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

Message From The President

The Catalina Foothills Association Board of Directors joins me in wishing each of you a safe and happy holiday season, and we are urging that you place attendance at the January 15th Annual Meeting high on your list of New Year resolutions!

Your Association works to protect our quality of life in the Foothills and to keep abreast of issues that so affect it. We want and seek your suggestions and input at the Annual Meeting as well as through your local representatives.

At this meeting, we will also elect new members to the Board. This year, we have an especially fine slate of candidates who the nominating committee feels have interests and skills that will contribute to the broadening and strengthening of the activities of the Association. Additional members also may be nominated from the floor.

Sincerely,
Lera Gates
President

3.5 Million Dollar Boondoggle

After a three-year hiatus, the controversial Desert Foothills U.S. Postal Service Station is back with a vengeance. Construction is now underway on the high-tech, 3.5 million dollar facility, located south of River Road, west of Campbell wash, and north of the Rillito Linear Park. The site is in the most southwest corner of postal zone 85718, the area it is supposed to serve, which is bounded by the Rillito River to the south, First Avenue to the west, Coronado National Forest to the north and Craycroft Road to the east. The sudden surge of construction activity has rekindled the frustration of Catalina Foothills residents, which began in 1986 after the site was acquired. This became obvious in January 1987 during a public hearing called by Senator DeConcini at the request of the Catalina Foothills Association. The purpose of the hearing was to seek accountability on the Postal Service's own policies and decision-making process relating to the Desert Foothills Postal Service Station. For instance, the Postal Service's policies call for adherence to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act including:

1. Full disclosure of adverse impacts created, including resources lost, such as energy and time and measures needed to mitigate them. For example: no consideration was given to the amount of fossil fuel and time that would be wasted to get to and from the site versus a more central location. Rough calculations reveal that 216,000 gallons of fossil fuel and 158,000 travel hours will be wasted in one year, not considering the fuel and time wasted by Postal employees. This combined waste put in dollars would pay for a new centrally located postal facility in ten years.

2. Significant consideration to opinions from the affected community, none was given.

3. Compliance with the objectives of all local zoning ordinances. The Postal Service officials were denied Pima County rezoning and considered themselves *immune* to local ordinances.

4. Coordination with local officials early in the planning stages. This was done only after the fact and when serious questions were asked.

After the public hearing early in 1987, the Postal Service made no serious attempt to respond to issues raised and walked away saying they had done everything they needed in order to proceed.

Three years later, official Postal Service ground-breaking ceremonies occurred without notification to Catalina Foothills residents. Two days after ground-breaking, the Catalina Foothills Association reported to the Pima County Transportation Department that the Postal Service grading contractor had ripped out and destroyed a guard rail within River Road's right-of-way. This again alerted Pima County officials to the serious impact of the new Postal Service Station on River Road and the County's proposed four lane, divided River Road improvement scheduled to begin construction in 1993. Pima County's response was:

Announcement of Annual Meeting

In accordance with the by-laws of the Catalina Foothills Association, Inc., you are hereby notified of the Annual Meeting of Members of the Corporation. In addition, all property owners within the Catalina Foothills Estates are invited to attend.

Date: Tuesday, January 15, 1991

Place: East Gallery, St. Phillips in the Hills Church, Campbell Ave. and River Rd.

Time: 7:30 p.m. (Refreshments beginning at 7:00 p.m.)

Agenda: Report of Board of Directors
Election of New Board Members and Incumbents

Speakers:

Joan Lionetti, Executive Director of *Tucson Clean and Beautiful*

Dave Elwood - River Road Overview - Postal Service Station, Rillito Park, Traffic Problems, etc.

Please attend, participate and meet your neighbors.

1. Replace the guard rail with portable barriers, and
2. Issue an access permit with provision for a 150 foot deceleration lane. The Postal Service has refused to take responsibility for any changes, thereby placing all the problems and resulting costs onto the County.

The biggest issue remains unresolved: how can the vast majority of the people using the Postal Service Station get to the site from the east without any left turns off River Road? Pima County policies do not permit left turns on a curve, which exists at this location. This means practically everyone going to and leaving the Post Office Station will be forced to negotiate a U-turn on River Road, which is presently over capacity with traffic. Pima County's position is to react to the problem when it arises rather than plan ahead and solve the problem before it occurs.

The Desert Foothills Postal Service Station fiasco is a flagrant example of the U.S. Postal Service thumbing its nose at the people it is supposed to serve and their local governments. To add to this insult, we will be forced to spend our tax dollars to rectify Postal Service mistakes.

It is time to stand up to Postal and Federal officials and demand accountability by calling our County Supervisor, Greg Lunn, (740-8726); U.S. Congressman Jim Kolbe (670-5210); U.S. Senators Dennis DeConcini (629-6831) and John McCain (670-6334).

