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of Fountain Park



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Fountain Park Board resignations

Beau Alexander and Gerry Crow were asked to resign from the Board of Directors on July 15, for failing to act with due fiduciary loyalty and care on behalf of the homeowner's association. Ms. Crow resigned on July 16; Mr. Alexander, on July 19.

Mr. Paul Earls has also tendered his resignation, effective July 19.

A Message from Alicia Navia and Mary Duerksen

We appreciate and recognize the time, effort and dedication that Beau Alexander, Gerry Crow and Paul Earls have given to our Fountain Park community.

As we move forward to resolve problems and improve our community, we would like to ask homeowners who may have expertise and/or a passion for our neighborhood, to step forward for consideration to fill the positions left vacant. If you cannot commit to serving on the Board, your help would be appreciated on several of the committees.

Many neighbors have expressed that they want to see this community return to the way it was; neighbors greeting neighbors, pulling together for the good of the community. Change happens, when you get involved and share ideas to find a solution that is of benefit to all.

The pool, which is important to all of us, is a top priority. We are working toward getting firm answers as to current delays so as to have a better idea of when we can open the pool. As this information becomes available, you will be updated.

We love this community and hope to hear from many of you soon!

Special Meeting of Fountain Park Board announced

A special meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 30 at 6:30pm, at Eastside City Hall, 7575 E. Speedway Blvd. The purpose of the meeting is to appoint 3 new Directors to the Board.

One Director's term will end on January 2020. The other two terms will end on January 2021.

Anyone wishing to serve on the Board needs to submit their names in an email to the bod@fountainparkhoa.org by 5pm on Saturday July 27th.

Anyone volunteering to serve on a committee please submit names to the Board email, as well.

A community email will be sent once the date, time and location are confirmed.

A message from our neighbor, Carol West

Board members should be thanked for all of their hard work. A long-time friend sent me this advice, and I believe that all of us who live in Fountain Park (and in Tucson) should consider this in our interactions with one another. I don't know the source for this, but it is sound advice.

- Avoid speculation, gossip, and innuendo
- Reflect on ways in which your own opinion could be wrong
- Avoid predictions about the future
- Think pragmatically and incrementally, not ideologically
- Avoid confirmation bias as far as possible
- Do not demonize opponents
- Dig deeply to better understand how things came to be the way they are

The Fountain Park HOA Board meeting was held on Wednesday July 10, 2019.

Our Board of Directors met at Eastside City Hall for the monthly meeting. Seventeen homeowners were present to hear the Board discuss, comment and decide various agenda items. The following is a summary of topics not already covered in individual Board members' reports.

Minutes of meetings: It had been recently proposed to abridge minutes to include only actions, decisions and motions taken by the Board, with all other topics presented being reduced to the statement "Report given." It was argued that this method renders minutes of little value, especially for those seeking to learn what took place at the meetings. By not providing at least a concise accounting of what occurs during its open meetings, the Board fails to fully inform its members, the owners of the association. It was decided that the Board Secretary will continue the already established practice of briefly summarizing not only actions and motions, but all other matters discussed at the meeting. The Secretary will also continue to read the minutes aloud for all present.

Security concern: A group of older kids set off Roman candles in the parking lot at the entrance to our park on July 6th. Be aware of people who may not be members of our neighborhood. "If you see something, say something", was the recommendation of Paul Earls, Vice-President and head of the security committee.

Pool maintenance: Board members received two bids for regular pool maintenance; one from the pool contractor Imperial Pools, who will perform the first 60 days of service, and one from Davey Pools, our most recent pool service company. After much discussion, it was decided to get an up to date bid from Davey and bids from 2 other companies.

Homeowner comments: Homeowners are encouraged to attend monthly meetings held at 6:30pm, the second Wednesday of every month at Eastside City Hall, 7575 E. Speedway Blvd.

A homeowner suggested that the Board consider Google docs as a venue for posting and editing monthly committee reports, which would be accessible to any interested community member for viewing only.

The homeowner also recalled that the erosion of our north bank has been taking place for 20 to 30 years, and could have been mitigated at that time, but it was not done, creating a much more expensive problem currently for the HOA.

