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## Fountain Park Homeowners Association

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### President's Message

**Greetings and a happy Spring season however you choose to observe it!!**

I trust that everyone is staying healthy in body, mind and spirit, as we all try to manage during these difficult days of the COVID-19 pandemic. And although you are maintaining physical distance from others as you should be, I hope you remain connected to family and friends, and also to your fellow neighbors, checking in with those around us who might in some way need a helping hand.

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As you probably know by now, there was no monthly Board meeting in April, for health and social distancing reasons. Likewise the decision was made to keep the pool and ramada areas closed for now. Nevertheless it was possible to complete some projects and perform other needed maintenance.

Please read on to get your neighborhood news.



For the details of what was discussed at monthly Board meetings, feel free to go to our website, [fountainparkhoa.org](http://fountainparkhoa.org), and click on the Agendas/Minutes tab found on the Homepage. You'll find other valuable information throughout the website.

Now as always, consider becoming involved in your community and association. Email the Board at [bod@fountainparkhoa.org](mailto:bod@fountainparkhoa.org) to let us know how you'd like to participate.

Thank you and be well!

Alicia Navia

## Financial Reports

Operating account	\$ 53,377.83
Reserve account	\$ 64,286.25
Total	\$116,665.08

### March

Income.	\$13,191.26
Expenses.	\$15,396.83
	<\$2,195.57>
Transfers	\$ 3,400.00
Year to date.	\$10,200.00
Pest control	\$ 8,977.50

Kate Avery



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## Committee Reports

### Landscaping

If you've visited our park recently, you surely must have noticed (if your watery eyes and itchy nose didn't clue you in!!) that trees and shrubs are blooming and leafing throughout. Spring is here after all! The unwanted ones, persistent weeds, have been present longer and the landscaping crew has devoted many weeks to keeping them under control by cutting and spraying. The efforts are paying off. They also have been removing mistletoe from some of our trees, especially those along the south fence line. That task seems to be almost complete.

Ground squirrel mitigation began at the end of March after Horn Pest Control's contract was approved by the Board at the March meeting. They will also regularly spray the walking paths and the pool areas as necessary to control ants. We've been told that treatment takes place very early in the morning and it dries quickly, causing no adverse effects to people or pets.

Irrigation of park zones where non-native trees are found began the week of April 6. Watering of established native trees such as mesquites and palo verdes will begin later this month.

The lawn in the pool area has been mowed, and is currently being watered. An herbicide to control crabgrass will be added. Fertilizer to encourage the growth of the Bermuda grass will be applied.

You may also have noticed that all of the exercise stations in various states of disrepair have been removed by the landscaping crew as their other duties have permitted. They did a great job of restoring the areas so it's hard to tell that anything was ever there.



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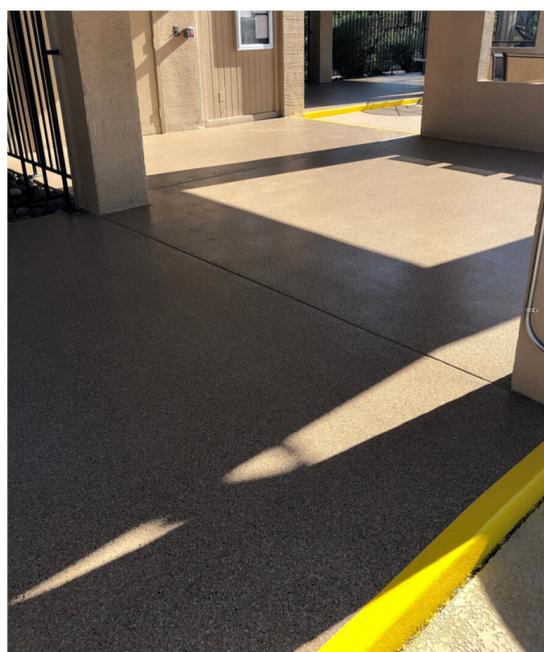
Lastly in the interest of preserving the park's paths and grounds in general, and for the safety of people out walking, running and enjoying the fresh air and sunshine, please note that bicycles, motorized or not, no motorized vehicles of any kind really, are permitted in the park. They must be left in the parking lot. There are signs at the park entrances to remind you. Please also advise your visiting family and friends.

