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Fountain Park Homeowners Association

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President's Message

We trust that you have been staying healthy and well. It's certain that everyone is grateful for the easing of the COVID-19 restrictions, and the expectation is that we all continue safe practices such as social distancing, regular hand-washing and wearing a mask in the appropriate situations, not only for our own welfare, but equally important, out of concern for the welfare of others.

The Board of Directors was able to hold its monthly meeting on May 13 using a video platform provided by Pinehurst Properties. We succeeded in carrying out the association's business from home and with very few

technical issues. Several homeowners virtually attended and were heard as well. Thanks to Donna Wood of Pinehurst for hosting and guiding us through it.

It is with sadness and much regret that the Board accepted Kate Avery's resignation as Treasurer, effective immediately. Kate's health conditions make it impossible for her to continue as Director. We sincerely thank Kate for her service, time and dedication to the Board and the community over the years.

A new Director will need to be appointed in the weeks to come. The term of the recent vacancy concludes in January of 2021. If you'd like to be considered, please email the Board at bod@fountainparkhoa.org. Include your contact information as well as a brief biographical statement.

Now take a few minutes to read your neighborhood news, where much has been happening in spite of quarantine restrictions.

As always, we encourage and welcome you to become involved. Email the Board at the website mentioned above to let us know how you'd like to participate.

Alicia Navia

Financial Reports

Please see page 9 under the Management Report.



Photo by Alicia Navia



Committee Reports

For the complete details of all business discussed at the monthly meetings, be sure to refer to the Fountain Park HOA website, fountainparkhoa.org Once on the homepage, click on Agendas/Minutes.

Landscaping

For the past two months, seasonal routine maintenance has been the primary focus at the park, the pool and other common areas. Weed control, branch pruning, mistletoe removal and general pick up of debris have been ongoing. Ground squirrel control continues and there appears to be less evidence of them. We do plan to fill in the holes left behind on the paths as soon as possible.

The lawn inside the pool area has come back nicely. It has been fertilized, crabgrass control has been applied and it is being irrigated three times a week. At some later time, the goal is to poll community preferences and determine acceptable alternatives requiring less maintenance and water.

A natural barrier of agaves and other cacti brought from other locations in the park as well as donated by neighbors, have been planted along the open north edge. The objective is to discourage entrance and exit from that point.

In spite of several now resolved irrigation problems both at the park and at the west neighborhood entrance, all trees and shrubs are being watered for varying amounts of time, depending on their requirements.

Not routine maintenance, but still necessary was the replacement of the back flow valve assembly at the entrance to the parking lot as a result of a leak that was discovered by the landscaping crew in late April. And the septic tank adjacent to the pool restrooms was pumped as required every 3 to 5 years and enzymes were added. It should be another 5 years before it's once again necessary.

Alicia Navia

Pool Report

The on-site visit with the Registrar of Contractors' inspector related to the complaint FPHOA filed and scheduled for April 14 had to be re-scheduled once again for April 21. The inspector examined each item in the complaint, which included the cracks in the decking surface, the dimensions and condition of the deck drains, the sanitation system, among other items. The ROC issued a directive to repair the cracked deck surface. An Imperial Pools' subcontractor began work to repair the cracks on Monday May 11. The project was completed on May 19. An inspection by the ROC of the work performed is scheduled for the week of May 25.

The Board is planning to hold an Executive meeting in closed session as permitted by AZ Statutes, to consider whether to obtain legal advice regarding new information revealed as a result of the ROC complaint.

As you are aware, the pool has remained closed because of pandemic-related mandates issued by the State and local governments. As restrictions have eased, Fountain Park also now has the opportunity to open our pool to the community. However guidelines and regulations have been provided by the various government agencies, and law firms specializing in homeowners associations have issued best practices recommendations, with the goal of preventing a resurgence of COVID-19 infections.

