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State of the Pueblo

Allan Bogutz, President

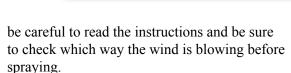
This month's report is a bit of a potpourri, a bunch of short notes.

Paving: Donn Poll's report is later in this issue and includes some important information about landscaping preparation that you will have to complete in the next month. We expect to sign the paving contract at the April board meeting and have work begin shortly after. The good news is that we have had some influence with Pima County as to Avenida de Posada. The county has come around and added still more patches to the deteriorating road. I believe that road is now more patches than actual road. The county administrator is, however, negotiating with the state for more funds to repair county roads and I would ask as many of you as possible to contact the county via our district's supervisor, Ann Day, to include this road for future complete repaying.

Social Activities: The Spring in the Foothills party on March 18 was a great success according to all reports. Once again, David Scott Allen and his many volunteers have done a great job of bringing us together. Yvonne and I were in Florida with our children and grandchildren at Club Med for a wonderful family reunion and were sorry to miss the party but it was well attended.

Pueblo Plodders: The ad hoc hiking group has been getting great exercise and seeing many beautiful springtime desert flowers each Thursday. The last hike until Fall was on March 29 to Catalina State Park to walk the Desert Loop and Sutherland Trails. For now, we will leave the trails to the snakes for the Summer.

Wasps: This season has brought a good crop of wasps to the Pueblo and they are looking for places to nest. They build paper nests under overhangs and in trees. They can be easily dealt with by using a spray such as Raid or Spectricide from Ace Hardware; these can be sprayed from a distance and obliterate the nest's residents. Just



Pools: All is well and the pools are getting lots of use in the warmer weather. The Caballo Pool gate and fence repairs are completed after being attacked by a tree and so far (fingers crossed), all is well at the other pools. Again, a great group of volunteer residents keep these going for us.

Politics: This is the season for political signs to grow and wildly reproduce by the roadsides. Our legislature has addressed the display of such signs in neighborhoods like ours. Associations can limit the display of such signs prior to 45 days before an election and 7 days after an election; we have no such rules and we don't expect any issues on this during what is likely to be a lively period between now and November.

Adobe Sealing: As the summer approaches, it may be time to consider resealing your adobe before the summer rains arrive. These sealers can be applied with hand held garden sprayers and you may want to check with Home Depot, Lowes or Ace Hardware for available choices. The sealers are not inexpensive but are far less costly than replacing adobe that has melted. See page 7 for more information.

Security: There has been one more report of theft from a vehicle in the Pueblo. As in other cases, the vehicle was left unlocked and valuables were left in the car. Please help prevent these problems by locking your car and removing valuables. There is no crime wave and we have been very fortunate but it is good to avoid temptation.

So, all is well in the Pueblo and we are all looking forward to summer. Don't forget, your tax returns will be due April 17!

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Cinco de Mayo

Join your neighbors and friends for the annual

POTLUCK POOL PARTY

Saturday, May 5th at 5:30pm Adelita Pool

Margaritas on the House

back by popular demand: Brazilian Music by Brazukas



featuring **Eduardo** and **Gabriel** Tucson's premiere Brazilian guitar duo

Please provide a dish to share using the following chart.

If your last name begins with:

T-Z ~ bring a Casserole

A-E ~ bring a Salad

F-M ~ bring a Dessert

N-S ~ bring a Vegetable

¡NO grill this year!
¡NO glass/ceramic glasses/dishes!

Paper plates, napkins, plastic ware, soft drinks and cups will be provided



Roads Committee Donn Poll, Chair

TRIM TREES AND BUSHES BY THE ROAD

In preparation for resurfacing our roads, all home owners are given notice that they must clear plant growth from the full width of the road, up to 8 feet above the road surface. Road work will begin in late April, and untrimmed foliage will be trimmed at the owner's expense.

