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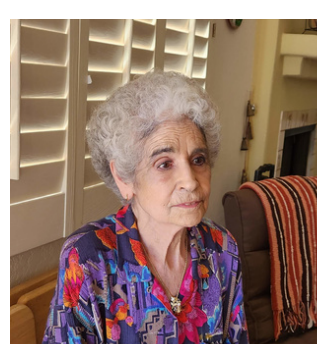
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President's Message

Greetings, neighbors!

As we transition into the warmest months of the year, I hope everyone is healthy and enjoying some of what gives you joy.

Speaking of transitions once again, the Board of Directors met on May 25th under new management. Paul Ash HOA Management officially became Fountain Park's management company on May 1. After some rather difficult, stressful months with the previous company, it was very gratifying to hold a meeting that ran so smoothly and professionally with the support of Danielle Hasting, our manager.

As a result of Expert HOA Management's extremely poor record keeping and accounting practices, there have been many questions and concerns over the last several weeks, but we have been assured by Paul Ash HOA that they are reviewing everything they have been receiving from Expert and are confident that they "will be able to prepare accurate reporting moving forward." A prime focus will be an accurate accounting of individual owner dues statements, as well as making sure the HOA is current on all bills owed. We have been told the process may take most of the next two months. There will be no fines or penalties for unpaid dues during this period. Paul Ash will conduct its first on-site inspection of the community sometime during the week of June 5th to begin a new baseline for any violations.

The board also approved the appointment of Stella Haggis to serve as Director at Large. Stella volunteered to fill the fifth board position earlier this year. Welcome and thank you Stella! We look forward to working together for the community.

Please continue to read this edition of your community's newsletter to learn what else has been happening, including a request for photos of the early days of Fountain Park, especially 20 or more years ago. These will be used with your permission to enhance the written history that came about as a result of Fountain Park's 40th anniversary and culminated in the very successful Party at the Park on April 22nd. As we continue to make history, the first 40 years will soon be available for all to enjoy on the FPHOA website.

Regards,

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](#).

Financial Report April 2023

According to bank statements, Fountain Park Homeowners Association had \$81,350.40 in the operating account on April 30, 2023, and \$182,157.23 in the reserve account for a total of \$263,507.63. The reserve account is out of balance by \$3,597.44.

There was a bank charge of \$20.00 this month. This is unusual considering the value of our account with the bank and should be clarified.

The operating account earned \$1.66 interest, which is curious when compared to previous months.

- Administrative expenses were difficult to calculate due to the unconventional exchange of documents from Expert HOA Property Management to Paul Ash HOA Property Management. This should be resolved within the next two months, probably sooner according to our Paul Ash representative, Danielle Hasting.
- Total maintenance expense is not available this month due to incomplete data received from Expert HOA PM.



Joann Duncan

Pool report

The pool is open and being enjoyed regularly, with larger groups and families taking a cooling dip on the weekends. Since nighttime temperatures are staying warmer and it's reaching the mid to upper 90's during the day, the water heater was turned off on May 21st.

Also enjoying the pool and temporarily making it their nursery, was a pair of ducks. They produced 9 ducklings and quite a 'mess' around the pool's edge and in the water. After asking both Pro-Care, Fountain Park's janitorial company and E-konomy Pools for advice, they both agreed that the best course of action was to vacuum the pool bottom more frequently and maintain the chlorine level elevated to control bacteria. Pro-Care has also done an excellent job of keeping the pool deck scrubbed and clean.

The ducks have not been seen recently and the water sparkles. The 'snowbirds' literally, seem to have left in search of cooler weather. Smart duckies!!



Alicia Navia

“Life is a mirror: if you frown at it, it frowns back; if you smile, it returns the greeting.”
—William Makepeace Thackeray

Landscaping Report

Our wonderful crew has been keeping our Fountain Park common areas clean and beautiful! They have provided their regular maintenance of trimming trees and bushes as well as picking up all debris in the park and along Wrightstown Rd.

The irrigation timers have been inspected and as needed, the irrigation lines have either been repaired or replaced and the watering schedule has been set by the Landtamers irrigation department.

We have been keeping an eye on the mesquite tree on the northeast side of the pool fence as it isn't leafing and the bark has been sluffing off for quite some time. Currently our committee and landscapers have been keeping an eye on it, as it was fertilized and being watered. The next step is to get estimates from 3 companies in order to get the best course of action on what to do with the tree and cost estimates. There are also a couple of other trees that we found with either some mistletoe or dead branches. As we begin to get estimates on the mesquite tree, we will add these two trees in as well.