Alicia Navia



## Pool Report

Pool maintenance continues two times per week, in spite of the closure. The new ramada floor by Garage Floor Coating was installed the week of March 30. This surface is non-skid and easy to clean. A shout out goes to the contractor for communicating accurately during the project, as well as to the technicians for a job well done.



The Registrar of Contractors' on-site visit, the next step in the complaint process against the pool renovation contractor Imperial Pools, was scheduled for the end of March, but has been rescheduled for the morning of Tuesday April 14. This just in! The investigator's visit has been rescheduled once again. Due to a breakdown in communication, it's now planned for Tuesday April 21.

We look forward to celebrating the opening of our pool as soon as it's possible to do it safely, based on state and CDC health recommendations.

Alicia Navia

### **Security Report**

Greetings to all of our neighbors! This has been a hectic month for most of us with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. I hope this message finds you all well. With everyone staying at home and practicing social distancing, I hope the spread of the virus is significantly slowed and we can once again return to a semblance of normalcy in the near future.

I only have a couple of minor issues that have come up in the past few weeks that I and other members of the Board feel need addressing. As members of the HOA, we are responsible for our homes and everything that happens within them. With that in mind, we are also responsible for our guests and their behavior when it conflicts with the quiet nature of Fountain Park. I would like to remind everyone to ensure they know who is using their keycard to enter the pool area. Due to the Coronavirus, the Governor has closed all access to public pools and we have extended that closure to our pool as well. Please take note that there is a sign posted at the entrance to the pool area and the gate is secured. Key cards will not open the gate until the threat of spreading the virus has been mitigated.

On a closing note, please remember to lock your car doors and hide or remove all items of value inside. As the weather warms up and people get "cabin fever," expect to see more people out and about in the neighborhood. Give our neighbors a friendly wave and a quick, "Hello."

Warmest regards,

John Steffens



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Now that residents in Fountain Park have been asked to stay home this spring, many of us, through working in our yards and enjoying walks in our lovely river park, are encountering one of my favorite insects: honeybees. Like many of you, I love to garden. As a gardener, I love, LOVE honeybees. Our food (and flower) production would pretty much be zero without them. At this time of the year, we may have wild honeybee swarms flying through, especially along the Tanque Verde Creek, looking for a place to start a hive. The gentler European honey bees are now inbred with a more aggressive species from Africa, hence the name Africanized Honey Bees (AHB). The African bee subspecies crossed with the European bees are known to aggressively protect their hive. The wild swarms can make themselves known in different ways: having swarms fly overhead, establishing wild hives in mesquite trees and stables, in areas where construction is going on, or in a fireplace chimney or masonry wall. If you see any of this occurring, approach with caution! Sometimes the wild hives must be destroyed; many times they can be removed. There are groups who will relocate the hives instead of exterminating them. (Please see links below)

As a scientist, I am dismayed that the one insect other scientists altered ARE the honeybees. Though I am a scientist and a gardener, I am a geologist, not an entomologist. Read on from an expert in bees: From a May 23, 2018 article of the Backyard Gardener, by Jeff Schalau, B.S., M. S., Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, Yavapai County:

*“They [AHB] were first seen in Arizona in 1993. Since then, many domestic animals and humans have been attacked – sometimes lethally. AHBs have been in Yavapai County since 1997 and have been*

*recorded statewide. Today, any wild honey bee you come in contact should be considered an AHB. Additionally, we have many species of native, solitary bees which are not aggressive and pollinate native plants in addition to some crop plants. Africanized bees are virtually indistinguishable from European honey bees. AHBs pose the greatest threat to people who work outdoors: farmers, construction workers, landscapers, yard maintenance workers, and even pest control workers.”*

In the event of an imminent attack, Mr. Schalau writes in the same article:

