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2022

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Executive Summary Q4 2021

This quarter we welcomed Bill Aktins to the HOA BOD. Bill has immediately folded into the BOD and absorbed Jim Siart's role chairing the Landscaping Committee. We appreciate Bill's willingness to volunteer and thoroughly appreciate both Brad Gronek and Joe Ange being willing to volunteer for the seat as well. The HOA BOD has proposed adding term limits for BOD members. This would be a change to the By-Laws and the BOD approved adding this to the annual community ballot. Community improvements continued through the quarter. The BOD has been discouraged by the vandalism at the clubhouse and has approved upgrades to the security system. The replacement of the irrigation is continuing along with the addition of new plants and trees. Scott Needham from ProQual has been attending meetings to share updates, hear concerns and answer questions. The paving for each of the gated communities is out for bid and the BOD is carefully reviewing the bids in a fiscally responsible fashion to make sure we understand the scope of the project. We also want to make sure the paving has minimal disruption to each subdivision. The BOD has discussed the addition of a Gated Community Committee with representation from each gated community. This was approved and the decision was made to wait until after the BOD elections in March to kick off the committee due to resource constraints among current BOD members. The architectural guidelines are being re-assessed and modified. The intent is to slightly relax the restrictions for the community while still preserving the intent of the rules and curb appeal of the community. Breakfast with Santa was a success as always and the social committee continues to provide opportunities for neighbors to engage at fun, family friendly events.

Q1'22 Outlook

The infrastructure committee is ramping up and assessing walls and paint-ing. The landscaping committee continue to execute on the improve-ments approved by the BOD. The website will be the focus for both the so-cial and communication committees. The BOD would like to expand the site to be more interactive and have a mobile app for convenience. The social committee has mapped out events throughout the year and the communication committee will be rolling out the welcome packet. The new architectural guideline will go into effect and decisions will be made regarding the paving plan. This quarter, each of our committees will have BOD members joining the BOD for their respective focus area. We

Letter From The President

This letter is a “letter from the President” and does not reflect the opinions of other BOD members, BOD contractors, nor Vision Management.

Over the past few months, I hope you have taken time to step away from the activities of your daily life and enjoy the holidays with family and friends. While the past few years have been difficult and unusual, perhaps the holiday season provided a time of tradition and nostalgia to your life. The Festival of Lights has become one tradition I look forward to each year. My first visit to Ahwatukee was December 2018 and I was stunned to see the beautiful display along Chandler Blvd. Unfortunately, the reason for my December 2018 visit was to spend time with my fiancé-now-husband as he underwent surgery for cancer. It was an emotional time when we didn't know what our future would hold, but every evening during that time, it brought a smile to our faces to drive under the Festival of Lights. We were blessed with a positive outcome and now celebrate beating cancer every December. While everyone has a different story, I hope each of you were able to enjoy the lights and could find beauty in the season.

I decided to expand my appreciation for local Christmas lights this year and spent many evenings running throughout Club West just to enjoy the lights. So many homes took time and energy to decorate and bring beauty to our home community of Club West. I want to thank every single one of those who took the time to decorate and to let you know your efforts and enthusiasm for the holidays were thoroughly appreciated. I hope all of you carry that spirit and enthusiasm into the New Year. I heard a quote by Vern McLellan, “What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the New Year”. I hope you all bring peace and happiness into this New Year and make it memorable.

Julie Tyler
Mt 22:37-39



Club West Social Committee

Happy New Year from the Club West Social Committee!

We are excited to bring events to our community for adults and kids! Check out pictures from past events and fliers for upcoming events throughout the newsletter.

We have some new events this year and some of the traditional events from years past. Be sure to check out the fliers for the upcoming Comedy Night, Weekly Walk & Jog, Casino Night, Community Hikes, and Spring Bingo.

The social committee is also pleased to announce we are launching special interest clubs as well as a golf outing! Be sure to check out the information on these great new additions!

If you have any feedback or want to join this exciting committee, please contact Vision at FCW@WeAreVision.com or contact the committee directly at ClubWestSC@gmail.com.

Kristy Rockafellow – Social Committee Chair

2022 Social Events Calendar

EVERY Tuesday @ 6:45 pm Community Walk & Jog

Feb 4th 7 pm Comedy Night (\$19/ticket)

Feb 27th 9:00-11:30 am Beginner Group Hike

March 19th 6-9 pm Casino Night

March 27th 9:00-11:30am Advanced Group Hike

April 9th 6:30-8:30 pm Spring Bingo

May 14th 7:30 pm Movie in the Park

EVERY Wednesday in June – Summer Series Game Nights

- June 1st 7-9pm BINGO
- June 8th 7-9 pm BUNCO
- June 15th 7-9 pm EUCHRE
- June 22nd 7-9 pm POKER
- June 29th 7-9 pm BINGO

October 22nd 1-9 pm Fall Festival & Movie Night

December 3rd 9am-1pm Breakfast with Santa

All events are FREE unless otherwise noted

FOOTHILLS CLUB WEST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

2022 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

Thomas Bell

I have been a resident of the Club West (CW) HOA since 2015 and was appointed to the Board in March 2021. I am retired from the banking industry, having worked in New York, Hong Kong and Dallas over my 30+ year career. And for full disclosure, I do live on the golf course but I have never been a member of CWC. I'm sure that have met many of you and many of you have seen me walking my Irish Red & White Setter, Riley, and Siberian Husky, Sierra, or at Ahwatukee Little League games, where I've been an active umpire since moving here, and of course, at HOA meetings.