We talked last month about adding additional shrubs in the park in the healthy soils area. Before we would purchase those and they're planted once the heat moves off in the fall, we need to obtain an estimate from Landtamers to add irrigation in the proposed planting areas.

Last but not least, we have a new committee member!! Welcome to the neighborhood and thank you so much Emilio Lopez for volunteering to be on the Landscape committee!! He brings a lot of landscape knowledge to the team and we are excited to have him on board!



Shelley Mueller



Security

I met with Barbara Lehmann and she has graciously agreed to be our point person with Officer Terry Hayward at Tucson TPD. Barbara and Terry have a long-time working relationship on various neighborhood events.

Currently, we are planning on having the G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) held by police agencies statewide in collaboration with neighborhood associations to meet and discuss crime prevention. This is an annual event occurring in October to meet and discuss crime prevention and strengthen our partnership in combating criminal activity in our community. More info to come.

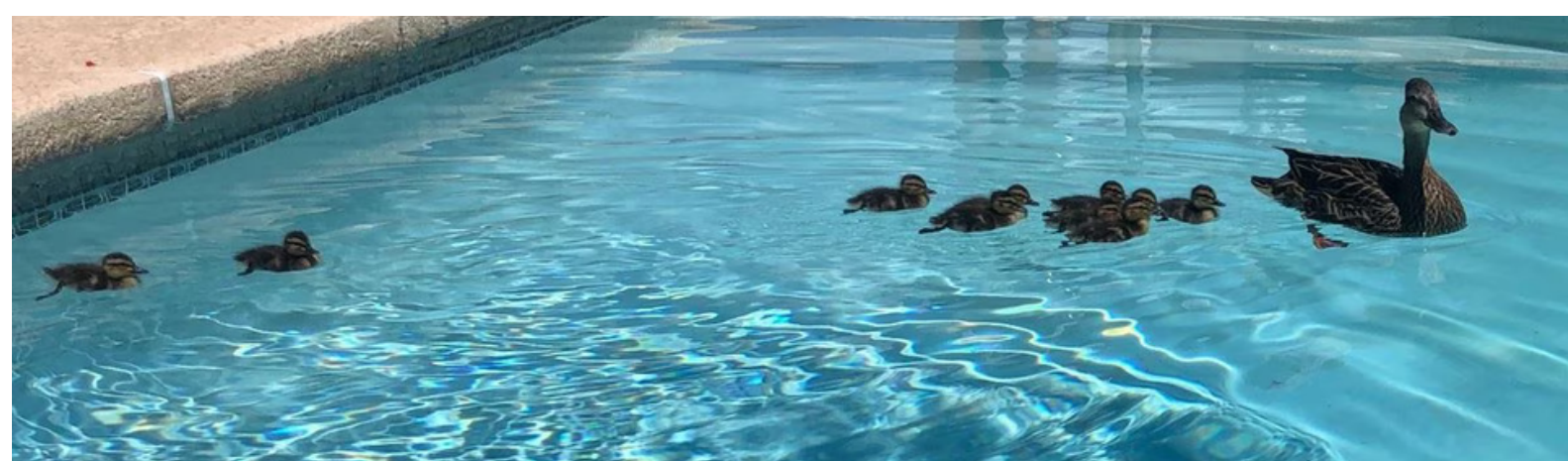
I'm also looking into re-starting the Neighborhood Watch program (we have the signs, but not the official partnership with TPD that is required). I'll update the board as I collect more information.

Finding crime information for our area is proving to be a bit more difficult as TPD is updating their website to include all the areas, but it should be ready soon. Recently we were able to find a link for the TPD Patrol Division East Newsletter. Click on the link below in order to read the May edition and to subscribe.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/AZTUCSON/bulletins/35c92b3>

Dario, Alicia and I are monitoring the pool via camera and the only unauthorized creatures being there are the ducks.

Su Brazie



“It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.”

—Charles Darwin

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Please welcome one of our newest homeowners, Jean Esposito, to Fountain Park and her new home on Seneca Street. She arrived the day of the 40th Anniversary Party and, although exhausted, was able to join us for a short visit late in the day.



