

Catalina Foothills Association

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Campbell Road

It has been called dead man's curve for years. Driving North or South on the lower half of the curving Campbell Avenue can be traitorous for drivers and homeowners. Even though the speed limit warns a driver to be cautious of the winding curves, often cars will end up on the dirt shoulder or come to a screeching halt for the vehicle who wants to make a turn or pull out of an intersecting road. At the intersection of Camino Luz and Campbell Ave a left turn lane was created, as well, as modifying the curve in the road. It seems the county had a significant number of accidents in the area. Traffic reports noting drivers rear ending those vehicles making a turn, going too fast, not making the curve and hitting a homeowner's wall time and time again.

So modifying this one area on Campbell Avenue gives thought to if and when will all of Campbell Ave end up being redesigned. Drivers going too fast and poor line of vision at some intersections, may have county officials consider the altering of Campbell's curves. Many of the major north/south routes have already been altered for the amount of traffic they are accommodating. It surely would be a shame to see a documented scenic road become a four lane road which would increase speed and usage. Being one of our most scenic community roads, its future could be in jeopardy by transforming its essence to a "can't take in the scenery" road.



Campbell Ave. & Camino Luz before alterations



Campbell Ave. & Camino Luz after alterations



Our scenic by-way Campbell Ave.

Mark Your Calendar

Annual Meeting
Thursday
January 28th, 2010
7 p.m. at
St. Philip's in the Hills Church
in the
Murphey Gallery

So, will we see you at YOUR meeting?

The CFA is an organization that oversees the Catalina's 1 through 9 and a number of Townhome HOA's. Every year in January there is a meeting held for all those residents living in those areas. Yes, many times we are all too busy to attend HOA meetings, but we seem not to be when we have dire issues at hand. The meeting is an avenue to share and discuss topics of mutual interest, questions or suggestions that are important to our communities. Our collective force gives strength to our voice when confronting issues that are not in the Foothills best interest.

We have Board members who volunteer their time to represent you the resident. It is up to you to let them know what it is you wish for the foothills. The CFA tries to have representatives from each representative area, if we do not; you have to ask yourself why? We have had forums run by volunteers to have information available to our residents first hand. Our Board members volunteer for committees to focus on those issues and gain insight for our residents. So you're asking, what I am driving at.

Where are you?

Our Annual Meeting is always in the month of January. All that is needed is your attendance once a year. Meet your Board representatives. Find out what the issues are confronting the Foothills. Share your concerns and come learn what the board is doing for YOU.

Yes, life is busy, but a few hours yearly benefit you and your community.

See you at the Annual Meeting, Thursday, January 28th.

**CFA Board of Directors
2009-2010**

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Area 7- June LeClair-Bucko
Area 8- VACANT
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Estates 1-9, Serenidad, Via Entrada Townhomes, Calle Lampara Townhomes,
Catalina Foothills Townhomes, Posada Real, Las Cumbres Townhomes, Catalina
Foothills Condominiums, Catalina Pueblo

**Deed Restrictions Areas 5-6; Areas 1, 2, 3 and 4 with reinstated deed restrictions
Architectural Review- Areas 5-6, Areas 1, 2, 3 and 4**

**Building Height CFA - 18 feet vs County 34 feet
Lot Set Backs CFA - 30 Feet vs County 10 feet**

**Legislation Committee
County Planning, Transportation, Zoning**

**Annual Meeting and Forums
Newsletter - Website**

**Historical Areas - Joesler Homes
Monitoring Skyline-Campbell Business District Agreements**

Open Board Meetings

The Board generally meets at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of each
month (Dec.8th,2009. Dates for 2010 are Jan. 12th, Feb. 9th, Mar. 9th, Apr.
13th, May 11th, June 8th, July/Aug. *no meetings*, Sept. 14th, Oct 12th,
Nov.9th, Dec.14th)

Holidays and vacation schedules sometimes result in the rescheduling
or cancellation of a particular meeting, so please check with the secretary,
327-9693, to confirm a meeting time.

At the beginning of our meetings, we allow a ten minute period for
“Resident Related Issues” – these must be scheduled with the secretary
two weeks before the meeting.

Articles for the newsletter are welcomed and should be mailed to Catalina
Foothills Association, P.O. Box 64546, Tucson, AZ, 85728-4173 or e-mail to
CFANews@msn.com Deadline for May publication is April 17th and
October’s is Sept. 17th.

Board Positions change January of each year, verify positions on-line.