As a Board member, I have effectively managed and run the Architecture Committee (AC), which is comprised of six other residents who greatly care about this community. Since March and through year-end, the AC has reviewed 325 requests, of which 299 have been approved without conditions. Also, these reviews were generally completed within two weeks, a vast improvement from the previous Board. In addition, the Committee has updated the Architecture and Landscape Guidelines, that were last revised in 2013, and updated and enhanced the list of approved paint colors. These revisions are currently being reviewed by the Board.

As for the golf course situation, I, as well as many others, are extremely disappointed with the outcome of CWC's lawsuit. Unfortunately, the present Board was unable to overcome the secretness and ineffectiveness of the previous Board, as well as ineptness of our insurance appointed lawyers, Carpenter-Hazelwood. Going forward, I pledge to work diligently with all parties involved, including all Board members, residents of CW and the owners of the property to ensure that any "development", if it comes to that, is the least disruptive and intrusive to the community as a whole.

Bradley Gronek

I am 52 years old and have lived in Ahwatukee since 2001 when my wife, Erika, and I purchased our first home in Lakewood. As an avid hiker, runner, mountain biker and nature lover I vowed that I would only ever move closer to South Mountain and in 2011 we moved to Club West.

I am a graduate of Drake University (BA Psych), Northwestern University (Accounting Cert) and Harvard University (Masters in Software Engineering). I own and run a digital marketing and ecommerce development firm with operations in three countries where, yes, I get to use all of those degrees every day. Clients include some of the largest and most innovative companies in Arizona and across the United States.

Having attended military school as a youngster I always keep my toe in civic involvement as I truly believe that community is everyone's responsibility. In 2007 I was named President of the Harvard Club of Phoenix and, after a two year term, to become the regional director of the Harvard Alumni Association. At the HCP I executed on our budget (exceeding by only \$0.25). Currently my business sponsors and supports the Veterans Heritage Project. I am a founding member of the Club West Conservancy and upon HOA BOD election, I would immediately resign my membership.

As a member of the HOA board I would bring the same level of commitment and energy to this wonderful community.

Here are my goals and perspectives regarding the community.

- I am FOR term limits for all board members.
- I am FOR increasing engagement with and among the community members so they feel involved in HOA decisions.
- I am AGAINST any form of housing on the golf course.
- I am FOR working with the community to arrive at a solution regarding the golf course land.

FOOTHILLS CLUB WEST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

2022 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

Douglas Hunt

I was born in Cleveland, Ohio where I lived prior to moving to Arizona in 2006. My wife Kathryn and I moved to Ahwatukee in 2015 and live in Club West. I am seeking a position on the board of the Foothills Club West Community Association to help better serve my community. I am currently a Police Officer with the City of Glendale and have been in law enforcement for 29 years. My whole career has been dedicated to serving the community and listening to the needs of the citizens. My training and experience have given me the unique ability to engage in meaningful, problem solving conversations and produce positive outcomes.

Ahwatukee's strong sense of community is one of the top reasons why I enjoy living here. Residents take tremendous pride in their neighborhoods and homes and are involved in issues that affect their neighborhoods. I feel very at home here which I want to get involved in making sure the traditions and culture of this community are preserved. The residents of this community deserve a strong association that will protect their interest and not let outside influences alter this community's values.

The recent demise of the golf course near our home was very a sad moment for this community but the residents did not give up. They banded together to fight against new homes on the golf course through civil litigation and listening to the resident's concerns. I want to be part of that group that listens and is a strong leader for the residents of Ahwatukee. My experience would make a valuable asset to this association.

David Rubinstein

Currently - Managing DIR & CEO of a national special education therapy company specializing in providing every type of therapist a child would need within K-12 schools

- Industry leader
- I have a fiancé and 4 children
- Member of acappella group
- 2 degrees (Pre-med Bio/ Bus. Advertising)
- Skier, softball player, artist

Always available, always willing to help, always willing to make things better for others.

Frank Thompson

My name is Frank Thompson and my wife and I are the original owners of a two story house located on the Club West Golf Course. I am an insurance broker insuring propane and fuel distributors throughout the United States from our headquarters in Ahwatukee. I have a BA in Education and a Masters degree in Business Administration as well as the equivalent of a Masters degree in insurance. I have worked for years in accident prevention and claims resolution. Being a long time neighbor and business man gives me years of experience in resolving disputes and I would like the opportunity to try and resolve the issues facing our association.