Jean was born in Canada but moved to Detroit as a child and grew up in the Bloomfield Hills area. She enjoyed a career negotiating contracts in the Trucking Industry. She also raised her two daughters there. When a good friend of hers retired to Tucson 14 years ago, she started taking trips to the area. Jean retired six years ago and after giving it a lot of thought decided to relocate to Tucson herself.

Jean looked for a long time both on the west side and the east side of Tucson before she found our community. "When I was here it just felt good. I like the style of the homes, the views and especially the trees." And since she was familiar with Tucson, she knew she could continue to enjoy her favorite activities year-round; these include Golf, working out and going on hikes. So, when you're walking in the area or on your way to the pool and see her in her yard, be sure to say hello.

Submitted by Joann Duncan
Hospitality Committee

Fountain Park 40th Anniversary Celebration

What a wonderful event our Fountain Park 40th Anniversary Celebration was! The gathering of 90-plus neighbors exceeded our expectations. It was such fun to see everyone meeting and chatting with newer neighbors, with those living here from the beginning, and with the neighbors in between.

There were many opportunities for neighbors to meet and chat at the tables that were staffed by the following neighbors:

- Sue Brazie and Joann Pichurko-Duncan – Hospitality Committee at the sign-in/volunteer table
- Kara and Andy Scott – Recycling; plastics diversion program
- Carol West – COT handouts/anniversary plaque
- Dario Navia-Pohl – Park improvements status information
- Joelle Coffman – Healthy soils area information
- Anne Ochse – Book Club
- Claire Callahan – Anniversary Tree selection/Landscape committee
- Michelle LaPlante Karo – Invitations
- Judi Dalton – Water and cupcakes
- Dorothy Boone – Ice
- Planning Committee – History board and neighborhood map

The interviews the planning committee held with neighbors prior to the party were the source of the many interesting stories on the history board. Neighbors were asked:

- Why they bought here
- Why they stay
- What they would change if they could
- Wildlife encounters, and other stories
- What they hope for the future of Fountain Park.

Through their historical research, Carol West and Judi Dalton provided interesting and some surprising stories of the area prior to the development of Fountain Park.

Seeing all the stars on the neighborhood map made for a colorful showing of the widespread representation of the attendees at the party. Neighbors with gold stars on their homes have been here since the 1980s (at least 7!); Silver – 1990s; Blue – 2000s; Red 2010s, Green 2020s



And of course, kids of all ages were thrilled to see the TFD Firefighters and the fire truck and the TPD SWAT officers and their SWAT truck. The firefighters and officers were very friendly, happy to answer questions and show off the operations of their vehicles. There were lots of “Oohs” and “Ahs” when the fire truck ladder was raised and extended into the sky. And then a fireman climbed up to the tippy top! Whoa! Tucson Fire also had a table with handouts for adults and kids. (The kids were very happy to get their very own red flashing bike/walking lights!)

Community Service Officer Terry Hayward (TPD Division Eastside) was on hand to listen to concerns, answer questions, and offer resources at the TPD information table.

We were pleased that Ward 2 Council Member Paul Cunningham could stop by to mingle and speak to us.

Enjoy the pictures. They say it all!



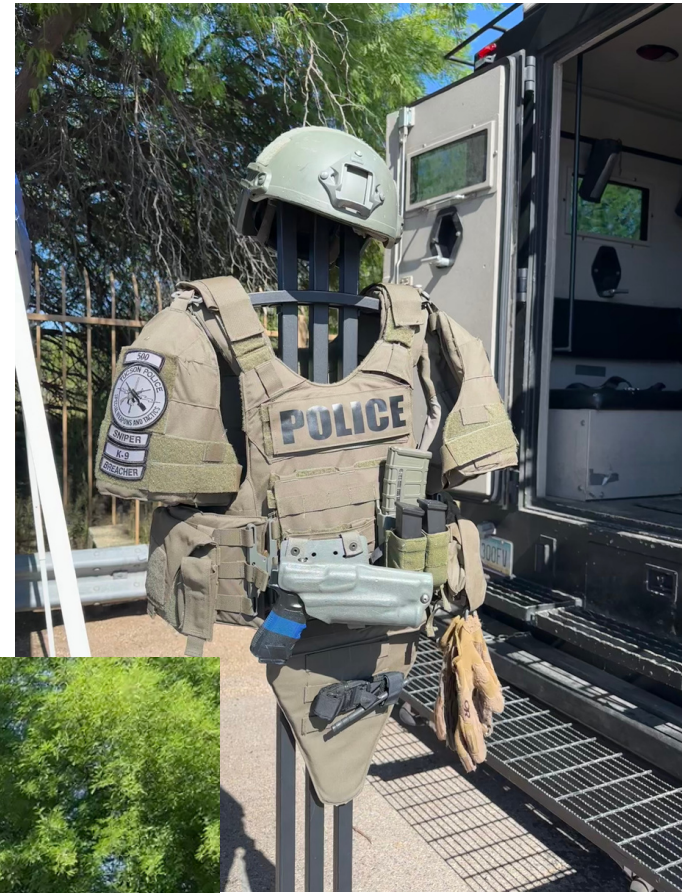
Thank you to all the neighbors who participated, celebrated and made the party a success.

