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Devoted to the preservation of the unique residential character of the Catalina Foothills for over 25 years.

Letter From The President

My greatest hope for the Catalina Foothills Association is for more members to become active participants in sustaining and protecting our unique part of the foothills.

The Board of Directors works to keep abreast of issues and problems that immediately affect you as homeowners as well as keeping informed on state and local issues that have an impact on our area. The Board represents you on many levels: citizens advisory committees, homeowners and neighborhood associations as well as city and county meetings where issues are being discussed that affect our quality of life. However, it is you as individuals that ultimately make the difference. Your support of your local covenants and participation in environmental causes, transportation issues, and recycling are what have made and will continue to preserve this section of the Catalina Foothills as a very special place. Whether you work through the Board or with other civic or private organizations, you make a difference in striving to direct development and growth in Tucson in such a way that its unique lifestyle is maintained. We can make our concerns known and set examples by responsible husbandry of the plot of earth that we own.

The CFA Board is pleased to announce that we now have two Historians! Jeanne Hull and Molly Thompson have generously agreed to sort through, file, collect, and in some way make an historical record of the Foothills Association since its inception in 1959. If you have any records, letters, or early memorabilia that might be helpful to them, please pass them on. Since we left our office at the corner of Campbell and River, boxes of materials have been stored in people's garages, dens and elsewhere. These are all being collected in a storage locker from which Jeanne and Molly can take what they need for this arduous and invaluable task at their own working pace. The results should be of interest not only to local residents, but historical societies, architecture students, social development researchers, etc.

This undertaking is long overdue and I am sure has the grateful support of us all.

Many people in the Foothills are avid walkers and joggers. Please be aware of these pedestrians, especially at dawn and sunset, and respect our 25 mph speed limits.

In an effort to keep the CFA mailing list current, we are using addresses only for our mailings. We hope this approach will assure that everyone in the Catalina Foothills Estates, Areas 1-9, will receive our communications.

Sincerely,
Lera Gates
President

Arizona Heritage Fund Initiative Drive Under Way to Protect Parks & Wildlife

Arizona's state park system ranks 46th in dollars spent per capita and the state's wildlife agency, strapped with increasing responsibilities, finds its funding source, hunting and fishing license fees, eroding. An overwhelming 79% of Arizonans polled by a random survey expressed strong support to protect our outdoor heritage *by using proceeds from the growing lottery proceeds*. Most of these revenues are not currently allocated for any specific use by the state.

If approved by voters in November, \$20 million in state lottery proceeds will be allocated each year to Arizona State Parks and Arizona Game & Fish Dept. for:

- New state parks and better facilities
- Critical habitat for Arizona's fish and wildlife
- Local and regional parks and recreational facilities
- Protection for threatened and endangered species
- A first class Arizona trails system
- Environmental education
- Historic and archaeological preservation
- Protection of natural areas
- Public access to recreation areas

The immediate task is to generate 100,000+ signatures by July 5 to place it on the ballot. Anyone interested in helping should either call or stop by the Audubon Nature Shop (300 E. University Blvd., 629-0510) to sign or pick up petitions.

This is a great opportunity and one we may not see again to make a real difference in the future of our wildlife and parks.

Reprinted from the *Tucson Audubon Society Newsletter*

Neighborly Reminders

Mistletoe — Seems to be increasing these days. Try to keep it in check. Your trees and neighbors will appreciate it.

Gun Fire — Newcomers might not be aware that firing a gun is unlawful within one quarter mile of a house or building, across a public road anywhere, or from a public road anywhere.

New Street Signs

Have you been baffled by the appearance of a second street sign beside our wrought iron signs at foothills intersections? It is by the express order of the Board of Supervisors that these tall, green, utilitarian street signs, which reflect light at night, are being installed to expedite rescue vehicles in finding their destination. Many of us have become hopelessly lost in finding a new address in the foothills even in daylight and understand the need to hasten rescue service.

Is There a Swap Meet In Our Future? or — Where Is Rillito Park?