Several homeowners voiced serious and on-going concerns and frustration with the still unfinished pool renovation, and some of the actions and decisions of the pool contractor, as well as the pool committee members in charge of the project, over the past nearly 9 months.

Sorraiyya Beheshti

Treasurer's Report

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Independence day and weekend.

As we complete the first half of the year, our operating account remains healthy as it has continued to grow steadily each month in 2019. The balance at the end of June was \$45,573. The Reserve account showed another decrease with a balance of \$32,011, as the pool renovation continues. A total of over \$176,000 has been spent on the pool.

Although \$3400 is being transferred monthly into the Reserves, at the

July meeting the Board approved that \$10,000 be moved from Operating, in order to bring the Reserve account to a more financially sound position.

Income in June was consistent with previous months, totalling \$13,135.

Expenditures were \$5419, making net income for June \$7,716. For yet another month, the delinquent account was under \$1000.

Even though administrative costs were slightly up in June, maintenance and utilities remained under budget, and all three expense categories are well below budget for the year.

Thanks for reading! Stay safe and tuned in for monsoons, nature's 'fireworks'!

Alicia Navia

Committee Reports



Landscape Report: Regrade of the lawn is an option to protect the west pool wall from irrigation runoff (French drain would be cancelled and deposit returned). Met with DJ Cullen from Landtamers. They will provide a proposal the week of July 15. Park irrigation leaks repaired and broken tree limbs removed.

Beau Alexander

Pool:

Plastering the pool occurred on July 6 & 7 followed by filling which finalized July 10. Brushing the walls to reveal the blue and white pebble embellishment is occurring x 14 days. The LED lights were uncovered, wired and now shine brightly. Both filters were charged with green glass media specifically designed to entrap infectious organisms for removal. The new commercial grade heater was placed on July 13. A new electrical update is expected July 16.

The fence repairs and new furniture purchase were discussed by the Board and postponed.

We are all looking forward to completion of this project and to swim in a beautiful pool in a lovely setting.

Thank you for your patience,
Gerry Crow



The much anticipated new pool heater finally arrived and has been connected to a new electrical sub-panel (on the back wall), also required for the 2 pumps. The sub-panel was installed without the required permit from the City of Tucson.

North Border Committee

The signs have been installed near the section of ground that was washed away. That portion of the fence was also removed in an effort to prevent future erosion. Please be careful in that area. The ground at the edge has been undercut by the water.

Next steps: Before we take any action to protect the bank area along the Tanque Verde wash, it was recommended the committee consult with a Hydrologist. The reason for this action? If we protect our bank and it is determined that our action caused a problem for a property owner down stream, the HOA would be liable. We need to consult with an expert in water movement to determine the best course of action.

After contacting several Hydrologists it was further determined that we needed a Geotechnical or civil engineering firm.

Carol Keyser from Pinehurst Properties will be furnishing the committee with several names that other HOA's have used.

This will be a slow process of gathering information. I hope all the homeowners will be patient as we work toward a solution. It is important we take the proper action and reduce any possibility of liability to the HOA.

Mary Duerksen
Committee member



Fountain Park July 4th Parade and Picnic

This year's July 4th parade and picnic were held in the park and playground. Which, as we discovered, is the ideal place for it! The mesquite trees provided shade galore, so it was cooler and more pleasant than in the pool area.

There was lots of room for the games and for kids to run. Decorated with flags, balloons, and red-white-blue tablecloths, the playground made for a festive atmosphere.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the parade was led by Beau Alexander who carried the Stars and Stripes. All who followed waved flags to the blasting of patriotic music (courtesy of YouTube).

We had traditional July 4th snacks like watermelon and lemonade, plus cakes, cookies, grapes, peaches, assorted berries, iced tea and lots of water provided by our neighbors.

It was a perfect opportunity for all to gather and chat with brand new and long-time neighbors. It turned out that we had two Wally's in the group. What are the odds of that?! 😊

We truly want the focus of this annual event to be on the children.