Neighborhood Watch

The crime rate in the Catalina Foothills is one of the highest in the Tucson area, according to spokesmen from the Sheriff's office. We, therefore, need to be on guard at all times and protect our homes with the best available safety measures. The Neighborhood Watch program (under the auspices of the Sheriff's Department) can help by advising on the best locks and other means of protection. If your neighborhood has not yet formed a Neighborhood Watch, it is strongly recommended that you do so. The procedure is simple: call the Sheriff's Department at 882-2800 or write to the *Sheriff's Department, P.O. Box 910, Tucson, AZ 85702* for information. You will receive instructions about how to proceed in organizing your area. The dedicated volunteer officers attending your meetings are knowledgeable about safety and skilled in communicating with people. They bring samples of various types of locks and show videos as well.

Casa del Agua

Since water is our most precious resource here in the desert, Casa del Agua has been developed as an on-going experiment in the many ways water can be conserved by ordinary homeowners.

The Casa is located on Wetmore between First Avenue and Stone and is open on Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. This home is a private residence that was adapted to monitor water savings from using water-efficient plumbing fixtures and other water conserving measures such as rooftop rainwater harvesting, planting low water-use vegetation, installing drip irrigation systems and developing a solar greenhouse.

Many visitors leave with new ideas and plans to incorporate some of Casa del Agua's technology into their own residences. Experience at the Casa shows that it is possible to significantly conserve water without major changes in people's lifestyles.

Notes on Recycling

The new edition of the "Tucson Clean and Beautiful Recycling Directory" is now available in our public libraries.

Christmas Tree Recycling: Last year, trees were taken to landfills and processed for fertilizer there. This year's procedure will differ somewhat, so please watch for announcements in the local newspapers and on T.V.

Wildcat Dumping in the County: The County Investigator asks that everyone be aware of such illegal acts. If you notice a strange or suspicious truck in your neighborhood, do not approach it, but try to note its license number in passing and then report it to the County Investigator at 544-0222 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. If your neighborhood is interested in forming a garbage patrol, call the above number for more information.

In the past months, the County and City have been cooperating on recycling. They have appointed a Waste Reduction Task Force and have been experimenting with curbside pick-up of recyclables from 5,283 households in the City and County. This experiment will continue next year, and in February, 6000 more households will be added. City-wide curbside collections are expected to begin in July of 1992.

The County is introducing an ordinance requiring the many waste haulers in the County to provide recycling of waste. BFI (Browning-Ferris Industries) will begin curbside collection of recyclables in the County in the spring of 1991. Waste Management of Tucson will begin curbside collection in the Catalina Foothills in January, 1991.

The outreach Program formed by the County, *Tucson Clean and Beautiful*, and the City Sanitation Division, businesses and citizen volunteers provides drop-off centers for recyclables at major shopping centers on the first Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Convenient drop-off recyclable locations for our areas are listed in the boxed area of this newsletter. According to a flier prepared by *Tucson Clean and Beautiful*, the following items are accepted:

Newspaper and any coupons, fliers and other materials which come in the paper;

Corrugated Cardboard, which includes heavy, layered cardboard used for packing boxes;

Glass, food and beverage glass containers, sorted by color (clear, brown, green). Containers should be rinsed. No other kinds of glass are accepted.

Plastic Beverage Bottles, soda bottles, water bottles and milk jugs. No other plastic is accepted at this time;

Aluminum Cans, beverage and food cans. Please remove labels from food cans and, if possible, flatten the cans. No other aluminum items accepted at this time; and

Tin cans, beverage and food cans. Please rinse all containers and remove lids and caps.

Recycling - A Great Investment

On the first Saturday of each month, take your recyclable materials to:

- El Con Mall
- Foothills Mall
- Park Mall
- Sunrise Elementary School - 5301 E. Sunrise
- Wal-Mart - 100 N. Pantano
- Wal-Mart - 455 E. Wetmore Road

Bring newspapers, glass, cardboard, aluminum, plastic beverage bottles, tin cans. Remove lids from all bottles. Sort glass by color. Labels can be left on. Inserts do not have to be removed from newspapers.

Clip and Save.