Foothills Club West

STAND UP COMEDY

SPECIAL GUESTS

*Keith Ellis
&
T.A. Burrows*



4 FEBRUARY | 6:00 P.M. SEATING

7:00 P.M. SHOWTIME!

BYOB FOOD AND DRINKS | \$19 TICKET

CONTACT ARTISTSANDRAMARSHALL@GMAIL.COM WITH ANY QUESTIONS

Tickets: <https://fcwcomedyfebruary2022.rsvpify.com/>

Awareness Committee Q4 2021

Here is an update on the FCW Awareness committee for 1/2022.

What did your committee accomplish the past quarter?

- The Foothills Club West Neighborhood Watch Program is officially recognized by the City of Phoenix once again!
- Reported the blight on the Club West Abandoned Golf course and had City Service Inspectors on site.
- Reported a few Graffiti violations and had them cleaned up within a day.
- Reported multiple landscaping issues to be addressed.
- Reported multiple abandoned cars and had **them** towed.
- Reported car racing and the Phoenix Police will be upping their presence on the weekend nights.
- Reported FCW Landscaping damage due to accidents in common areas & had them cleaned up.
- Made recommendations to the HOA committee on how to improve camera & security in the HOA clubhouse area due to recent crimes.

What is your goal for the next quarter?

- Phoenix Police Officer Villa-Rodriguez will present on Jan 20th how the Neighborhood watch program work and the benefits of the program.
- Start creating a database of homes with security cameras, to link them up to the City of Phoenix/FCW Virtual neighborhood Watch & Monitoring Systems Program, to improve security in the future.
- Continue to monitor areas & write up blighted areas to be fixed.
- Improve Neighborhood Watch services & membership.
- Sign up new member for the Neighbor Watch Program.

What are some longer term goals for your committee?

- Look into CCTV for critical intersections to help identify issues in neighborhoods.
- Hold Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Classes.
- Hold Self Defense classes

Were there any significant changes in the charter of your committee?

- Added the FCW Neighbor Patrol as an extension of the Awareness Patrol Group, which will help with funding of security projects of neighborhoods in the future, via the City of Phoenix funds, and not use vital FCW HOA funds.

Foothills Club West HOA Community- OUTDOOR Events

Send a text to 81010 with the message “@fcwevents”

Or go to <https://www.remind.com/join/fcwevents>

Walk, Jog, Run & Roll with Us!

Full Loop (4 miles) OR Half Loop (2+ miles)

EVERY Tuesday @ **6:45 pm** FCW Clubhouse

*Pack your Water, Bring a Light/Headlamp & Bring your Friends
All Ages & All Paces Welcome!*

6:45-7:00 pm

Meet & Greet at FCW Clubhouse

Full Loop (red, 4 miles)-

Left on Chandler & continue left around loop.

Half Loop (blue, 2 miles)-

Left on Chandler, left on S.10th Ave, up West
Saltsage Dr, right on S.14th to Clubhouse

7:00 pm START

Start Moving- North on S. 14th Ave



Come Hike with Us!

Beginner Hike (4+ miles) and Advanced Hike (6+ miles)

Dress Appropriately, Pack Water, & Dogs are able to use these trails but must be kept on a leash.

Beginner Hike- Sunday, February 27th 9:00 am-11:30ish

Meet at the 19th Ave Parking Lot/Trailhead

Trail: Cholla Flats Loop

Description: 4+ miles, 280 ft climb, loop with areas of loose rocks

Advanced Hike- Sunday, March 27th 9:00 am-11:30ish

Meet at the 19th Ave Parking Lot/Trailhead

Trail: Pyramid Trail

Description: 6+ miles, 1,240 ft climb, out & back trail, steady incline to the summit



\$1,000

FOOTHILLS CLUB WEST
CASINO *Night*
FUN MONEY \$\$ *Good Luck*
REDEEM AT GAMING TABLES FOR CHIPS



\$1,000

CLUB WEST CASINO NIGHT

March 19th 6-9 pm

FCW Clubhouse



Gaming Tables:

- (4) Blackjack
- (1) Craps
- (1) Roulette
- (1) Money Wheel

Prizes will be raffled at the end of the night !!!

FREE event for Club West homeowners.
Reservations required:

<https://fcwcasinonight.rsvpify.com/>

BYOB - Bring your own drinks and appetizers and enjoy and evening with your neighbors.

Club West “Clubs”

The Club West Social Committee would like to invite residents to start clubs with other residents that have related interests. The idea behind this is to connect people in our community that share common interests and passions. Club West HOA will provide the Clubhouse as a venue, will promote the club through the newsletter and e-blasts, and will help connect residents. We encourage you to respond to this survey so we can connect people. Examples of clubs: poker, bunco, yoga, book club, etc.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q299MRL>

Club West Golf Outing

Interested in joining your Club West neighbors for a golf outing?

