

# FOOTHILLS CLUSTERS NEWSLETTER

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We are sincerely grateful for the constant efforts and service of Jack and Anne McEwen on the Board of Directors of Foothills Clusters HOA. They are now and will continue be missed.

## WEBSITES

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**Misrepresentation starts when The Foothills Clusters name is used.** Indirect or direct alliance is falsely implied even if unintentional. This can cause undue distress to readers through any misunderstandings of subject matters that could result.

Association owners are advised to seek answers to their own questions directly from members of the Board of Directors of The Foothills Clusters Homeowners Association. The Association Newsletter, published 6 times a year, also gives information regarding upcoming events and other pertinent matters benefitting the association.

Put your ideas and questions in writing before attending board meetings so that board members can review and respond to those concerns during the meeting. If you do not have time to write to the association you can bring your concerns in writing to the board meeting for future consideration. If they are unable to be considered at the current meeting or require in depth review prior to immediate response, the address is P.O. Box 30686, Tucson, AZ 85751. Meetings are held the first Monday of the month. There will be no meeting in July or August.

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# COMMUNICATION

Although phone calls and e-mail provide convenience, both are controversial as to results due to timing and whether or not all recipients use their computers to keep e-mail messages or dump them. The possibility of hackers or viruses being forwarded through e-mail is prevalent. Printed newsletters and regular mail, which can be referred to many times, make the standard letter the preferred choice of communication for contact.

## Clean UP Time

### DUMPSTERS

The dumpsters will be placed on Thursday April 24 and picked up on April 28; they will be returned on Thursday, May 01 and final pickup will be on May 05. The dumpsters will be located at the five traditional sites, with an additional unit being located at the North Evans Mountain site, as it seems an extra unit is warranted. The cost of this service is around \$4,000.00.

Please load the dumpsters from back to front so there is access through the door for as long as possible. On the same theme, please take the time to trim limbs from large trees and branches. A full tree takes up a lot of space. Let's all work together to load the dumpsters fully and properly and get the most for our money.

The primary purpose for the dumpsters is to help residents dispose of vegetative waste from yard and garden cleanup. Furniture, mattresses, wood construction trash, drywall, light metal objects, and appliances not noted below are acceptable with the caveat that they are properly placed and well contained in the dumpster, (not hanging over the side). Anything that can be smashed down to take up less space should be.

The following materials are ABSOLUTLY NOT ALLOWED:

Refrigerators	Air Conditioners	Freezers
Water Coolers	Ice Makers	Soil or Dirt
Fluorescent Bulbs/Ballast	Any hazardous liquids	Tires
Asbestos Materials	Large Drums	Paint
Rail Road Ties	Medical Wastes	Batteries
Rock, Blocks, Brick	Concrete, Asphalt, Cement, Mortar	

If any of the above materials are included a load a minimum of \$50 per item will be charged and the items will be returned to the responsible homeowner if identifiable. Otherwise the Homeowners Association will be liable.

If a homeowner contracts a cleanup service they can certainly use the dumpsters. This is the time to do it. Homeowners are liable for the actions of their contractors, so please instruct them to load the dumpsters properly. Please advise your contractor that only YOUR waste is to be placed in the dumpsters and not material from other locations where their company or friends may be working. Make sure your Contractor has your name and address so that when asked who they are working for they can respond correctly as to who will verify their presence. Outsiders using our dumpsters can and will be prosecuted.

To get rid of items not allowed in the dumpsters, or that are too bulky to get to or into the units it is suggested to call: 800 GOTJUNK. They will come to your house and remove whatever. Please note that the individual homeowner needs to make his own arrangements with them and pay for the service.

## **DRAIN CLEANING**

In the last few months there has been a small truck from Tucson Water often parked on Evans Mountain or the side streets. They are running a camera through all of our drainage system and pinpointing locations of partial or potential blockages. When their survey is finished another unit will clean out and repair these areas. When asked about their work and findings Tucson Water related that the worst situations were usually caused by congealed grease. A plugged sewer line will cause serious problems to all homeowners connected to it, so we are all well advised to not dump grease down your drains. Dispose of it with your **landfill bound garbage**

## **WASTE MANAGEMENT CUSTOMERS**

A few years ago when Arizona Sanitation came on the scene offering reduced rates for garbage and recyclable disposal, the Board negotiated with Waste Management to offer the same rates. They agreed to do that, but each customer needs to call them and tell them they are in the Foothills Clusters in order to get the reduced rate. This information was given in a previous newsletter, but it seems that some people did not get the word and are continuing to pay the higher rate. If you are a WM customer and not getting the basic \$12/mo. Rate, call them!

## **ASSOCIATION CLEAN UP**

**Street Sweeping** plans are under way. Diggins Environmental is the choice for the job and expected to be scheduled prior to hot weather.

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## **ANNUAL YARD SALE**

Date set is for Saturday April 12th.

This is not far away so pull out those unwanted salable items you have stuffed away and take advantage of this opportunity to lighten the load in your house or garage. Ads will be placed in the newspaper. Prepare for an early (7a.m.) start for this event.

## **IMPRESSIONS COUNT**

### **SOLUTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS**

First, check your CC&Rs to find out what they are.

Second, don't make them happen.

Third, consider your position resulting from the violation.

Consider your personal status among your peers. Do you care prestige-wise about the impression you make on others? For instance, do you want to be thought of as "that trash can neighbor" who's welcoming mat is one or two odorous cans in front of the garage door? Is it really too hard to remember to place those behind a screening wall or in the garage out of view?

Even more irritating is to leave them street side. Roads curve and those cans can get in the way for drivers in a hurry to get somewhere, like home after a long hard day at the office. What about emergency vehicles? Want to get in their way? Suppose you need help in a hurry! Violations can cost you more than cash from your pocket. It costs self worth as well. Good impressions go a long way towards friendship and neighbor relations.

One of the nastiest habits is to place your cans in front of your neighbor's property to avoid detection and responsibility for your actions. Behavior counts. Don't let yours become an irritation.

Thank you for your attention to this newsletter  
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