Nominations to the Board of Directors

The following people have been nominated for election to the Board of Directors for the Catalina Foothills Association for a term of three years:

- Richard C. Bloom** - Area 6, 2600 E. Skyline Dr., (complex), 299-2580
Barbara Burke - Area 7, 4850 Via Serenidad, 299-2889
Katherine Jacobson - Area 6, 2600 E. Skyline Dr., (complex), 299-1887
Henri A. Luebbermann - Area 8, 6154 N. Zorella Segundo, 299-4953
James K. McLaughlin - Area 9, 6541 N. Altos Tercero, 299-5515
Michael Norvell - Area 3, 5615 Espina Rd., 577-2934
Judy Redekop - Area 3, Camino Escuela
William Stern - Area 5, 5770 N. Camino Real, 299-0005

The following incumbents on the Board have been nominated to extend their terms another three years:

- David B. Elwood** - Area 7
Evan B. Evans - Area 2
Lera Gates - Area 2
Paul E. Smith - Area 7

Association Dues . . . It's That Time Again

The annual dues for the Catalina Foothills Association for the coming year (1991) have been fixed by your Board of Directors as follows:

Areas 1 - 6	\$30.00
Areas 7 - 9	\$10.00
Townhouse complexes	\$10.00

Qualification for membership remains unchanged: ownership of property in one of those areas (one membership per lot).

Dues are payable immediately, and are in arrears after the date of the Annual Meeting of Members (January 15th, 1991).

Please complete and return the enclosed card with your check.

Please send your check and the appropriate information in the enclosed envelope.

Junk Mail, Invasion of Privacy, and Conservation



Are you overwhelmed and then outraged over the amount of unwanted or *junk* mail that overflows from your mailbox? Do you wonder how your name got on *that* list? Well, get ready to buy a larger mailbox - more is coming! A new product by Lotus Development Corp. and Equifax, Inc., targeting 50 categories from some 80 million households, will be available early next year. By compiling individual data with census data, the targeted groups include *accumulated wealth, mobile home owners, intercity singles, cautious young couples, and wealthy unmarried women over 65 in specific neighborhoods*, to name only a few.

Such mailings raise the question of invasion of privacy, as well as one of conservation. The excess of paper used by the senders does not underwrite their stated environmentally-sensitive philosophy.

The road to conservation is the one of less consumption.

What can you do? Write to Lotus, Equifax or the Direct Marketing Association, 11 W. 42nd St., P.O. Box 3861, New York, NY 10163-3861 and ask to have your name taken off all lists. If you want to receive certain catalogs, call or write your favorite companies, but ask that your name not be released.

Interested in other environmental tips? Pick up a copy of the national best seller, *50 Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth*, available in soft cover at most bookshops for \$4.95.

(Some of the above information was extracted from the *Wall Street Journal* article, "Lotus Product Spurs Fears about Privacy," Nov. 13, 1990.)

PLEASE HELP US . . . Update Our Mailing List

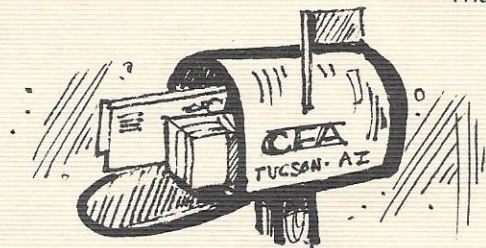
IF . . .

this newsletter was addressed incorrectly, or you have moved, or you received more than one newsletter, or you no longer own property in Catalina Foothills Estates; or there is any other correction to be made.

Please cut out the address label on the newsletter, write in your area, and send it with any corrections to:

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 2509 N. Campbell Ave., Box 292
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Thank you.



Our Curvy Roads

The curvy, narrow roads of the Catalina Foothills were not designed for any speed over 25, and with many walkers about, even more caution is needed. Walkers need to stay on the *left*, always facing traffic. If you must walk at night, please carry a flashlight and wear light clothing.

Dangerous Intersection

The County Transportation Department sees no need for a left-turn signal on River Road at the intersection with First Avenue. If you disagree, call John Bernal, County Department of Transportation, and Greg Lunn, our County Supervisor, to express your views.

New Street Light at First Avenue and Via Estrada

Because of the difficulty of finding Via Estrada from First Avenue at night, a member of the board of C.F.A. contacted the County Traffic Engineering Department about installing a street light there. The Traffic Department declined due to lack of funds and that there had not been at least three serious accidents there. They added, however, that if the C.F.A. would pay for the light, T.E.P. would install it. Accordingly, the C.F.A. and Area 7 Boards voted to split the cost (\$9.75 per month on a 3 year contract) and the street light, not a signal light, is now in place.

Recycle NOW!



People in the United States throw away enough glass bottles and jars to fill the 1,350 foot twin towers of New York's Trade Center every **TWO WEEKS!**

Rincon Valley

The CFA Board voted to contribute \$200 to the Rincon Valley Defense Fund for the continuing effort to bring about the revised and objective area plan; the new plan would protect the Saguaro National Monument, sensitive riparian areas, and air and water quality for the entire Tucson basin. A local philanthropist, who wishes to remain anonymous, has offered to match all contributions to the Fund.

Catalina Foothills Association Board of Directors - January 1991

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