Since early last year, Pima County Assistant Manager, Chuck Huckleberry, has been working with the Rillito Raceway Ltd. Partnership (RRLP) on a plan to:

— sell up to 14 acres of Rillito Park fronting on First Ave. and with the proceeds

— purchase two adjacent 6 acre sites as replacement, and also a 440 acre trailhead on Cienega Creek approximately 30 miles southeast of Tucson,

— rezone a 17 acre area including the race tract grandstand and parking lot to permit the operation of a swap meet.

The dimensions of this proposal, its effect on the site (a dedicated County Park) and the racing community, were not publicly known until a newspaper article in early September reported that the Board of Supervisors had approved the proposal in concept. Opposition to the park side of the plan grew as more information became available.

Of particular interest to the surrounding neighborhoods is the proposed rezoning of the 17 acre site to B2 to establish a mercado/swap meet and "all other forms of legal commercial activities." This 17 acre B2 rezoning is the initial ill-disguised effort to eventually rezone the entire 88 acres for commercial development as requested in the RRLP proposal to the Board of Supervisors, dated September 20, 1989. An "Initiative," passed 2 to 1 by the voters in 1984, was intended to **protect** the entire 88 acres as a dedicated district park and to promote horseracing for a 25 year period beginning January 1, 1985. Whether or not one is a horseracing enthusiast, preserving intact the only available site of this size in this area as a County Park and inner city open space would seem to be a worthwhile effort for future generations.

To help resolve the various issues, Mr. Huckleberry is now in the process of hiring a consultant and to this end has put together a Scope of Work identifying the parameters of the consultant's task. Unfortunately, when the Scope of Work became public, it too came under attack. **Some** of the complaints are:

— who, besides the County Manager's Office, will have the opportunity to provide input and answer the consultant's questions,

— while, according to the existing lease, horseracing is to be the primary use of the Park, horseracing is arguably being positioned to fail altogether in favor of commercial development.

— undisclosed in the Scope of Work, the 6 acre parcel to be used to replace the barns, hot walkers and exercise areas lost from the sale of the 14 acre parcel may not be for sale or subject to condemnation, and only a portion of the other 6 acre parcel is available for use to the racetrack because the Transportation Department needs part of it for the River Road widening.

— the 6 acre site fronting on First Ave. currently zoned for a small hotel is criticized as generating too much traffic on First Ave. while no comparison is made with the traffic generated by the proposed swap meet. (Tanque Verde Swap Meet advertises 50/70,000 daily attendance and there is room for a lot of swapping

on 17 acres),

— several of the accompanying exhibits are contradictory and/or confusing,

— some of the relocated barns may not be accessible to the exercise area,

— two parking areas are accessible to the grandstand only by exiting and re-entering the Park via First Ave. or River Rd.,

— there is no designated area for a single tree or picnic table,

— what is the impact of the swap meet itself on the immediate neighborhoods, ie. traffic, lights, mess, crime, property values, etc.?

If this planning concept becomes a reality, in a few years, we'll be scratching our heads wondering whatever happened to our PARK. Perhaps there will be some trees and PARK benches conveniently located among the "all other forms of legal commercial activities." If you have questions or comments, call Barbara Burke, 299-2889.

Tucson Solar Village Is On The Way

Following the spirit of Earth Day 1990, Tucson has a unique opportunity to earn the distinction of becoming a global leader in ecological planning and design and applied solar and energy-efficient technology. The successful formulation and implementation of the ongoing Solar Village plan can be the needed catalyst in reaching this rewarding distinction.

Tucson Solar Village, a solar and environmental showcase community, is being designed in response to mounting social, environmental, and economic problems, by creating imaginative and feasible solutions in the form of an integrated master development plan. The prevailing goal is the creation of a more self-reliant and sustainable pedestrian-oriented suburban community that will meet the needs and challenges of the approaching solar and ecological era and the 21st century.

