

THE ARROW

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Annual Meeting Thursday, April 27th, 7:30p.m.

HEAR BOTH SIDES - REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN!

Former County Supervisor Katie Dusenberry (for the plan) and Campbell/Grant Neighborhood **President Ken O'Day** (opposed) will face off at the 2006 Flecha Caida Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held in the large upstairs room of Building F at the **First Evangelical Free Church, 4700 N. Swan**, as it has for some years. There will be **no dinner this year**, due to some logistical problems, but dessert, coffee and other beverages will be served.

Also on the agenda will be the election of new directors and the ratification of some 'housekeeping' changes to the By Laws.

The program will present the pros and cons of the plan that involves two items on the ballot on May 16th. One measure will approve or disapprove the plan itself; the other will be a vote for or against a one-half cent County sales tax to fund it. Included in the plan, along with such items as open space retention and the trolley from the university to downtown, is making Grant Road the major east-west artery, which would affect some homes and businesses in the corridor, as well as Tucson Medical Center and the medical facilities on the south side of the street. **This plan will AFFECT YOU!** Be an informed voter.

Longtime Flecha Caidans will remember Katie's appearances at Annual Meetings in the 1980's and many know her through her many community activities. Ken has lived in Tucson since 1988, is in the health care field and has been involved in transportation and other issues in the area where he lives. If you have received the booklet mailed out by the Regional Transportation Authority, please read it – or Katie's article in the March 10th AZ Daily Star (available on-line). Ken's points against can be viewed on his website: www.tucsonrealplan.com. It is vital that you attend this meeting to be informed – and to **vote on May 16th**. There will be questions from the floor following the presentations. Get your questions ready!

It's Time to Update Your Information

Send us any updates regarding your name, phone number or e-mail address, so that our records are accurate. Call 327-4240. Information is kept confidential. E-mail us at fchoa@flechacaida.org

The Arrow is mailed quarterly and furnished online to all homeowners—one of the many services we provide as an HOA.

What Does Flecha Caida Homeowners Association Do For You?

1. We protect your investment in your home. The board works tirelessly reviewing plans and implementing the CC&R's guaranteeing our neighborhoods retain their desert beauty and ensuring we remain a residential community.

2. We provide semi-annual dumpsters! We provide them free of charge to all Flecha Caida homeowners for spring and fall yard cleanups. They are a great convenience— saving you numerous costly trips to the dump. The problems we encountered last year from unscrupulous use is causing us to alter our future arrangements. Please offer your suggestions on our survey on page 4.

3. Mailbox painted - we offer a free paint job to members.

4. Neighborhood Watch - some areas are started

5. Craycroft access was saved! Without the strenuous efforts of FCHOA the access roads onto Craycroft would have been eliminated by the widening of Craycroft. See page 3 for the update.

We hope you will join us and contribute to the continued success of Flecha Caida.

Please fill out the form on page 4 and send it in or come to the annual meeting and join. **MEMBERSHIP IS A BARGAIN.**

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Committees

Architectural Committee
Grounds Committee
Neighborhood Watch
Welcoming Committee

If you need to contact us, please call the Flecha Caida HOA office at (520) 327-4240 and ask for Sue Jamison, our Executive Secretary.

About the Arrow:
The Arrow newsletter is published quarterly and distributed free of charge to homeowners.

Contributions:
Submissions may be edited to conform to space restrictions. Call 615-9494 or e-mail connie@chbdesignlink.com

Committee News

Architectural Review Committee

Some Do's and Don'ts

DO refer to your CC&Rs.
DO submit all requests for property improvements to ARC & John Gabb at johngabbarchitect@msn.com
DON'T hesitate to contact the ARC chairman with any architectural related questions.

Grounds Committee

Some Do's and Don'ts

DO keep vegetation trimmed.
DO remove mistletoe from trees.
DO keep your property free from rubbish, abandoned vehicles, etc. Read your CC&R's for more information, found at www.flechacaida.org
DON'T hesitate to contact the Grounds Committee chairman with any questions.