The Committee would also like to thank the Fountain Park Board members for their support of this event: Alicia Navia, President; Claire Callahan, Vice-President; Joelle Coffman Secretary; Joann Duncan, Treasurer FP Anniversary Planning Committee: Carol West, Chair, Dorothy Boone, Judi Dalton, Elaine Emans, Kay LaPlante, Barbara Lehmann, Melanie Thomas

(Please note: We're planning to have another community gathering in October.
Stay tuned for information on that event.)

Barbara Lehmann





PICTURES PLEASE

We are looking for your past photos of Fountain Park. We are almost ready to add the written history of our neighborhood to the website. We'd love to enhance it with old pictures of how the pool and park used to look. Do you have any photos that show that? Or interesting photos, perhaps of wildlife encounters? Or the kitchens, as they were when new, since most houses have been updated?

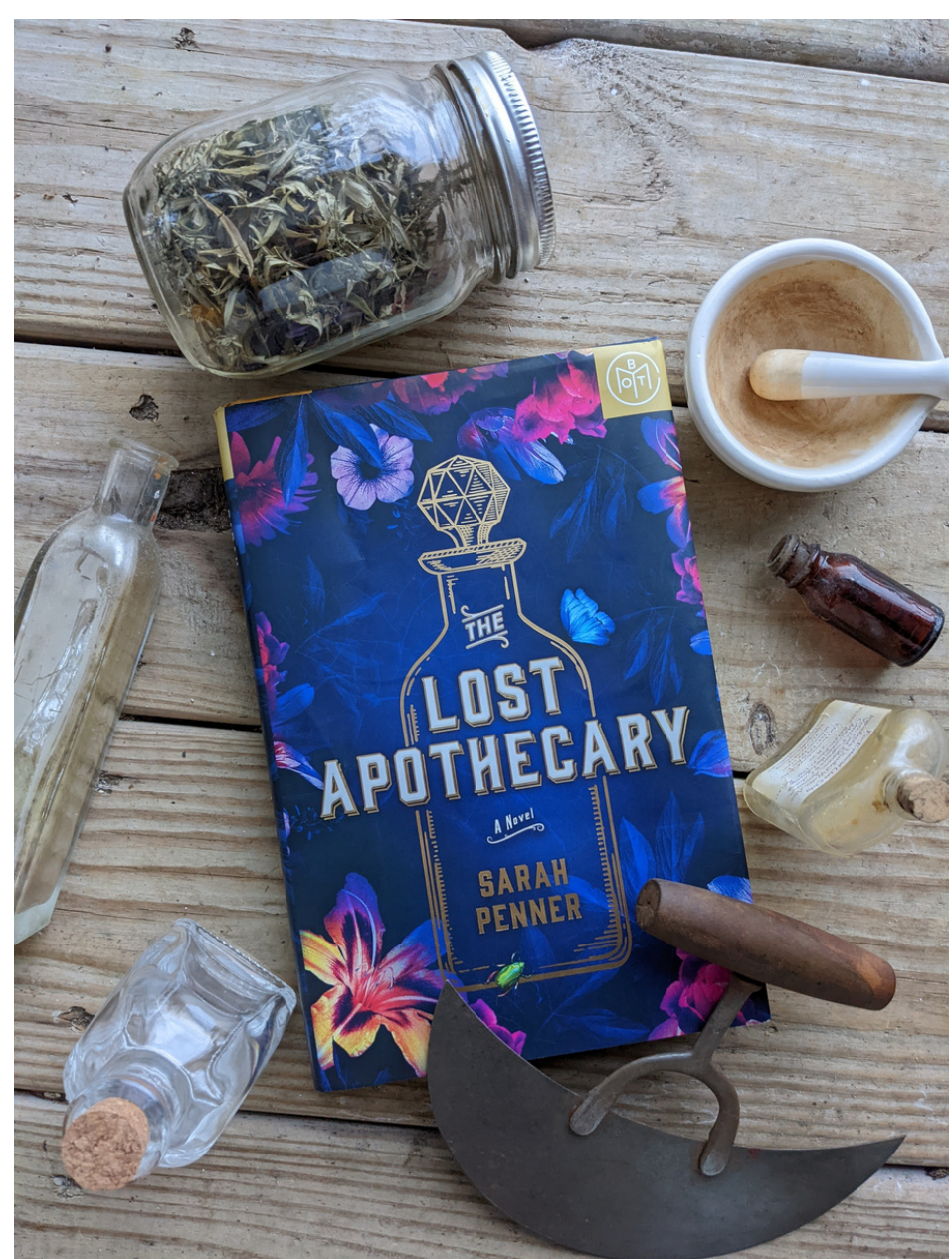
If you have digital photos, please send them to palton@mac.com. If you have printed photos (remember those?), email me and I'll make arrangements to pick them up, digitize them and return them to you. It will be fun to have a visual history to complement the written history.