*“The first sign of a potential attack is often a preliminary defense behavior such as flying at your face or buzzing over your head. This is a signal that you have entered their area and are seen as a threat. If bees become agitated, the most important thing to do is get away as soon as possible. DO NOT wait for them to calm down, try to retrieve belongings, or wave your arms to get them off you. A bee can fly at speeds from 12 to 15 miles per hour and most healthy humans can outrun them. So, RUN and KEEP RUNNING! AHBs have been known to follow people for more than a quarter mile.*

*Any covering for your head and face will help you escape. People that have been attacked say the worst part is being stung in the face and eyes. Once this occurs, your vision will be obscured and your chance of escape substantially decreased. If you have nothing else, pull your shirt up over your face. Take refuge in a house, tent, or car as soon as possible. The bees will find any opening, so make sure all possible entrances are sealed. Do not jump into water as the bees will wait for you to surface.”*

I know it sounds scary, but it does not have to be. Stay alert, use common sense and notice your surroundings, especially in the river park. If you encounter a swarm, calmly go a different direction. If you are walking your pet, keep your dog calm and quiet as you leave. All honeybees, even the Africanized ones, are less aggressive when foraging; it is when they are swarming that they can become aggressive quickly. If you find a hive in your tree or masonry fence, you should call an expert for their removal/relocation. Stay safe, stay healthy, and

maintain that social distancing, especially from bees!

Patty Popp, B.S., FPHOA Landscape Committee member

**More info:**

<https://cals.arizona.edu/yavapai/anr/hort/byg/archive/africanizedhoneybees2018.html>  
<https://www.ars.usda.gov/pacific-west-area/tucson-az/honey-bee-research/docs/africanized-honey-bees/page-3/>

**Hive removal:**

<http://southernazbeekeepers.org/bee-removal/>  
<http://aaabeeremoval.com/company/>



**Letter to the Splash**

I want to pass along to the community that several owners volunteered to help clean up the spent orange and yellow blooms in my front yard. It took a huge load of anxiety off my shoulders for me to have my front yard look nice again in the neighborhood.

We are so lucky to live amongst people who are kind and thoughtful.

Thank you again to everyone.

Kate



**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

B.J. and Hanna Cordova are relatively new to Fountain Park, moving in to their home at 1896 N. Ranch Dr. just over a year ago with their growing herd of kids. They loved the Saltillo tile and other southwestern touches in the home, and enjoy the courtyard feel to the patio in the side yard, plus the cool breezes that flow from the washes in the area. B.J. is a Financial Advisor at Equitable Advisors, and Hanna is Office Manager at Henry



Elementary, our neighborhood's elementary school. When they're not quarantined at home doing driveway chalk art and schoolwork with the kids, they enjoy road trips around the country to sightsee and visit family and friends (Hanna once took a 5,000 mile summer road trip with the kids to Canada and back - B.J. drove only 2,500 miles of that with them, and flew the rest of the way). They also love visiting anywhere with an ocean view. B.J. is an avid hiker and is enjoying exploring the wash behind the neighborhood every once in awhile. Hanna enjoys reading in the rare moment when things are quiet.

## Book Club



photo courtesy of Liz Burcin

Channeling Gabriel Garcia Marquez's Love in the Time of Cholera, it's FPHOA's 'Book Club in the time of pandemic', April edition.

These suspicious individuals were spotted at the Park, discussing The First Conspiracy by Brad Meltzer. A reward is offered for anyone who can identify the shady characters ...



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
Vice President:	Mina Reeder	520-979-1267
Secretary:	Melissa Mora Lovelady	520-250-6520
Treasurer:	Kate Avery	520-612-5707
Director at Large:	John Steffens	520-441-9232

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

7301 E 22nd Street, Tucson, AZ. P.O.Box 17052, Tucson, AZ 85731

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

Contact Donna Wood at [donna@pinehurstproperties.net](mailto: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](mailto:carrie@pinehurstproperties.net) (just for accounting matters)

[www.pinehurstproperties.net](http://www.pinehurstproperties.net)

**Next Board Meeting is: May 13, 2020 at 6:30 pm.  
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

**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](http://www.fountainparkhoa.org/pool) or by calling or emailing Carol West at 520-298-2447 email address [ccw4tucson@comcast.net](mailto: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.