Our facility as a Pima County permitted semi-public community pool needs to comply with these directives. They apply to water quality of course. They are also applicable to all of the surfaces with which a visitor will come in contact. In addition there are social distancing requirements.

As a result, the pool committee with the addition of new volunteers will meet the week of May 18 to study all of the information and create an implementation plan tailored specifically to Fountain Park's situation. The plan will be provided to the Board for consideration. As soon as there is approval and measures and guidelines are in place, it should be possible to open the pool to all residents.

We ask for your continued patience as we work through yet another set of challenging circumstances.

Alicia Navia

ACC Committee

When we bought a house and moved to Fountain Park we all agreed to the association's Rules and Regulations:

https://cc91db81ee50425aac0fa8208e4de5fe.filesusr.com/ugd/07cbee_056d12ec0a4042f98241bfff4aec02a8.pdf,

and signed a document indicating that we had received and agreed to follow those rules.

The Rules and Regulations indicate that any architectural or landscape modifications need to be approved through an Architectural Review Process that was updated in 2017:

https://cc91db81ee50425aac0fa8208e4de5fe.filesusr.com/ugd/07cbee_387949c46d9d4a18b9e7506204762ac6.pdf

Have you followed this process? Do you have light fixtures that are not brass or yard art that was not approved? Do you have lights shining up into your trees? This is not only against our regulations that lights should be shielded but the City of Tucson wants a dark sky. If our future inspections were to concentrate on these things would you get a notice?

At first glance this all sounds so negative, but the positive part of our regulations is that we can have a beautiful neighborhood and keep our property values up.

Mina Reeder

Book Club

Five members of the Fountain Park book club met in the park the evening of May 12th . We followed the safety guidelines of distance & we all wore our face masks. We all gave a thumbs up for our book choice which was Nothing to See Here by Kevin Wilson. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 9th at 7 P.M. If possible, we may be able to meet in the pool area. The book selection for June is The Girl Who Wrote in Silk by Kelli Estes. Hopefully, as restrictions are being lifted, more of our members will attend.

Claire Callahan



Letter to the Splash



DESERT MISTLETOE

One of the most attractive features of Fountain Park is its many beautiful, mature trees. Unfortunately, a number of these trees, primarily mesquites and some palo verdes, have either been killed or are being killed, by mistletoe, often referred to as desert mistletoes.

Desert mistletoe is a parasite because it lives off of, and kills, its host. However, because it has some green parts that carry out photosynthesis, it is also referred to as hemi-parasitic. Mistletoe begins to form in trees when birds eat mistletoe berries and then deposit them through their digestive processes onto host trees. Once attached to a host, the mistletoe begins to slowly destroy its host by sapping its nutrients and water. A host tree may have only one or a few tangled masses of mistletoe or many. The more mistletoe a tree is host to, the more quickly the mistletoe will kill the tree.

Desert mistletoe is most easily spotted in the winter when trees are bare but, if one looks closely, it can still be seen now. Mistletoe may first look like an innocent bird's nest; however, as it saps nutrients and water from the host tree, it grows in size and becomes an ever-larger tangle of unsightly brittle stems. Once it gets to a point where it no longer resembles a bird's nest, it is easily recognizable as foreign to the host tree.

If one has frequented the area between the north edge of Fountain Park and the wash, one has surely noticed how desert mistletoe has decimated the many lovely trees that area once had. Large beautiful mesquites and many palo verdes have been killed over the years by desert mistletoe. For those who have lost trees in our area to mistletoe, they know only too well the cost of not removing mistletoe while the tree can still be saved.

Homeowners with trees with mistletoe in them can remove the mistletoe themselves if the mistletoe is not too high in the tree and is not too large. It may, however, be necessary to have a professional who cares for trees to remove the mistletoe for safety and to ensure it is removed completely. The earlier mistletoe is removed from the host tree, the less damage is done to the tree.