Judi Dalton, 40th anniversary committee

Fountain Park Book Club May

Members of the Fountain Park Book Club met at the home of Anne Durkee on Tuesday, May 9 at 2:00 p.m. It was delightful to have several new members join us. We discussed *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner.

This is Penner's first novel and is set in London, England. *The Lost Apothecary* is an historical fiction that deals with a difficult topic. It begins with mud larking in the Thames. Mud larking is digging in the mud on the shore of the river to find antique and ancient treasures, and it is an activity that is allowed by the British government. The protagonist goes mud larking and discovers a medicinal vial from the 18th century. She is going through a crisis of her own and decides to investigate the history of the vial. Her investigation leads her to a female apothecary in the 1700s who provided poisons to women for them to use on abusive men. During the course of the main character's investigation, the reader learns of the reasons behind the apothecary providing poison to desperate women. Although the members of the book club enjoyed the read, they found the poisoning presented an ethical dilemma. The women receiving the poisons saw no way out of their individual problems except to eliminate the men causing them. However, what they were doing was murder.



The essence of the novel shows how women can save each other across time. It makes us cognizant of the freedoms we currently enjoy while sympathizing with our sisters who lived before our time. The significance of this book is the fact it has been translated into over 40 languages.

Sarah Penner has a college degree in finance and spent 11 years in the corporate world. She is now a full-time writer working on her second novel.

The book club will meet at the home of Anne Durkee, 9011 Seneca on June 13 at 2:00 p.m. We will be discussing *Local Woman Missing* by Mary Kubica. Just show up or give us a call: Ann Ochse 520-678-1382 or Claire Callahan 520-296-7853.

Ann Ochse

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

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**The next Board meeting is:
Wednesday June 21, 2023 at 6:30 pm**

**Residents will receive an email invitation to join via Zoom
All FPHOA residents are welcome to attend.**



2023 Committees:

Architecture:

Board Liaison: Claire Callahan
Committee Chairperson:
Members: Joelle Coffman, Judi Dalton

Hospitality:

Liaison: Joann Duncan
Committee Chairperson:
Members: Su Brazie, Judi Dalton, Anita Dingee, Barbara Lehmann

Landscaping:

Board Liaison: Claire Callahan
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Members: Su Brazie

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2023 Ad Hoc Committee

40th Anniversary Celebration:

Board liaison:

Committee Chairperson: Carol West

Members: Dorothy Boone, Judi Dalton, Barbara Lehmann, Melanie Thomas

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

Please go to the Fountain Park website, click on the *Governing Docs* tab, then click on *Pool* for the Pool Party Contract and Rules and Regulations.

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 D & D Materials LLC, Landscape Rock, at 7777 E .22nd St.

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) 520-791-5700

Water Department 520-791-3242, Emergency after hours 520-791-4133

Southwest Gas 520-860-6020

Tucson Electric Power 520-623-7711

Graffiti Hotline 520-792-2489

Illegal Parking, Park Tucson, 520-791-5071

City Code Enforcement, (Property, Housing, Zoning, Signs, Debris, Illegal dumping and other Code Violations) 520-791-5843

Residential Trash 520-791-3171

Potholes 520-791-3154

Tucson Wildlife Center 520-290-9453

Pima Animal Care 520-243-5900



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