

FOOTHILLS CLUSTERS HOA NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2013

New Board Contact Information

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These phone and email points of contact are the best means of leaving messages for the Board. They are read by the administrative assistant, Alison and/or her staff, then communicated to the Board. **Leaving a message does not constitute legal notice to the Board. Only US mail received at the PO Box constitutes legal notice.**

New HOA Board Meeting Place

Beginning with the meeting of Monday, March 4th, Board meetings will be held in the Skyline Country Club clubhouse, lower level. From North Swan & Sunrise Drive it is 10 minutes to the Clubhouse. Head North on North Swan Road from Skyline Drive (7/11 on left corner) Take the first right after Skyline Drive into Skyline Country Club Estates. Stop at the guard house, just say that you are there for the "Loren Acker Board of Directors". Follow the signs to the Clubhouse-5200 N. St. Andrews Dr. Meetings start at 6:30 pm.

Annual Meeting Results

A quorum was not reached as only 17 homeowners and 5 Board members came to the meeting. Election results: Frank Sedlar, Jack McEwen, Debbie Decker were re-elected for 3 year terms.

The primary topic brought up by the homeowners at the meeting was the condition of the roads. Many questions and ideas were expressed. The same information was provided as at the last annual meeting, and at the Special Assessment meeting in May of 2012. There is not enough money in the Association for milling and re-paving of the roads. To re-pave all of the roads in the Clusters except Evans Mountain, which is a Pima County road, would cost approximately \$750,000. Chip-sealing would cost almost all of the savings, but would not last more than 6 or 8 years. As it has taken since the beginning of the HOA, 1976, to accumulate the current savings balance of \$400,000, using it all for an 8-year fix would be fiscally irresponsible. Until such time as the homeowners vote to pay a special assessment to completely re-surface the roads, the Board will continue the program of making repairs to the worst problems as they come up. Unfortunately, road repairs are somewhat weather-dependent. Asphalt cannot be put down when the weather is too cold. The first six roads were repaired in January.

The board saved the Association approximately \$2,000 per year by entering into a new 3-year contract with Arizona Sanitation for the semi-yearly trash roll-offs. Arizona Sanitation did an exemplary job with the roll-offs in November.

WARNING-Be on the lookout for suspicious activity in your neighborhood. Stay alert to your surroundings and those of your neighbors. A Foothills Clusters homeowner had her tires slashed in broad daylight a few weeks ago. Call 9 -1-1 if you see anything. Watch out for each other, as good neighbors do.

Frank "Lucky" Sedlar-Volunteer Extraordinaire!

Did you know this about the HOA Board's president? As a little boy, he came in contact many times with members of Al Capone's gang on the south side of Chicago. This was how he earned his nickname, "Lucky". He "volunteered" in the Navy Amphibious forces and is a war veteran. He volunteers as the President of our HOA Board of Directors. Frank volunteers as a visiting companion for the elderly with Senior Services, and he volunteers as a patient assistant at Tucson Medical Center. He also teaches leather crafting classes for 4H kids. So shake his hand the next time you see him, and think about whether he's the "Lucky" one, or whether Foothills Clusters is.

REMINDERS: Dumpsters arrive April 25 and will be picked up on April 29. Dumpsters will also arrive on May 2 and be picked up May 6.

The Foothills Clusters Annual Garage/Yard Sale is Saturday, April 20, from 7 Am to 4 PM.