Contact the Social Committee
for details!

ClubWestSC@gmail.com



Architecture Committee 4TH Quarter 2021

The Architecture Committee consists of seven homeowners who are committed to reviewing proposals for architecture and landscaping changes to ensure that the changes are consistent with design, content and conformance with the natural character of the property. A process has been implemented to ensure that these applications are reviewed timely, and that the results of the review are communicated back to the homeowner quickly. As a result, most reviews are completed within two weeks.

The table below recaps the Committee's review activities during the quarter and March-to-date:

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| Pending Applications At The Beginning of the Period | <u>4th Qtr. '21</u> | <u>Y-T-D</u> |
| Applications Received | 2 | 24 |
| Total | <u>86</u> | <u>301</u> |
| | 88 | 325 |
| | == | === |
| Applications Approved (No Conditions) | <u>4th Qtr. '21</u> | <u>Y-T-D</u> |
| Conditional Approvals | 74 | 299 |
| Applications Rejected | 0 | 3 |
| Applications Pending as of December 31, 2021 | 9 | 8 |
| | <u>5 (A)</u> | <u>5 (A)</u> |
| | 88 | 325 |
| | == | === |
| Of the Approved (No Conditions) Applications: | <u>4th Qtr. '21</u> | <u>Y-T-D</u> |
| Architecture | 20 | 111 |
| Landscape | 19 | 69 |
| Paint | <u>35</u> | <u>119</u> |
| | 74 | 299 |
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(A) = Of the 5 applications that were outstanding as of December 31, 2021, 4 were subsequently approved in the first week of January.

In addition, the Committee:

- Has re-drafted the existing Architecture and Landscaping guidelines. These are now being reviewed by the Board.
- Is reviewing its draft of all approved paint colors, including the addition of colors that apply to the entire HOA. Two members of the team are driving this project.

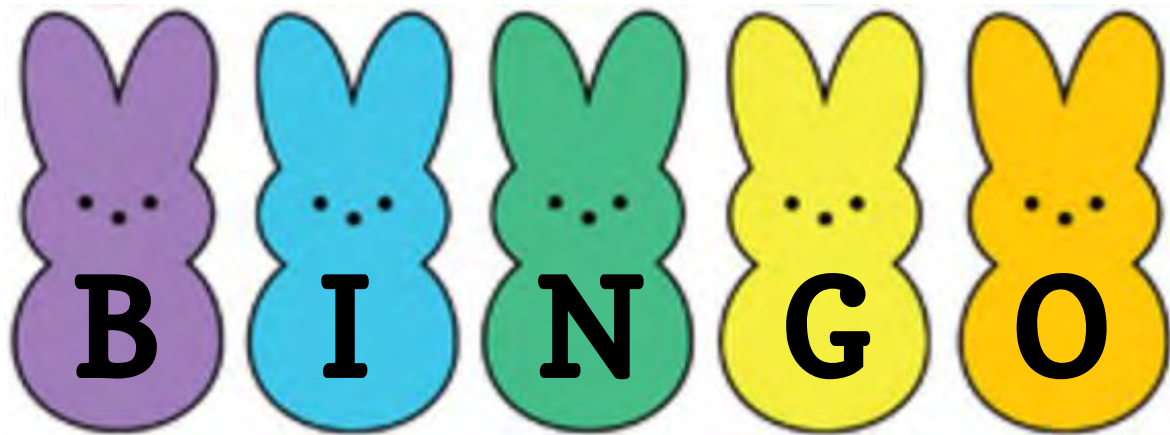
Again, as a reminder, all plans must be SUBMITTED AND APPROVED PRIOR TO THE START of the requested project for all:

- Architecture changes to the existing home, including the replacement of windows, exterior doors, the installation of solar panels, and "stoning" of exterior walls.
- New structures being erected.
- House re-painting, including use of the same color(s).
- Landscaping changes to front yards, side yards, and corner lots, for which the lot owner is responsible for landscaping and maintaining the area outside perimeter fence adjacent to the street running alongside the lot.

Thomas Bell
Committee Chairperson

Family & Friends

Spring-Time



Friday, April 8th

6:30-8:30 pm

FCW Clubhouse

Bring your Family & Friends!

Pack your Favorite Snacks & Drinks!

Be Ready for Fun, Laughter, and Prizes!

Fall Festival—October 2021

The first annual Fall Festival was a huge hit!



Comedy Night - November 2021



Club West's second comedy night was so hilarious! The most notable homeowner quote after the show was "I expected this to be cringeworthy, but it was really funny. I enjoyed the show". Both shows have sold out quickly. The next show is Feb 4th. Don't miss out. Buy your tickets now. See the flier in this newsletter for ticket sales.



Paint Night – November 2021

The first-ever Paint Night at Club West was so much fun and everyone created such amazing paintings! Don't miss the next one...details coming in the next newsletter!



Breakfast with Santa December 2021



Breakfast with Santa returned for 2021. This special, annual event at Club West is such a great tradition!