I write this as someone who loves living in Fountain Park and believes that one of the features that make it so appealing is its gorgeous trees. Without them, we would look like a barren subdivision lacking the shade, beauty, bird habitats, and friendly neighborhood feel that we currently enjoy. As someone who almost lost a very large, old mesquite to mistletoe, I urge—entreat—all Fountain Park homeowners to carefully inspect their trees and take the necessary steps to rid them of desert mistletoe.

Submit by Kathleen Brennan-Glynn



Advanced desert mistletoe (Photo credit: Linda & Dr. Dick Buscher for Live Science, 12/18/14)

Little Free Library



Don't forget our Little Free Library, which is for adults and children of all ages. Take a book or leave one. It is located by the children's playground area at Fountain Park. If you have questions please contact the library stewards:
Judi Dalton 520-404-6329,
palton@mac.com
Barbara Lehmann 520-237-2140,
bhlehmannaz@cs.com

Getting to know our neighbors

Joelle and Steve Coffman find it hard to believe they have been in this community since 2009. Time flies! Up until 2019 they were only able to visit intermittently, but managed to get in a lot of hiking time in and around Tucson. Now that Steve, an Electrical Engineer, is retired and Joelle, an RN, is semi-retired, they hope to become regular snowbirds.



You may have noticed their tiny fiberglass Escape trailer parked in the driveway at 9081 E Lester as they prepare to visit one of the many scenic and wild areas just hours away from Tucson. When not outside, both enjoy reading and Joelle just finished re-reading *A Beautiful, Cruel Country*, a memoir by a woman who lived near Arivaca at the turn of the century. Next year Joelle hopes to attend the community book club. Fingers crossed!



April 2020 Financial Report

Operating account:	\$ 53,698.84
Reserve Account:	\$ 65,489.02
Total Assets:	\$ 119,187.86

Pinehurst Management would like to remind you that you do have the option of paying your monthly dues online. Please follow the steps below.

To pay online go to:

<https://onlinepay.allianceassociationbank.com/home.aspx>

Use the following:

Management Company ID: 6750, Association ID#: FP, Your 10 digit account number: found at the top of your statement.

You can register online to create recurring payments. Login to access your account information on the link above.

Make a one-time eCheck payment from your bank account.

Processing fees may apply for credit/debit cards; electronic check is free.

FPHOA Board Members:

President:	Alicia Navia	614-507-4067
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Secretary:	Melissa Mora Lovelady	520-250-6520
Treasurer:		
Director at Large:	John Steffens	520-441-9232

Contact the Board by email: bod@fountainparkhoa.org

Board assisted by Pinehurst Properties, Inc. , Carol Keyser, owner/broker.

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Phone: 520-298-2146 - Fax: 520-298-6334

Contact Donna Wood at donna@pinehurstproperties.net

If you have questions or need assistance with setting up your payments for dues, call or email Carrie Bezosky, Accounting Manager at 520-298-2146 or carrie@pinehurstproperties.net (just for accounting matters)

www.pinehurstproperties.net

**Next Board Meeting is: June 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm
tentatively scheduled at City Hall Ward 2 Room A.
7575 E Speedway Blvd.**

All FPHOA residents are welcome to attend.

2020 Committees:

Architecture:

Board Liaison: Mina Reeder

Committee Chairperson: Mina Reeder

Members: Erin Callaghan, Judi Dalton

Hospitality:

Liaison: Melissa Mora Lovelady

Committee chairperson: Melissa Mora Lovelady

Members: Kara and Andy Scott, Judi Dalton, Barbara Lehmann

Landscaping:

Board Liaison: Alicia Navia

Committee Chairperson: Andy Werft

Members: Claire Callahan, Patricia Popp, Jay Williams, Ann Ochse, Joelle Coffman

Newsletter:

Board Liaison: Alicia Navia

Committee Chairperson: Sorraiyya Beheshti

Members: Carol Decker

Graphic Design: Dario Navia Pohl

Pool:

Board Liaison: Melissa Mora Lovelady

Committee Chairperson: Alicia Navia

Members: Carol West, Joelle Coffman, Lisa Jurkovitz, BJ Cordova, Liz Burcin, Claire Callahan

Security:

Board Liaison: John Steffens

Committee Chairperson:

Member: Joelle Coffman, BJ Cordova, Sherry Meek

Compliance:

Board Liaison: Melissa Mora Lovelady

Committee Chairperson: Melissa Mora Lovelady

Members:

Fountain Park Official Documents

There are three official documents all FP homeowners received when they purchased their home. They are the *Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs)*, *Bylaws*, and *Rules and Regulations (R&R)*.

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Fountain Park Website, <https://www.fountainparkhoa.org>

The information on these pages is for Homeowners of Fountain Park only. Documents available for download are CC&Rs, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Architectural Request form, and meeting minutes. All meeting times are posted.

Pool Parties

The pool area is closed until further notice. Once operation resumes, please contact the pool committee to arrange for pool parties using www.fountainparkhoa.org/pool or by calling or emailing Carol West at 520-298-2447 email address ccw4tucson@comcast.net. Follow pool rules posted inside the pool area at the Ramada. No water balloons, bikes, skateboards, or animals in the pool area. For safety's sake, please keep the gate closed.

Paint

The only approved exterior paint colors for Fountain Park are Dunn-Edwards Weathered Coral, Cienega Brown & Fountain Park Beige. They are available at Dunn-Edwards at Speedway & Columbus (327-6011) and at Broadway & Prudence (296-3875). To get the Fountain Park discount use account number 6085276! Our account representative is Isaac Jacques, 909-0425.

All exterior surfaces including front doors must be painted in the approved colors. All wrought iron shall be painted black or one of the approved colors. All slump block walls visible from the street shall be Cienega Brown with a trim color for the cap. Reference FPHOA Rules and Regulations. Changes to the color patterns on your home must be approved by the board.

Gravel

We can purchase gravel at a discount from D & D Materials LLC, Landscape Rock, at 7777 E .22nd St. Ask for Dustin and show a copy of Fountain Park Splash to get \$4.00 off each ton of rock. We can also purchase 5 gallon buckets of any kind of decorative rock for \$2.00. You bring your own bucket and shovel.

Lights

Keep your garage light fixtures in good working order and lit at night. This is a FPHOA requirement. Please check periodically to see if your outside garage light is working. Our garage lights are the only lighting we have to help keep our community safe and give light to our house numbers. This can be lifesaving in case of emergencies. Reference CC&R Art VI Sec. 6.2 and Rules and Regulations, #5.

Construction and Finish

Garage and front porch lights must be made of glass and bronze or antique brass. See R&R pg2, item 5. Wrought iron or other metal and ceramic fixtures are not acceptable.

Size: Should not exceed 24 inches in height and 7 inches in width, including ornamentation.

Light Bulbs

Should cast light in a 180 degree arc with minimal light exiting through the top of the fixture. Bulbs should not exceed 80 watts total for the fixture.

Placement: To fully illuminate the house numbers, fixtures may be moved up to a maximum of 24 inches from the original position...City Ord Ch. 4 Sec 401 states that light sources must be shielded and directed in a limited radius. Remember this when adding any other outside lighting such as security spotlights.

Civic Services Contact Numbers

All residents should report all vandalism, including graffiti, to Tucson Police and to the board.

Police (business hrs. non-emergency) 791-5700

Pima County Animal Control 243-5900

Graffiti Hotline 792-2489

Illegal Parking, Park Tucson, 791-5071

City Code Enforcement, (Property, Housing, Zoning, Signs, Debris, Illegal dumping and other Code Violations) 791-584

Potholes 791-3154

Tucson Wildlife Center 290-9453



Cut out the emergency numbers and place on your refrigerator for quick reference.