The conceptual components are:

1. A community core with a mix of employment opportunities, recreation activities, shops and services.
2. Full range of energy-efficient housing types in varied clusters radiating from a community activity center.
3. A network of open space walkways, bikeways, and parks linking the activity center with neighborhoods, lessening dependence on the automobile.
4. Cost-effective and energy-efficient infrastructure and facilities, which employ active and passive solar design techniques, as well as water conservation and waste recycling systems.

Vital to the success of Solar Village is a participation process involving all potential stakeholders in the community which includes all interests. To date, two public workshops have been held with positive feedback. Before a final plan is selected, more community workshops and public hearings will be scheduled within the next year to assure full participation.

The 820 acre Solar Village site is located southeast of the intersection of Houghton and Irvington Roads on state-owned land.

Funding for Solar Village to date is \$1 million, which comes from Exxon Oil Restitution Funds administered by the Arizona Energy Office and the Urban Consortium backed by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Administration and responsibility for Solar Village comes under the "Metropolitan Energy Commission" and the "Solar Village Steering Committee," both chaired by Dave Elwood. Wilson Orr has been appointed Project Manager.

Solar Village is not an idle pipe dream or an experiment. We have the human and natural resources, knowledge and technology needed to accomplish the task. The only question is, do we as a community have the vision, will and commitment to make it happen.

Time To Recycle

The average American family of four produces about 100 pounds of garbage and trash every week. Populous areas are running out of space for landfills which are not as safe or effective as we once thought. Recycling is an idea whose time has come!

Involving everyone from grandparents to pre-schoolers, we can make a significant reduction in the mammoth amount of waste being generated in this country. We can collect all the debris, cans, bottles, and papers along our streets, separate the recyclable waste in the home, and have them transformed into useful products again. Tucson and Pima County have inaugurated a curbside recycling program on a pilot basis which includes one section of the Catalina Foothills. It is unclear when the program will be expanded to include all residences.

The foothills might possibly obtain a recycling service from private waste companies. BFI Waste Systems could provide a twenty foot bin in the foothills area for deposit of corrugated cardboard, translucent plastics, glass, aluminum and tin cans, and newspaper. Residents would be responsible for dropping their recyclable items at the site. BFI would transport the recyclable goods monthly to Cutler Recycling Corporation.

Waste Management of Tucson is very interested in offering the foothills area a comprehensive recycling program. According to their spokesperson, the markets for recyclable materials have been very depressed. However, there is a great commitment to recycling nationwide and these slow markets are considered temporary. At this time, any recycling program they offer will have a net cost of \$1.00 to \$1.50 per month at curbside. Co-mingled curbside recycling has been a successful program for them in other areas. This type of program involved placing recyclable material in a 20" x 16" x 12.5" tan plastic bin. A full bin is placed at curbside once a week and a Waste Management driver collects and sorts recyclables at truckside. Other arrangements would have to be made where covenants prohibit curbside garbage pick-up, with a resulting increase in price.

Waste Management is planning a survey to find out what people want in recycling services. The type of service offered will be determined by the public response. They hope to have the information ready sometime this summer.

Until the program does begin, we can get accustomed to separating our waste and taking it to the many recycling depots in the Tucson community. Those of us who are unfamiliar with recycling will find a good guide in the **Tucson Recycling Directory** prepared by Tucson Clean and Beautiful, an affiliate of Keep America Clean and Beautiful. Copies of the directory were distributed last November by the *Tucson Citizen* and the *Arizona Daily Star* to their subscribers. If you have misplaced your copy or did not receive one you may obtain a copy in any public library. The directory gives the location of the recycling depots and what items they will accept as well as advice on procedure. It also contains information on city and county programs, trash round-ups, hazardous waste, non-toxic alternatives to toxic household products and much more.

Recycle Now!

Reduce Your Junk Mail Now: New Address!

Write to: Mail Preference Center, Direct Mail Marketing Assoc., Box 3861, NYC NY 10163-3861 (212-689-4977) and request the Mail Preference Postcard to remove your name from as many as 2,700 mailing lists free of charge.

