a resident of the Flecha's John has played a major role in providing the FCHOA with his wise counsel and knowledgeable review of all incoming building plans.

Originally from Avon, Connecticut, John received his Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Arizona in 1972, becoming a Registered Architect in 1977. He was appointed Reversionary Architect for FCHOA in November 1988. He has served as Consulting Architect for several foothills developments and has reviewed hundreds of plans for FCHOA. He is the designer for over 50 foothills homes and too many remodeling to count, with emphasis on mountain and city views. His future plans include moving to Northern Arizona, or maybe even staying in Tucson—I guess we'll have to see.

The FCHOA wishes to extend a big thank you to John for all his decades of service. Both our Board and residents have enjoyed working with John. His professionalism and historical knowledge will be missed, and we wish him the best on his newest endeavors!



-Mark Buchanan

## FLAVORS OF FALL

As we start to see some relief from the 100° temperatures, signs of fall are starting to show up around us. The families of baby quail are nowhere to be found, the monsoons are winding down, and even some plants and trees in our beloved desert are indicating the seasons are changing! In addition to the relief from the heat, the flavors of fall are another delightful aspect of the season. If you're looking to try something new, this delicious dessert will be a hit at any autumn occasion!

### Pumpkin Harvest Cake

- 4 eggs
- 1 2/3 cup white sugar
- 1 30 oz can of pureed pumpkin
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups white flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- dash of cloves, ginger, or nutmeg, if desired

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Combine eggs, sugar, pureed pumpkin, and oil in a mixing bowl, and set aside. In a separate mixing bowl, combine remaining dry ingredients – flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, and desired spices.

Slowly combine the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients, and stir until well-blended.

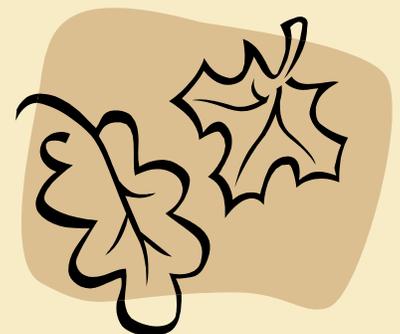
Pour batter into ungreased 9 x 13 baking pan, and bake for 30 to 45 minutes ,or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Cool completely, and frost with the following Icing:

### Icing

- 1 8 oz block cream cheese (softened)
- 1 stick butter (softened)
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 lb. powdered sugar
- ½ tsp. cinnamon
- Almonds or pecans (optional)

Whip cream cheese, butter, and vanilla together until fluffy. Add powdered sugar, cinnamon, and blend. Spread frosting over pumpkin cake. If desired, sprinkle slivered almonds or chopped pecans on top. Lightly sprinkle a little bit of additional cinnamon across the top, and ENJOY!



-Kathleen Buchanan

# FLECHA CAIDA REAL ESTATE MARKET



Currently 13 Properties are Active. One is under contract and 10 have sold in the last 6 months.

	FCHOA	Tucson
Average Listed Price	\$617,408	\$283,565
Average Sales Price	\$472,510	\$278,230
Average Days On The Market	57	36

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their best to help FCHOA residents keep their mailboxes looking sharp. Yet another benefit of being a dues paying member is a free mailbox paint refresh every three years. But don't despair—mailbox painting and repairs are available to all residents! Please consult the website for the menu of services and fees. Is your mailbox in need of repair? Please contact Patty and Scott at 577-6226 or E-Mail [pasea@earthlink.net](mailto:pasea@earthlink.net).

Informed Delivery® by USPS®

-Mark Buchanan

Patty Sea recommends using this free service from USPS in order to help avoid mail theft by keeping you up to date on what mail is on its way. Find out more at: [informedelivery.usps.com](http://informedelivery.usps.com)



## Get out the pruners It's Dumpster time!

It's that time of year again—time to rake up the leaves and prune trees and shrubs! Please remember that only plant material is allowed in the dumpsters—NO TRASH! Dues-paying Flecha Caida HOA members will receive a mailing with a map of the specific dumpster locations. This is required to be on your dashboard when visiting the dumpsters. Our dues are \$65.00 per year, due in April. While doing your clean-up, it is crucial to keep in mind the provision in the CRRs to protect native vegetation!

If you forgot to make your annual dues payment, it's not too late! Look for the payment coupon in this newsletter, or go to our website [www.flechacaida.org](http://www.flechacaida.org) and click on the Pay Now button!



### FLECHA CAIDA HOA MEMBER INFORMATION

Flecha Caida HOA, Inc., P.O. Box 64633, Tucson, AZ 85728  
WEBSITE: [flechacaida.org](http://flechacaida.org) Message Center (520) 327- 4240

**ANNUAL DUES \$65.00**

*(PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO FLECHA CAIDA HOA or use PAYPAL)*

MEMBER NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS IN FLECHA CAIDA: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS (If Different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

HOME/WORK: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS\*: \_\_\_\_\_

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE? \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A MEMBER OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH? \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Providing your email address helps save paper and mailing costs!*

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The **Flecha Caida Board** meets at 7:00 PM on the **3rd Wednesday** (unless stated otherwise) each month at The Journey, 4700 N. Swan, in an available classroom in building F. All homeowners are welcome to attend the meeting.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

- Dozens of mailboxes were opened on Avenida Del Cazador. Some of the locked boxes were pried open and others were simply left open. 7/19/2019
- Mail theft can be reported to the U.S. Postal Inspector online at <https://www.uspis.gov/report/> or by calling 877.876.2455.