Foothills Club West (FCW) Financial
Awareness Update

Beau Burgess - Treasurer

December 16, 2021

New Board Changes & Savings Summary for the Foothills Club West Community

Immediate Monthly Savings

| | <u>2020 Board</u> | <u>2021 Board</u> | <u>Savings/year</u> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| • I-Pad wireless services (use wifi now) | \$200 / month | \$0 | \$2,400 |
| • Update Website (using Vision portal vs old website) | \$200 / month | \$0 | \$2,400 |
| • Poop Patrol (Landscaping Company Picks up) | \$600 (or more) | \$0 | \$7,200 |
| • Vision Contract Restructure | \$112,620 | \$95,400 | \$17,220 |

Reallocation Savings

| | | | |
|--|---------|--------------|----------|
| • Personal HOA BOD Meals, Flemming's, gifts, etc. | \$7,000 | \$0 | \$7,000 |
| • Breakfast w/Santa Party Activities | --- | --- | --- |
| • Pancake Breakfast vs Waffle Truck | \$8,500 | \$4,500 | \$4,000 |
| • Ice to Snow expense | \$7,000 | \$0 | \$0 |
| • Fall Festival, Added Events (trivia, game, etc.) | \$0 | \$7000 | \$0 |
| • Landscaping – Water Leaks | --- | --- | --- |
| • Typical Monthly Irrigation Repairs (Band-Aids) | \$4,500 | \$45,250 YTD | \$50,000 |

New Landscaping Costs & Return On Investment Irrigation Replacement

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| • New Landscaping Irrigation Replacement | |
| Cost to install new lines – Phase I (2021) | \$220,000 |
| Cost to install new lines – Phase II (2022) | \$220,000 |
| | |
| Total Budgeted Costs | <u>\$440,000</u> |
| • ROI – Our Savings on Repairs | |
| Projected Line Maintenance savings | \$50,000/yr |
| 6-year Warranty on All Repairs to New System | \$300,000 (over 6 years) |
| Projected Water Costs & Planting savings | TBD |
| | |
| Total Estimated Savings over a 6-year period | <u>\$300,000 plus</u> |
| • Additional Costs for Plantings Replenishment | |
| Cost for new plantings – Phase I (2021) | \$57,500 |
| Cost for new plantings – Phase II (2022) | \$33,500 TBD (not finalized by Board) |
| | |
| Estimated total for New Plantings | <u>\$91,000</u> |

2022 Master Budget Increases Review

Annual Master Budget Increases

- 2022 Annual Budget = \$1,172,049 Increase of ~ 10% from 2021
- 2021 Annual Budget = \$1,064,291 Increase of ~ 5% from 2020
- 2020 Annual Budget = \$1,013,610 Increase of ~ 4% from 2019
- 2019 Annual Budget = \$974,625 Increase of ~ 1.6% from 2018
- 2018 Annual Budget = \$959,625 Decrease of ~ 9.1% from 2017
- 2017 Annual Budget = \$1,053,504

2022 is partially influenced by current inflation and the limited budget changes over the previous years. Overall, until 2022 there was a steady increase roughly 2% - 5% per year to the budget (typical). Looking from 2022, In the last 5 years there has been a 22% increase in operating budgets (\$211,118)

$\$1,172,049 / 2600 \text{ homeowners} = \$450 \text{ per homeowner}$

2022 Master Assessment Increases Review

Annual Master Assessment Increases

- 2022 \$450 (was \$410) 10% Increase (Based on 2021 Reserve Study)
- 2021 \$410 (was \$400) 2.5% Increase from 2020
- 2020 \$400 (was \$370) 8% Increase from 2019**
- 2019 \$370 (was \$370) 0% Increase from 2018
- 2018 \$370 (was \$370) 0% Increase from 2017

**Assuming there had been limited increases in previous years, the 8% was probably due

Looking at the last 5 years there has been a 20% increase in rates (with a 22% increase in costs of operating).

2022 Master Assessment Increases Review

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| •Whistling Rock | \$551 (was \$525) | 5% Increase |
| •Montana Vista | \$340 (was \$309) | 10% Increase |
| •Summerhill | \$649 (was \$612) | 6% Increase |
| •Canyon Verde | \$550 (was \$510) | 8% Increase |
| •Fairway Hills | \$888 (was \$823) | 8% Increase |
| •Rosewood | \$1,131.30 | 0% Increase |
| •Desert Vista 2 | \$706.52 | 0% Increase |
| •Privada | \$302.50 | 0% Increase |
| •Tapestry | \$315 | 0% Increase |

FCW Future Savings & Activities

Future Savings being planned

- Finding other sources of water for HOA Common Areas (Water Committee)
- **Becoming More Energy Efficient & “Green”** (light bulbs, reduce waste, etc.)
- Utilizing more efficient means & modernization of how the board operates
- Updated Website
- Electronic Voting
- Reduce expenses by utilizing more cost effective & working with our subcontractors
- Reallocation of funds – using \$\$ in a more beneficiary way for the community
- Becoming proactive in existing infrastructure and routine maintenance

Thank you!!