Repairs at Caballo are complete with the majority of expense covered by insurance







Pools Chair

Jean Paine

MI ALBERCA, SU ALBERCA

Due to the unusually warm weather, all three of the pools are now open. Thanks to Terry Temple and Jeff Mott the heat pump at Minera is running and the solar at Caballo is also running. However, it will take about a week for them to be at the warm temperatures everyone loves-especially Caballo as night time temps effect the solar more than the heat pump at Minera.

Recently a few things have happen that indicate we all need a reminder or two regarding our pools. Please review the following, so that we are all aware of our pool rules.

- The pools are for the use of homeowners, their families, house guests, and leasees. House guests are overnight or day visitors.
- Do not give or loan your pool keys to non Catalina Pueblo residents.
- Renters must return pool keys at the end of their rental period.
- Do not make extra copies of the pool keys. Contact me, Jean Paine, about lost or missing keys.
- Take care with the pool furniture as it is very expensive to replace.
- Lock the bathroom doors after using them.
- No glass in the pool area. Use plastic containers.

We are looking into the cost of changing the pool locks and having keys made the say they may not be copied. If this occurs each home owner will be issued a new pool key, not a new bathroom key. A lot of keys have had to be replaced lately and our concern is that non pueblo residents may have a key, such as our late night summer visitors last year. More on this in the next news letter.

Happy swimming!

















Photos,





Pueblo Project

Yvonne Rolston

This is an update report on the project I have been working on, with the assistance of Nancy Meister, to have members of the Pueblo assist two individuals in the larger Tucson community. We are currently working with two women who are struggling in the current economy, Lory and Janet. This is not an official Catalina Pueblo project but we will continue to update you in the Newsletter and hope you will be able to help.

We have arranged for contributions of items or money to be tax deductible under the auspices of Grace St. Paul Episcopal Church but the project is fully directed here in the Pueblo.

FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES - Lory

Lory continues to work long hours as a Dental Assistant, and that, helped by a precipitous personal financial situation with its accompanying stress, resulted in a visit to the Emergency Room with stroke-like symptoms. Fortunately, in the end there was a much less serious diagnosis for her. Simultaneously, while Lory was still in hospital, her daughter gave birth to a little boy. The new baby and mother are both well and the extended family is delighted to welcome the new little one. Lory is now out of hospital and her spirits lifted with the safe birth of this new grandson.

In the month of April Lory will be looking for a studio apartment instead of the current one-bedroom in order to keep monthly costs down. Lory is receiving no public benefits of any kind.

This month also, she hopes to sell her van, buy a compact car and thereby reduce her high monthly car payments.

HELP! CALLING ANY MEMBER OF CATALINA PUEBLO WITH AUTO EXPERTISE AND SOME TIME to

- -Help her sell the current van
- -Find a mechanically sound small used car
- -Negotiate the price and payment schedule for the replacement car

These are matters where Lory has no experience and has probably been taken advantage of in the past.

Please call or email Yvonne if you can help with this. Yvonnevictoria@gmail.com

In the meantime Lory is \$400.00 short of her April rent payment. Small donations in the form of a cheque to keep her at home until she can find another less expensive apartment, made out to Grace St. Paul Episcopal Church would be gratefully received and a tax receipt given to Catalina Pueblo members. Her friends are working to an April 3 deadline. Please phone or email Yvonne Rolston to make a contribution.

The longer-term goal is to assist Lory to develop a better budget plan, decrease her car payments to a reasonable level and be able to live within her income.

SISTER BARRIOS: Catalina Pueblo and Barrio Anita - Janet

Janet, whom I introduced in the last letter and who has a large, extended family that she assists, started this month unhappily with the death of two close family members in one week. However she has an irrepressible spirit and is now back to energetically mothering her own in-house brood of children and teenagers and welcoming others from the local school in the afternoon.