All comments or questions please call
327-9693 or e-mail us at CFANews@msn.com

Catalina Foothill HOA Presidents

Area 1-6 contact CFA Secretary- Jane Hoffmann
Area 7- Mike Simons
Area 8- John Gray
Area 9- Joyce Leissring
Serenidad- Mary Cherba
Calle Lampara- Rudy Ayala
Via Entrada Townhomes- Melanie Clark
Catalina Town Homes- Connie Graham
Las Cumres Town Homes- Robert Sorock
Posada Real- Robert Hernandez
Catalina Pueblo Association- Joe Thompson
Catalina Foothills Condominiums- Susie Hayes



Annual Dues

We respectfully request your support of the Catalina Foothills Association (CFA) by remitting your annual dues. Dues envelopes are sent out with Annual Meeting notice in January. Although the CFA does not mandate dues or membership, we bear the responsibility of acting on your behalf in preserving the quality of life in the Foothills that most of you expect, even if you do not elect to belong to the Association. Among other things, this involves the enforcement of covenants and restrictions where they remain in force, publishing newsletters to keep residents informed, and assuming responsibility for monitoring and enforcement of the development agreements for three of the business corners at Skyline and Campbell.

We understand that you have other important financial obligations to consider. However, please keep in mind that the Board represents your interests without benefit of compensation, and takes great care to ensure that the Association's assets and expenses are prudently managed.

We are blessed with a very scenic area with space between homes, outstanding schools, quiet streets, and native vegetation, all of which we hope to preserve and pass on to future home owners.

The CFA welcomes your input and participation, as well as, your annual dues. Thank you for your consideration and your continued support, it is greatly appreciated.

CFA Website

Our website www.catalinafoothillsassociation.org is under construction. The new website will bring easy access to important information and links that relate to our area for our residents. Stay tuned for its completion in the very near future.



2009 STATE LEGISLATION

Thirteen bills of interest to homeowner associations were introduced for consideration during this legislative term. Only Senate Bill 1148 was signed into law on 10 July 2008. ARS 33-441: For Sale Signs: Restrictions Unenforceable. This particular bill adds to Chapter 4 of the Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) pertaining to "Conveyances and Deeds" and Affects Community Associations. It involves the right of a property owner to display a "For Sale" sign on his property which may not be infringed on as long as the size of the sign conforms to industry standards. Association CC&Rs about restrictions are no longer enforceable.



President's Message

The most interesting thing about working with the CFA is that the issues evolve with the times. As the economy has slowed, much of our focus has abruptly shifted from rampant development to dealing with the effects of financial crisis. Virtually unheard of in the past, foreclosures have hit our neighborhoods. And while the bad economy is no excuse, we are nonetheless going through another wave of property crime.

There are plenty of formal methods, such as Neighborhood Watch, to address these problems. At the end of the day, though, it is really the strength of a community that is the best way to lessen the pain and, in the case of property crime, look out for each other.

Several years ago, my then-girlfriend (now fiancée) realized that in the nine years she had lived on her street there had never been a neighborhood get-together. So, we held one, and residents of many years were thrilled to finally meet their neighbors. Some lasting friendships were forged, but most important, we all felt more invested in looking out for one another and offering assistance if needed.

The CFA is charged with monitoring and enforcing plenty of rules on behalf of all the residents of the Foothills. But our mission is really to bring the community together in its common interests and shared benefit. We always welcome your input and invite your participation in keeping the Foothills a great place to live.

David Hamra

Sponsor a Street Name

The CFA began this project last Fall and has received many sponsors, but more are still needed. The CFA does not have the finances to have the signs repainted, so as an alternate way to get the signs repainted we are asking residents to sponsor their street names. It can be done individually or with neighbors. *Each street name* will be at a cost of forty dollars. There are 68 sign post and a total of 146 street names in Cat 1 through 6. Cat 8 and 9 as well as the condo and townhome communities have their own governing board and would have to contact the secretary if they wish to pursue a repainting project.

So hurry and sign up, our project is coming to an end.

If you wish to sponsor a street name, send in the form on the next page of this newsletter, with payment to:

CFA Sign Repainting Project
PO Box 64546, Tucson, AZ 85728.

For more information, contact CFA at 327-9693 or send an e-mail to: jhoffmannj@hotmail.com.

Current



RePainted





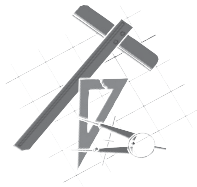
Plan on building or remodeling?