Landscaping Committee – 4th Quarter

With the departure of Chairman Jim Siart, the committee did not meet during the last quarter of 2021. However, a member of the committee prepared a list of low water/low maintenance plants that was shared with our landscaper, Pro Qual. Scott Needham, the President of Pro Qual, will try to incorporate them in the second phase of the irrigation replacement project where practical.

In 2022, there are several projects and ideas that the committee will evaluate. They include:

- Evaluate the feasibility and develop a process whereby members can donate a tree in memory of a loved one in that is cost effective for the HOA. The donated tree would be used as a replacement for an existing tree that needs to be replaced.
- Evaluate the feasibility, resources costs and develop a process whereby members can donate plants for Pro Qual to install where needed.
- Evaluate ways to economically beautify the main roads in our community: Central, 14th Ave, Liberty and Chandler Blvd.
- Evaluate the costs and other resources needed to replace the Saguaro's that die or fall with Saguaro's rather than other plants.
- Develop a better understanding of the contract with Pro Qual so that committee members can properly represent the responsibilities of Pro Qual to their friends and other members of the community.
- Put together a 3-to-5-year landscape plan for the community.

In closing, we are looking to add members to the committee. If you want to get involved with the HOA on a smaller scale, please consider joining our group.

Photo Contest Winners 2021

First Place
A Starry Christmas Wish
Donna Shott



Second Place
Heads up!
Kolby Kearney



First place: A Starry Christmas Wish - Donna Shott

"It's a tradition to lay under the tree, stare up into the lights and share a meaningful Christmas wish for our family for the coming year. Photo shows older sister keeping the tradition alive with younger sister. "

Second place: Heads Up! - Kolby Kearney

"Our favorite holiday tradition is playing "Heads Up!" with the family."

DEAR MICHELLE,

I have heard a lot about the different holiday lights around Ahwatukee. Do you know where the "Santa Train" is? What is the evolution of it? Also, do you know how many lights there are in the Festival of Lights?

-Holiday Hopeful

Hi *Holiday Hopeful*,

Ahwatukee has a lot of fun traditions during the winter. Many in the community decorate their houses with extravagant displays and there have been fun festivals hosted by small businesses and organizations. The Santa Train you mention is a wonderful display located in the Foothills area, just north of Chandler by Central Ave. You can find an abundance of information about it at santatrain.com. It was started in 1978 (!) back in Baltimore, Maryland, and has continued here in Ahwatukee for the past 31 years! Check out the website for a timeline of additions made to the display throughout the years, there are a few new lights this year!

The Festival of Lights is a wonderful tradition. For more than two decades, there was a giant day-long party on the Saturday after Thanksgiving that drew thousands of people. It was a highlight of the community and also how a lot of funding was raised for the lights. I have to ask some higher powers about exactly how many lights there are but my daughter and I counted 50 lit trees and cacti before I had to call it quits for the day! They certainly are beautiful!

From the clubhouse steps,

Michelle



FCW HOA Infrastructure Committee

Welcome 2022! The Foothills Club West HOA Infrastructure Committee is back up and running with the start of 2022 year. The Reserve Study and 2022 Budgets have been completed and established. Now we can get our feet wet, and hands wrapped around some of the many of the projects that need addressing in our community. Projects we have on the top of our list include paving or resurfacing in some of the subdivisions, repairing of community common walls, and addressing the subdivision gates. Additional items we hope to address later in the year include updating of facilities at the club house, playground lighting, and sports courts amongst other projects.

Currently, which has proven to be a bit of a struggle the committee is in the process of obtaining bids from multiple vendors for paving/resurfacing in five (5) of the subdivisions, painting of the common walls throughout the entirety of FCW and bids for common wall repairs/replacements where the walls are becoming a potential safety concern for both the homeowner and the community.

We are a small group of 4 volunteers. So, if anyone else would like to join your willingness would be greatly appreciated and welcomed. This is a voluntary committee so if you can't commit full time that is OK. If you would prefer to participate on certain projects only, due to your desire for a cause or your expertise that's great too. Any and all help is welcomed and greatly appreciated by your community.

In addition, we would love any feedback from the community. If there are additional items or areas of concern that community members would like to see the HOA Board investigate addressing, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you,

The FCW Infrastructure Committee

About FCW-APC



Foothills Club West (FCW) - Awareness Patrol Committee (APC) is a stand-alone committee. These volunteers work together to help prevent and deter crime in FCW neighborhoods. The committee works together with the Phoenix Neighborhood Services, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Phoenix Police Department, and Phoenix Fire & Medical Department to provide resources and training to volunteers and the community.

"Neighbors helping neighbors" is motto of FCW-APC's programs, which include resources to help secure homes and property, volunteering at community events, updating residents, and hosting a block watch program to deter potential criminal activity. The goal of the neighborhood block watch program is to have a block captain for every block in FCW—a good neighbor who will share safety and security tips one block at a time, one neighbor at a time.