Her desire for our Sister Barrio Project is for Catalina Pueblo neighbors to help her with providing after-school snacks and opening the world of Tucson to the children of her Barrio by helping with event tickets, entrance tickets to places like the zoo, and McDonalds lunch coupons when she includes other local barrio children at outings. She would love her children to have surrogate grandparents who would take them to special events, sports and otherwise, and show an interest in their growth and education.

We will be pleased to offer tax receipts for any contributions to furthering Janet's hopes and dreams for her children and the children in Barrio Anita. Call or email Yvonne to make a donation either by cheque or in kind. Cheques should be made out to Grace St.Paul Episcopal Church.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR EITHER LORY OR JANET AT MY HOUSE. I will arrange for a pick-up from you. If you are giving a money contribution the cheque memo line should indicate to which project you are giving. Your tax receipt will follow. A very sincere "thank you" to the people in the Pueblo who gave last month!

For you chefs out there, now is time to plant your summer herbs – especially basil, so that you have plenty on hand for making pesto!

pueblorecipes

recipes collected and edited by david scott allen • april 2012



Chocolate Truffle Cake

This cake is perfect for the spring holidays - for Passover, as it contains no flour or leavening, or for anyone who gave up chocolate for Lent! And it couldn't be easier!

10 tablespoons butter

I pound dark chocolate - 54-60% cacao (I use Trader Joe's Pound Plus bar)

5 eggs, separated

lightly sweetened, vanilla-flavored whipped cream for serving

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Melt the butter and chocolate in a large metal bowl over simmering water. Stir until smooth, then cool slightly.

Generously butter a 9-inch springform pan. Beat yolks to blend, then whisk them into the chocolate mixture. Beat egg whites until stiff and then gently fold in ½ of the whites to loosen the batter. Fold in remaining whites and pour batter into prepared pan. Bake for 13 minutes (cake will still be loose). Cool completely in pan; do not refrigerate as it will turn to fudge! Dip a long, thin knife into hot water and slice the cake, wiping off the blade between slices. Serve with a dollop of whipped cream. Serves 10-12.

Garden Gallimaufry

Mark Sammons

Many of us bought our burnt adobe homes with relief that we would never again face the expense, labor and tedium of painting a wooden house. Unfortunately, that is not entirely the case. Burnt adobe houses require a coating of clear sealant every few years.

About Adobe

Why bother sealing? Ordinary adobe is dried mud; when it gets wet, it turns it back to mud. Burnt or baked adobe is fired. During firing, naturally occurring silica in the dirt partially melts, and as it cools it fuses, forming a thin water-resistant surface (this is how most pottery, ceramic, stoneware and porcelain are made, using clays that have high silica content, plus silica glazes – virtually the same as glass – to make them fully waterproof).

Burnt adobe is fired at a low temperature, too low for a very thorough bonding of the silica, and too low for the heat to fully penetrate the block. As a result, the weather resistant surface is very thin, and as it is not glazed, it is not waterproof. The inside of the block remains extremely porous and friable. Baked adobe block needs sealing (raw adobe houses, merely air-dried, require periodic skim coats of fresh mud, the inspiration for modern stucco).

Baked adobe's lightly-fused surface enables it to endure only a few years of weather. Once the surface is damaged or water infiltrates the porous block, the block begins to crumble. You may have seen abandoned houses with a honeycomb effect to their exterior walls; this is because the mortar is typically harder than the block, and the receding block leaves the mortar standing forward in relief.

Structure

Our baked adobe houses are slightly raised on concrete to protect the bottom rows of adobe from rising damp. When planting or laying a new patio, be sure to keep the soil level well below the line where the adobe begins.

When structures are built of heavy masonry blocks, the weight of the blocks can squeeze the fresh mortar right out of the joints. To prevent this, metal frames or bars are laid between each layer of block to maintain the space while the mortar dries. The metal remains built into the wall, hidden inside the mortar joints. Infiltrating water can rust the metal, causing it to

expand, which cracks the block and admits more water.

Deteriorated garden walls can be rebuilt. Deteriorated houses are a huge problem. What to do? Don't let it happen. Seal the baked adobe portions of your house every few years.