There were fewer children than last year. But the boys who did come - Kyle, Cameron and Sean - weren't disappointed. They each came with their bikes beautifully decorated. They had fun playing with horse shoes, yard darts, badminton, racing with water balloons, and especially had lots of fun tossing water balloons and wet sponges at each other and unsuspecting parents. Lastly, after much piñata whacking, each of the boys made off with a motherload of candy!

All this fun wouldn't have happened without the children's parents and grandparents who made it that much more fun for the kids, or without the following volunteers who brought refreshments, filled up water balloons, and/or helped setup/cleanup:

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Dorothy Boone, Kay LaPlante, Marybeth Michael, Andy & Kara Scott, Gerry Crow, Dianna & Beau Alexander, Margaret Kaminsky, Darlene Earls, and Alicia Navia (our photographer).
And thank you to Judy Legan for the children's books for our Little Free Library.

You are all greatly appreciated!

Hope to see you next year. Mark your calendar – you know the date!

Barbara Lehmann





Getting to know our neighbors

We are starting with our neighbor Frank Pickett.

I am a hobbyist woodworker. I mostly make toys. I started making toys in Junior High along with a neighbor boy. We didn't have any money but we had access to tools and we could get orange crates from our local grocery store. If it rained, we made boats. If we wanted to be cowboys, we made guns. If pilots, we made airplanes. And so on. As an adult, I made toys for my kids and relatives' kids. Now I mostly make toys to be given to needy children at Christmas time. How else can you do what you like to do and feel so good about it?

Frank Pickett
520 546 7646
toymakr@comcast.net

BOOK CLUB ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Do you enjoy reading in your spare time or for relaxation? Can't find the next good read even after checking out our Little Free Library? Do you sometimes need a little motivation to keep reading or begin anew? Would you enjoy discussing a good book with others? Interested in getting



together with some of your Fountain Park neighbors in a relaxed setting to talk about what you've read?

If you answered yes to any or all of these, then you'll want to come to an organizational meeting of the Fountain Park Book Club!

When: Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 2 PM

Where: 1740 N. Ranch, Claire Callahan's home

Purpose:

- discuss what styles (fiction, non-fiction, poetry, etc.) interest the majority
- decide how often the group should meet, where and when
- decide the group size (more than one group can be formed)

Mark your calendar! Hope you'll be able to join us!

Let's Walk with Neighbors

Starting in August our friend and neighbor Anne Durkee is willing to be at Park Place every Thursday at 9:00 am to conduct walks. If you are interested please send her a text message at (928) 358 – 7390.

'In The Garden of Our Heart, Let's Plant the Rose of Love.'

The Community Food Bank is looking for a group of volunteers and Paul Earls, is the contact person for FPHOA. If interested in a one day commitment, your efforts will be greatly appreciated. A group of 15 is recommended and the work is as simple as sorting and packing food boxes. Paul can be reached at (520)885-3086.

Any community members who are interested in organizing or participating in a specific interest group, crafts, photography, drawing etc. please contact Sorraiyya Beheshti at Sorraiyyabeheshti@gmail.com



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:

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palton@mac.com

Barbara Lehmann 520-237-2140,
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Landscaping:

Committee Chairperson

Members: Anita Dingee, Dianna Alexander, Paul & Darlene Earls

Newsletter:

Committee Chairperson: Sorraiyya Beheshti

Members: Bonnie Sinnard, Karen Plemons, Mina Reeder, Michal Allen

Board Liaison: Alicia Navia

Pool:

Committee Chairperson: Gerry Crow

Member: Carol West

Security:

Committee Chairperson: Paul Earls

Member: Beau Alexander

Sport amenities:

Committee Chairperson: Dario Navia Pohl

Members: Judi Dalton, Karen Plemons, Melissa Lovelady

Park North Fence:

Committee Chairperson: Dario Navia Pohl

Members: Patricia Popp, Mary Duerksen

Board Liaison: Mary Duerksen

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)*.

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

Pool is closed until further notice. When open, please contact the pool committee to arrange for pool parties using <https://www.fountainparkhoa.org/pool> or by calling or emailing Gerry Crow 546-7812, crow1948@hotmail.com, or Kay LaPlante 298-7543, hklaplante@gmail.com. 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.

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

To unlock Gate at end of Fountain Park Ave. call Beau Alexander, 885-1711

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