**Please contact your
Area Representative or
Architectural Committee**

**Changes in your initial plans, you must notify
your Architectural Representative or Architectural Committee.**

**Architectural Review Spring 2009 to Fall 2009
for Areas 1 thru 6**

	Violation	Approved	Pending	Comp.	Withdrn
Driveways					
Entryways		1			
Equip. Screening	1		1		
Garage		1			
Guest House		1			
Harvest Tanks		1	1		
Landscaping		2	2		
New Construction					
Remodel	1	4	4	1	1
Patio	1	1			
Wall/Fencing		2	2		
Covenants	Reviewed	Pending	Comp.		
Debris	1	1			
Dumpster					
Lights	1	1			
Re-Vegetation					
Vehicles	2	2	1		



(See article Pg 3)

**Sponsor A Street Name
Repaint Project**

- Total signs per Area
- Cat 1 - 20 post 34 street names
- Cat 2 - 4 post 7 street names
- Cat 3 - 3 post 6 street names
- Cat 4 - 5 post 10 street names
- Cat 5 - 22 post 60 street names
- Cat 6 - 14 post 29 street names

Contact Person

Contact Number

Area _____

Location of sign post _____

\$40. per Street Name _____

Crime in the Foothills

Since our last publication the Sheriff's Department has launched two new web-based systems that can be accessed on their website. These new allies in the fight against crime assist residents and Area Leaders of Neighborhood Watches with crime data which can be obtained via e-mail or text messaging. Access to these reports gives residents and NW Leaders an insight on the types of crime affecting their areas as well as their surroundings. It gives the ability to alert residents to take a proactive role in deterring those crimes.

Even though these two new systems gives us the ability to obtain crime information it can't replace the front lines to crime, the residents. A Neighborhood Watch helps police fight crime just on numbers alone. There are more eyes and ears in a community then having a lone patrol person. Who knows their community better then its residents? Not that anyone should become a vigilante, but making a phone call to 911 and your NW Area Leader about suspicious acts or unusual behavior in your community is a great source for police to do their job. It is a proactive communication to your residents' awareness. A NW is always a great way to establish those lines of communication locally and we are fortunate to add a few more new NW to the foothill community, creating a growing network in the fight against crime.

Crime in the foothills is minimal compared to some areas in and around Tucson. The efforts on keeping those crimes to a minimum are due to the efforts of many residents taking an active role in fighting crime. Due to economic ills we are now seeing an increase of vacant homes or homes becoming rentals. To insure a neighborhood's safety, it is important to meet and welcome new tenants to your community and keep watchful eyes on vacant homes. Also, along the Campbell Road corridor there has been an increase in burglaries. Visit the Sheriff's Department website to review home security tips at www.pimasheriff.org.

Crime does not have borders, so it is important homeowners take proactive action to minimize criminal acts. Efforts by a community's residents, NW Area Leader, and their NW Block leaders, can all help in keeping an area a safe haven.

Be Aware, Be Safe June LeClair-Bucko



Below is a chart on the three areas of crime that afflicts the foothills area. most often - these crimes are auto theft, larcenies, and burglaries.

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Auto Thefts	54	12	11	2
<i>Attempted</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Larcenies	133	42	17	23
<i>Vehicles</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>2</i>
Burglaries	79	26	38	34
<i>Attempted</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>4</i>

Community Association Fundamentals

Each common interest community has its own history, personality, attributes and challenges, but all associations share common characteristics and core principles. CAI (Community Associations Institute) developed the Community Association Fundamentals to foster a better conceptual understanding of how associations function and the roles of residents and association leaders.

We hope this primer will help people understand and appreciate at the heart of the community association model and, even more importantly, inspire effective, enlightened leadership and responsible, engaged citizenship.

- 1- Associations ensure that the collective rights and interests of homeowners are respected and preserved.
- 2- Associations are the most local form of representative democracy, with leaders elected by their neighbors to govern in the best interest of all residents.
- 3- Associations provide services and amenities to residents, protects property values and meet the established expectations of homeowners
- 4- Associations succeed when they cultivate a true sense of community, active homeowner involvement and a culture of building consensus.
- 5- Association homeowners have the right to elect their community, active homeowner involvement and a culture of building consensus.
- 6- Association homeowners choose where to live and accept a contractual and ethical responsibility to abide by established policies and meet their obligations to the association.
- 7- Association leaders protect the community's financial health by using established management practices and sound business principles.
- 8- Association leaders have a legal and ethical obligation to adhere to the association's governing documents and abide by all applicable laws.
- 9- Association leaders seek an effective balance between the preferences of individual residents and the collective rights of homeowners
- 10- Association leaders and residents should be reasonable, flexible and open to the possibility and benefits of compromise, especially when faced with divergent views.

This information is provided courtesy of Community Associations Institute (CAI), a national, nonprofit, education and advocacy organization that provides education, tools and resources to association board members, community managers and other professionals who serve associations. For more information, visit www.caionline.org or call (888) 224-4321.