Repair and Replacement of Baked Adobe Block

Our neighborhood was built of block from a producer in Mexico that is no longer in business. At least one other company is still producing blocks of the same dimensions. Because of differences in the naturally occurring minerals in the soil content, the hue is slightly different. The color of these blocks is close to the original block. The currently available block seem grittier and more porous than the original block, so more frequent clear coating of these blocks is recommended.

There are two different methods of repair. One is to have a specialist scrape away the damaged surface and apply a putty-like material to fill out the space, and color it to match. They do reasonably good color matches. These repairs are fairly short lived. Alternatively, the whole block can be carefully chiseled and routed out, and a new block slipped in, making a longer lasting, if more expensive, repair.

When to Seal

There are a couple ways to evaluate the condition of your house. Look at it from an oblique angle; if you see a slight sheen, the sealant is still in good condition. If there is no sheen, it is time to re-coat.

Alternatively, you can test as you would your car wax. Flick some drops of water from you fingers; if the water beads up, the sealant is in good shape. If it soaks in or the block turns darker, it's time to re-coat.

The life of adobe sealant depends on exposure to weather. Where a deep porch protects parts of the house the sealant has a much longer life than in very exposed areas, where the combination of destructive solar UV, rain, and wind-driven grit can reduce its life to two or three years. Sealant on surfaces that face upward to the sky will have the shortest life.

If you display potted plants on top of your garden walls, it's a good idea to coat those areas annually. Always raise those pots on trivets or a few pebbles to allow air under them for rapid drying when you water.

Resources
If you want to have a gallon
of adobe sealant on hand
for touchups and small
projects, you will not find
it at Home Depot or Lowe's
(they carry only cement
sealant).
Here are some places that
do carry adobe sealant,
and a couple people who
do adobe repair:

Wilford Construction (both sealant and block) 98 E. Ft. Lowell Rd. (south side) 520-623-5815

Dunn-Edwards Paint (sealant) 4320 E. Speedway Blvd. 520-327-6011; 3850 N. Oracle Rd. 520-887-7100; 7525 E. Broadway Blvd. 520-296-3875; Call ahead to see which branch has it in stock.

The Adobe Doctor 2305 W. Ruthrauff Rd, A24 520-615-2110

> Adobe Masters 1419 W. Sendero Uno 520-331-4004 Armando Pacheco Mason who works with adobe, brick, tile C: 520-302-0711 H: 520-663-1386

Garden Gallimaufry - continued **Mark Sammons**

Annual sealing is also a good idea for soft adobe pavers like pinto-tiles. For a small patio, sealing is an easy – even pleasant – task; think zen.

Applying Sealant

Clear sealant doesn't usually peel or flake as it ages, it just seems to fade away. So, you needn't scrape as you would preparatory to repainting a wooden house. In fact, scraping would be extremely damaging to the baked adobe block. Use a soft brush broom to get dust and grit off the surface, and then apply the coating. If there has been rain, wait for a couple of rainless sunny weeks, to avoid trapping moisture inside the block.

Sealant can be applied with a brush, a sponge roller, or sprayed on. Doing it by hand is good for spot jobs or easy-to-reach places like the tops of garden walls. Use a tin can as a measure for the mix of sealant and water in the ratio recommended by the manufacturer. It is as thin as water, and doesn't look effective, but if you test it the next day by sprinkling some drops of water,

you'll see them bead up. Mix new buckets full at intervals while you work, and if there is some leftover, just use it up on the nearest patch of wall. Rinse your bucket and brushes before they dry.

Spraying an entire house is an ambitious project, and you might feel it is best left to professionals, who know how to keep it off your windows, car, and patio furniture, and they have long wands to reach behind shrubs and vines, and are equipped with pressure pumps, hoses, spray heads, ladders, and – on hopes – with insurance too.