Welcoming Committee

Please call the Welcoming Committee with new homeowners in your neighborhood. We would like to offer a packet to welcome them to the neighborhood. Call 327-4240.

From the President's desk...



Dear Homeowner,
Just suppose a developer bought that large lot next door and builds a huge house, pool, parking for 15 cars and several guest houses – right up to your property line – and right next to your favorite saguaro. **No one was required to review his plans.**

Or suppose several large motor homes pack into a lot down the road. To make room, the owner has bulldozed all the native plants you love so much. He has left the debris in piles. **No one stopped him.**

These are true stories from other Tucson neighborhoods. Thankfully, they are not our stories.

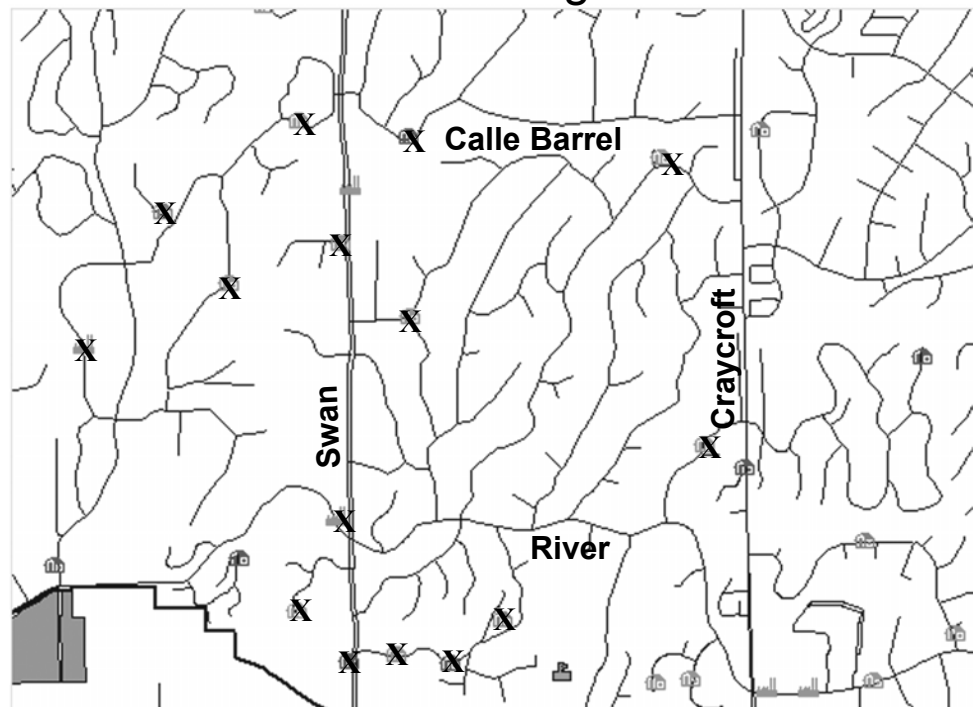
As Flecha Caida residents, *we each signed a contract* - the “**Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions (CC&R's)**” - covenants that have joined us together to protect the residential character and desert beauty of our area. Above all they protect our investments in our properties and ensure our Flechas remain the wonderful residential community we all enjoy!

The enforcement of the CC&R's requires the constant vigilance of the FCHOA board and its volunteers. **I invite you to attend a board meeting to see what we do.** You will be impressed and you just might be tempted to join in to help us maintain the integrity of our community. I hope you will.

Above all, come to the annual meeting and, if you are not a member, become a member of FCHOA. **The small amount you pay in dues is what makes it possible for us to do the job for us all.**

Thank you,
Carol Lescoulie

Flecha Caida Burglaries 2005



X indicates Burglaries either day or night



The Desert Green Thumb

This column needs a Flecha gardener to give us gardening tips. If you would like to share your expertise, we would love to have you join the Arrow. Call the editor today.