Local law enforcement and fire, as well as the Phoenix Community Council, Foothills Club West's homeowners' associations and FCW-ACP visit neighborhood block parties to meet with residents, answer questions and encourage neighbors to continue working together to keep Foothills Club West safe.

Contact ??? if you'd like more information. Committee Chair: *Jim Sopko*

Safety Contacts

- Emergencies/crimes/vandalism in progress: 911
- [City of Phoenix Police](#) : 602-262-6151
- [Maricopa County Sheriff's Office](#) : 602-876-1011
- AZ Highway Patrol (DPS): 602-223-2000
- Silent Witness: 480-WITNESS
- Poison and Drug Control: 800-222-1222
- Graffiti in FCW: 602-534-4444
- PHX CARES for Homeless: 602-262-6251



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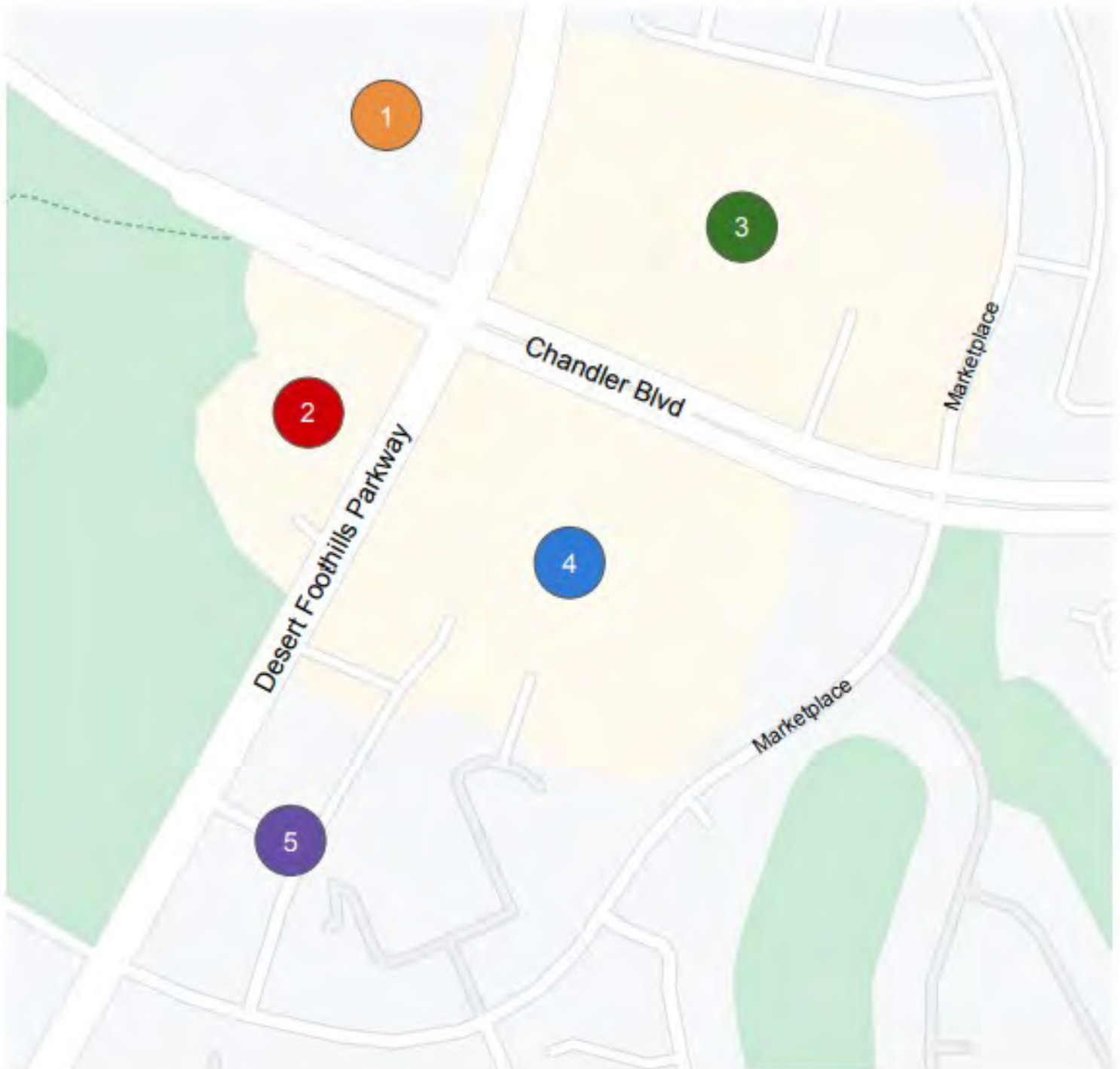
**NEIGHBORHOOD
SERVICES
DEPARTMENT**

Neighborhood Engagement Division

200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona, 85003
phoenix.gov/NSD

"To Preserve, Enhance and Engage Phoenix Neighborhoods"

What's Around Here?