Price of Sealant

Sealant is expensive. If you hire the job done, the crew will get the sealant wholesale, and add the price of it plus labor and overhead into your bill. The retail price of adobe sealant costs \$50-\$60 per gallon. This is then mixed with a very high ratio of water, so a gallon goes a long way.

A list of suggested plants is attached to this email as a pdf file or you may visit CPA website for this list for your landscaping projects.

2012 plant list link

Pueblo Plodders **Catalina Pueblo Hiking group**

Yvonne Rolston - yvonnevictoria@gmail.com

A big thank you to all the Pueblo members who have organized hikes with lunch each week through the Winter season. It has been a great deal of fun for all involved. In total we have had about 15 people in the group and frequently 8-10 on each hike. We will continue next Fall: look for a specific date in the October Newsletter. We encourage all who enjoy the outdoors, and who are able to walk on uneven surfaces for 2-3 hours, to consider joining us next season.

Luncheon reward for the fearless hikers



Ok, so we get lost once in a while

Tried & True Trades

Adobe

Armando Pacheco

302-0711 (cell) 663-1386

Recommended by Aldine von Isser & Hal Grieve

Animal Control

Animal Experts

Marc Hammond & Jeff Carver 531-1020

Recommended by Nancy Milburn

Carpet Cleaning

Boyds Chemdry 760-2244

Recommended by Caryl Daugherty

Custom Cabinets

Rene Menard Woodworks Custom Cabinets

400-5530 or Nogales #287-8643 Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll

Computer Repair

Corey Walton 498-4854

Recommended by Dan Peters

Student Experts 762-6687

Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll & Pat Wagner

Dogs

Patty Monson (Dog Walker) 572-1467

Camalot Canine Resort (Boarding) 742-6279

Recommended by Walter Gaby

Drywall & Painting

Ruben Duran 275-5532

Recommended by Jeff & Judy Mott

Electrician

Phil Clounch - 520-390-0471

Recommended by Jeff & Judy Mott

Frank Tentschert 577-4987 & 907-5990

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

Furniture Craftsmen, Antique

Restoration and more

John 888-9234 furniturecraftsmen@yahoo.com Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll

Garage Door - Repair

Anthony Labato - C&R Garage Doors

312-9325

Recommended by Jeff Mott

Hairdresser

Mauricio Fregoso 795-3384

Recommend by Connie Church

Handiman

Cary McKeever 241-0810

Recommended by Lew & Caryl Daugherty

David Martinez 237-2934

Recommend by Marianne Van Zyll & Rob & Jeanie Girman

Heating & Cooling

Hamstra Heating & Cooling - Wes Adams

629-9833 ext. 317

Recommended by Nancy Milburn

House Cleaning Services

Alexandra Nicol 400-6058

Recommended by Carol Sinclair & Jean Paine

Angie Stokes 270-4875

Recommended by Nanci Hartwick

Maria Jose Fina 339-0646

Recommended by Gisele Nelson & Sandra Nelson-Winkler

Trini Baker (Spanish Speaker)

Call Joe (820-8364) as her English is limited

Recommended by Joe & Sandy Thompson

Levinia 406-5630 & Pamela 269-6217

Recommended by Paul Maxon & Yvonne & Allan Boguz-

Landscaping/Gardeners

Green Things, Anna Lawrie 299-9471

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

Blue Agave Landscape & Lighting Design

Dean Alexander 325-4242

Recommended by David Scott Allen & Mark Sammons

Margaret L. Joplin 623-8068 or 271-6585(c)