Desert Broom is an undesirable plant. This plant characteristically produces thousands of seeds that have white threads that become airborne (sometimes referred to as "Tucson Snow"). We suggest that you cut down these plants at every opportunity and place in a plastic bag for disposal.

Let's Get Together!

Would you like to meet with a few ladies for coffee? If you would like to help form or organize a Flecha Caida group, reply to the editor with your ideas. Hiker's Club? Painting/Art Club? Dining Out? To suggest a few.. (615-9494).

Find A House for Sale in Flecha Caida

<http://www.tarmls.com>

Pima County News & Information

Update on Craycroft Road -The long awaited reconstruction of Craycroft Road is well underway. The work started with clearing and demolition on the west side of the intersection of Craycroft at Sunrise. Major clearing and utility work is underway and is progressing from north to south along the right of way. This phase is planned to reach River Rd. before the fall of 2006 at which time TEP will start work. When TEP finishes and initial paving of the west side is complete, traffic will be switched to the new portion of Craycroft. By the first part of 2007, work will start on the east side of the road and will progress from south to north. Questions regarding the project, please call 722-6900 or 740-6410.

Family Preparedness Kit - Homeland Security

- Non-perishable food to last for 3 days
- Water to last your family at least 3 days
- Medicine
- First Aid Kit
- Flashlight with batteries
- Battery-operated radio
- Cash
- Necessary Toiletries
- Duct Tape
- Contact Numbers
- Important Documents
- Anything else you may need

Tucson is listed as #6 of likely targeted cities. Arizona 2-1-1 Online, for Arizona human service and emergency response. 800-352-3792 or <http://www.az211.gov/default.php>

Classified Ads

Free to members. Place an ad in the Arrow. All ads will run in space-available 20 words or less. Non-members will be charged \$25 for the same space. Contact the editor: connie@chbdesignlink.com or 615-9494

For Sale: Nordic Track (only one owner, lightly used) All the bells and whistles \$180 call Alan 615-9494.

For Sale: Computer Oak Rolltop desk, \$600 call Tom or Dorothy 299-9008

Flecha Crime Report

TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME

Crime Statistics: Sheriff's website, find the stats for Flecha Caida. <http://crimemapping.pimasheriff.org/>

Neighborhood Watch

1. Keep your pad and pen in your car
2. Jot down any suspicious behavior. Call 911, if there is a question.
3. Make and color of car, time of day, date, and description of the individuals.

If you would like to volunteer your time to help, call Connie Beuerlein (615-9494).

Most recent crimes are breakins into cars and sheds. Keep your car doors locked and add your shed to your home alarm system.

Sheriff's Office - 741-4900

Burglary usually happens to those who are least prepared.

Find A Map of Your Property

<http://maps.google.com> or for Mac users use <http://www.teraserver.com>

Is Your Dog a Good Neighbor?



Your dog is a family member and you wouldn't let a family member be aggressive toward others, so keep your dog on a leash at all times. Barking dogs never make good neighbors, so help your neighbors by reminding your dog not to bark at all hours of the day. Please keep a plastic bag handy when you walk your dog, pick up after your "good neighbor" and best friend. And if you have a dog disturbance, please call *Pima County Animal Control (743-7550)*, or for other pests call (743-1411), *Pima County's Pest & Wild Life Removal*. **Thanks, Good Neighbor!**

Flecha Caida Homeowners Association Survey

1. The Arrow re-design is a work in progress. What else would you like to see in the Arrow?

2. Due to the problems with last years dumpster program, overfilling, unauthorized use and large household items being left outside the dumpster, we need other alternatives. Do you have any suggestions? Curb side pickup, we checked out, is too expensive!

3. Other comments or suggestions: _____

Fill out and send the survey to help us with our future decisions.

Mail to: Flecha Caida Survey P.O. Box 64963 Tucson AZ 85728-4963

or e-mail your suggestions and survey to: connie@chbdesignlink.com

Join the Homeowners Association! Help us stay strong. Send your name, address and your e-mail address with a \$60 check made out to: FCHOA,
or bring your check to the annual meeting. P.O. Box 64633,
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