Did You Forget...?

To pay your 1990 dues?

The notice was in the last newsletter which arrived at your house (we hope) right around the Christmas rush — so maybe you didn't see it, or it was stashed away with all the other Christmas mail.

Anyway, if you didn't send in your check, you are encouraged to do so now. Dues are:

\$30.00 for Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

\$10.00 for all other Areas including Townhouses, Catalina Pueblo, and Condominiums. (Catalina Townhouses and Los Cumbres are paid by their associations.)

Checks should be made out to Catalina Foothills Association, and sent to 2509 N. Campbell Ave., Box 292, Tucson 85719. If you are in doubt as to whether you have paid, call the treasurer at 299-1128, and leave a message on the answering machine.

Security Update

Previous CFA newsletters have carried reports of security concerns of the CFA Board and others in the community. Although foothills residents made a disappointing response to CFA efforts to have a security patrol project, we continue to be alert to any indications of increasing crime in our neighborhoods. There are, however, significant safety procedures that homeowners can follow on their own:

1. Activate or reactivate a Neighborhood Watch project on your block or in your neighborhood.
2. Call the Sheriff's Department (740-2800) and request a security inspection of your home.
3. Install "peep holes" in all exterior doors.
4. Never, under any circumstances, open a door to a stranger without proper identification.
5. Call 911 and your neighbors if any suspicious vehicle or person is seen in your area.

There is also very helpful information on security measures for homeowners and ratings of various security devices and alarm systems in the February, 1990 issue of *Consumer Reports* magazine.

Protecting the Medians

Many of the roads in the Catalina Foothills have medians, areas of natural growth separating the roadways. To a great extent the medians break the harshness of the pavements, and contribute to the charm of the foothills.

Occasionally, a resident finds the median in front of his house an inconvenience, forcing the driver to detour a few feet to get on the other side of the road.

Residents should be aware that the medians and the growth on them are protected by state law. Driving across a median that has not been designated and graded as a crossover is in violation of ARS 28-731. Removing cactus and other natural growth from a median is in violation of ARS 13-1602.

The medians and their natural growth add beauty to our neighborhoods. Let's be sure we do not abuse them, and remember that it is illegal to do so.

Plans For River Road — Campbell Avenue to Highway I-10

The River Road Composite Citizen Advisory Committee (CCAC) was established by the Pima County Board of Supervisors on February 13, 1990; nine representatives were appointed which included one for the Catalina Foothills Association and the First Avenue to Campbell segment. The Committee held its first meeting on March 14th, at which time an overview of the project as planned and scheduled for construction was given by Lee Olson, manager for Pima County, and representatives of firms retained by the County for the planning phase. The following private engineering firms prepared reports for the design of each segment of River Road:

- Silverbell to Shannon Roads and Shannon to La Cholla Blvd.: Greiner Engineering.
- La Cholla to La Canada Drive: Anderson, Passarelli & Associates.
- La Canada to Oracle Roads: Urban Engineering.
- Oracle to First Avenue: McGovern, MacVittie, Lodge & Dean.
- First Avenue to Campbell Avenues: Rick Engineering.

The schedule places the Oracle Road to First Avenue segment in construction by late 1990 for completion by 1992. The design is a divided highway with one side higher than the other, and a wholly new location to the south in the vicinity of the new Stone Avenue extension now being built. The stretch of First Avenue to Campbell is the last segment currently planned to be reconstructed and is scheduled as a 1993 project. The widening of River Road will extend eastward through the Campbell intersection to Camino Escuela.

The Composite Committee was given further updating on plans for the respective segments at two meetings, on April 11 and 25. For example, the Draft Advanced Planning Report (APR) on the section of Shannon Road to LaCholla Blvd. has been

completed and a public hearing will be held on May 15, 1990. The APR on First Avenue to Campbell segment was accepted on January 2, 1990, by the Pima County Board of Supervisors, and Rick Engineering will be preparing the design plans in the coming year.

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