Food

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|---|---|
| Shinkō Sushi House | 2 |
| Biscuits | 2 |
| Domino's Pizza | 2 |
| McDonalds | 2 |
| Y oasis | 3 |
| Vero Chicago Pizza | 3 |
| By the Bucket | 3 |
| Filiberto's Mexican Food | 3 |
| Jasmine Jo Coffee & Rowan Tree Flowers | 3 |
| Subway | 3 |
| Safeway | 3 |
| Dino's Gyros | 4 |
| Native Grill & Wings | 4 |

School / Child Care

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| Amici Trilingual Montessori | 1 |
| Magical Journey Learning Center | 2 |
| Foothills Montessori | 2 |

Maintenance

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| Leslie's Pool | 3 |
| ACE Hardware | 4 |
| Barefoot Pools | 2 |

Flowers

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| Jasmine Jo Coffee & Rowan Tree Flowers | 3 |
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Auto

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| Jiffy Lube | 3 |
| Xpress Automotive | 4 |
| Big-O Tires | 4 |

Shipping

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| Mailboxes & More | 3 |
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Banking

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| Bank of America | 4 |
| Chase | 5 |
| Wells Fargo | 5 |

Retail

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| Foothills Dollar+ | 2 |
| Chris' Water & Ice | 3 |
| Safeway | 3 |
| Walgreens | 4 |

Pets

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| Foothills Pet Resort | 4 |
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Sports

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| Gracie Barra Jiu Jitsu | 3 |
| Ahwatukee Taekwondo Martial Arts | 3 |
| Innerlight Dance | 3 |
| Anytime Fitness | 3 |

Dentist

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| Kokopelli Family Dentistry | 4 |
| Desert Foothills Dental | 3 |

Personal Care

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| Supercuts | 3 |
| Great Clips | 3 |
| O and J Barber Shop | 3 |
| NOURISH Face & Body | 4 |
| Desert Foothills Nails & Spa | 4 |

Financial

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| USA Income Tax Services | 1 |
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RECIPE FOR THE QUARTER

Johnson Family Spiced Pecans

Courtesy of my dear friend Karen Johnson from Virginia. Her grandmother made these pecans every year over the holidays. After tasting them, I was happy to adopt Grandma Johnson's family tradition.

Ingredients

- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 tbsp sweet spice mix (recipe below)
- ¾ tsp salt
- 1 tsp water
- 1 egg white
- 1 lb pecans

Sweet Spice Blend:

- 2 tbsp light brown sugar
- 2 tbsp cinnamon
- 4 tsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp nutmeg
- ½ tsp cloves
- ½ tsp cardamom



(Store remaining spice blend in an airtight container)

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 275 F
2. Combine first three ingredients in a medium bowl and set aside.
3. Beat egg white and water in a medium bowl using a handheld egg beater or wire whisk until foamy. (No liquid should remain.) Add pecans, stirring until evenly coated.
4. Add pecans to sugar mixture, stirring until evenly coated.
5. Place pecans in a single layer on a buttered 15"x10" jelly roll pan.
6. Bake for 50-55 minutes, stirring even 15 minutes. Spread immediately in a single layer on wax paper; cool completely. Store in an airtight container.

ASSESSMENT PAYMENT OPTIONS

ONLINE PAYMENT

e-Check and Credit Card transactions can be made online. Information contained in your billing statement is required to complete an online transaction. Visit www.ClubWestAZ.com and click on Login or Register to make a one-time online payment.

BILL PAY OR MAILING A PAYMENT

Bill Pay is an online banking service that is offered by most banks. Your choice of your checking or savings account will be debited. You may pay your assessments on a one-time occurrence or set up a recurring arrangement. Go to your bank's website and follow instructions, or call your bank for assistance. Remember to include your association name, your account number, and the lockbox address below.

Checks and money orders can be mailed with your statement stub and should be made payable to Foothills Club West with your account number listed in the memo area of the check to:

Foothills Club West
P.O. Box 60516
Phoenix, AZ 85082-0516

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL

Payments can be deducted from your checking or savings account automatically via ACH. There is no fee to sign up. Visit www.ClubWestAZ.com to download an ACH form.

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the community or your account, your experienced team of professionals is ready to assist.



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Community Website
Did you know that our community has a website? Owners can visit www.ClubWestAZ.com to review account balances, make online assessment payments, submit architectural applications, or view/download Association documents and forms.

Board Meetings

All meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Foothills Club West Clubhouse (16414 S. 14th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85045) with the Open Session beginning at approximately 6:00pm.

Homeowners are welcome to attend. An executive (closed) session will be held at 4:30pm. The executive session shall be a closed meeting pursuant to ARS §33-1804(A) (2) & (5).

Updated meeting information and approved minutes are also posted on the community website.