The Essence of Security

by June LeClair Bucko

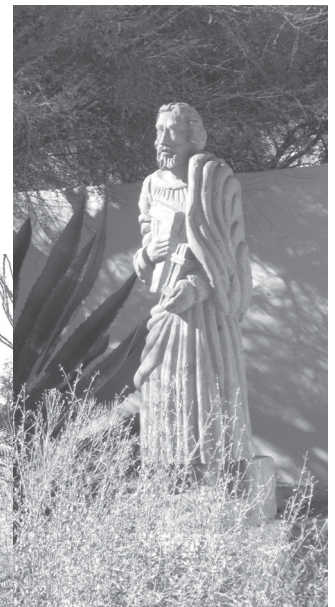
Tucked away in the Foothills is a condominium complex that has an essence of security. As you enter you are greeted by very large statues that speckle the community. In their grand form perched on walls, buildings and holding up the occasional carport you are quite taken by these figures that seem to be protecting its community.

In the 1980's John Murphy went to Mexico City for a hotel opening and met a young architect Juan Worner Baz. The Murphey's loving Baz's Mexican Colonial style, developed a long relationship and developed and designed many Tucson structures. Baz & Murphy first developed Murpheys' home in the foothills and a subdivision known as the Catalina Foothills Condominiums. They then created the annex to Broadway Village at Country Club. What both have in common are the large figurines that sprinkle both complexes.

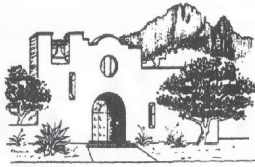
Incorporating these figures in his designed became a signature for Juan Worner Baz. As an architect, he believed in designing every aspect of the structure he produced. These ceramic figures which can be 5 to 6 feet tall were sculptured and fired in Toluca, Mexico. The kiln being the size of a room, cooked the figures in very intense heat. Many called the figures "santos", but Mr. Baz insisted they were just people. People who gave him a challenge to his design.

It is not surprising that Helen Murphey would have loved this design aspect. Her love for art and culture surely rang through the developments Murphy & Baz undertook. Back in 2003, many of the statues at the Broadway Village were restored by a local art-restoration team. Erma & Doran and Elizabeth Pettit, co-owners of Conservation, Restoration, Design. They worked with the original sculptor Benjamin Zarate, who was 84 at the time, to create casts from the original terra cotta statues. At that time, many of the statues at Broadway had given ware to environmental elements and vandalism.

Fortunately, for the foothill's complex, many of the figurines still stand and have blended into the community's environment. The tucked away community has an essence of security. As the figures stand guard, you marvel at their existence, you sense the appreciation for art and culture, and most of all the essence of the type of community that the Murphey's and Juan Baz tried to bring to Tucson.



Thanks to Jim Nation the above information was obtain from a number of publication from the AZ Daily Star dated 1984, 1990, 2003.



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I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO MY WIFE

by Jim Snedden



I should have listened to my wife when she told me that I shouldn't push the red light at intersections. But I didn't and it cost me over \$200.00 and a half day at traffic school.

It was at the corner of River Road and Oracle where it happened. Had an officer been present I would have pleaded my case that I had entered the intersection just as the light was turning yellow and had no time to stop, but cameras don't listen to excuses. Well, I thought after I saw the unmistakable light of the shutter, in the absence of a police officer I'll rely on the compassion of the Municipal Judge, whom I'm sure will be sympathetic. He, or she, probably hates those damn things as much as I do.

After three weeks I thought I was home free when I hadn't heard anything. That was it, the camera wasn't aimed at me, it was the guy behind me it had gotten.

Wrong on all counts. The pictures that came in the mail showed my vehicle and license plate in vivid color with nary a smudge. To make it worse, the picture through the windshield was better than the one on my drivers license, and there was no arguing with the bright red light and my vehicle in the intersection. Adding further insult there was a second picture of my vehicle halfway through that same intersection with the same red light taunting me, as if to say, "gotcha." Right above the incriminating picture was the date, time, speed and location.

I was caught. They had indeed "got me."

If anyone reading this confession hasn't had the privilege of contributing to the local budget deficit you might be interested in how foolproof the system is. It's printed on the citation, but then you wouldn't know that, so I'll copy it for you.

"The detection system is comprised of two electromagnetic loops, or Piezoelectric strips which have been installed under the pavement at each enforced lane prior to the point of violation. When a vehicle drives over these detection devices **after the light has turned red**, the system's computer signals the cameras to record the violation. Three pictures of the violation are taken. One front picture of the vehicle entering the intersection and one showing the vehicle continuing through the intersection - one prior to entering the intersection and one showing the vehicle continuing through the intersection - with the light in the red phase.

At the time the violation is photographed, specific violation data is recorded directly to the encrypted digital images. The information contained on the photograph indicates location, date and time of the violation, the duration the light was yellow and red prior to the violation and the speed of the vehicle."

Yes, I should have listened to my wife!