Design & Installation

Recommended by Paul Maxon

Francisco Enriquez 405-8527

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

Pots: The Mexican Garden, Marta Avila

2901 N. Oracle 624-4772

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

Manicure/Pedicure, Gels & Silks

Victoria at Mauricio Fregoso Salon **795-3384** Recommended by Connie Church

Mason

Michael Herlihy 406-8358

Recommended by Russ Carden & Marianne Van Zyll

Painter

Enrique Espinoza 312-4562

Recommended by Nancy Milburn

Plumber

David Solis 990-5437

dependableplumbingservices@gmail.com

Recommended by Cherry Rosenberg

Jerry Walker, Walkers Plumbing 909-0600

Recommended by Russ Carden

Steve Konst 883-1635

Recommended by Aldine von Isser & Hal Grieve

Remodels & General Construction

Ted Vasquez 241-9799

Recommended by Bill & Cassandra Ridlinghafer

Craig Spittle 204-4149

Recommended by Joe & Sandra Thompson

Ron Landis 743-4892 rlandis55@yahoo.com Recommended by Nancy Milburn & Ellen Siever

Window Cleaning

Doug & Deb Lockett 584-8419

Recommended by Caryl Daugherty

\$ 61,439.03

Treasurer

Judy Mott (Acting Treasurer) for Traci Grabb

2012 Budget Report to February 29

2012 Budget Report to Pebruary 25	Budget	Actual	Balance	
Income:				
Association Dues	\$ 54,000.00 \$	53,1000.00	\$ 900.00	
Interest Income	20.00	8.81	11.19	
Title Transfer Fees	400.00	00	400.00	
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$ 54,420.00</u> \$	53,108.81	\$ 1,311.19	
Expenses:				
Administrative:				
Postage/Printing/Misc.	\$ 1,000.00\$	320.54	\$ 679.46	
Taxes & Fees	100.00	00	100.00	
Insurance	2,000.00	1,919.00	81.00	
Subtotal	\$ 3,100.00 \$	2,239.54	\$ 860.46	
Capital Account Contribution:	\$ 1,000.00 \$	0.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Community Infrastructure:				
Landscaping	\$ 6,600.00 \$	00	\$ 6,600.00	
Contingencies	3,650.00	00	3,650.00	
Roads & Drainage	1,500.00	00	1,500.00	
Security (bulbs, etc.)	1,200.00	120.00	1,080,00	
Subtotal	\$ 12,950.00 \$	120.00	\$ 12,830.00	
Community Social Activities:	\$ 2,000.00 \$	00	\$ 2,000.00	
Recreational - Pools				
Routine Services/Chemicals	\$ 6,000.00 \$	916.10	\$ 5,083.90	
Pool Repairs	7,660.00	2,708.72	4,951.28	
Southwest Gas	10,000.00	2,570.19	7,429.81	
Tucson Electric Company	7,500.00	1,118.23	6,381.77	
City of Tucson Water	1,650.00	507.53	1,142.47	
Housekeeping	1,960.00	200.00	1,760.00	
Other (permits/termites)	600.00	594.00	6.00	
Subtotal	\$ 35,370.00 \$	8,614.77	\$ 26,755.23	
TOTAL EXPENSES REMAINING FUNDS	\$ 54,420.00 \$	10,974.31	<u>\$ 43,445.69</u>	
2012 Reserve Account to January 31				
Opening Balance 2011 Capital Account Con 2011 Remaining Funds (u Interest on Money Marke	nderbudget)		\$ 44,698.80 1,000.00 15,736.30 3.93	No change from last report

Reserve Funds Closing Balance

Committees:

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Carol Sinclair

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Connie Church

2012 Board Meeting Schedule 6:30

April 5 @ Connie's

May 1 @ Donn's

Communication Committee:

Connie Church, Secretary/Chair

Cherry Rosenberg Jo Ann Marcus Mark Sammons David Scott Allen

2012 Board of Directors

Please contact the board via email: CatalinaPuebloBoard@gmail.com

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Donn Poll — Landscape & Architecture

Jean Paine — *Pools*

The agenda will be published each month in the Chronicle. Only items on the agenda will receive board action unless there is an emergency. By publishing the agenda in advance, we seek member comment on pending issues. Comment can be sent to our board email address, in writing to the secretary or you may choose to appear at the meeting, space available. To request items to be placed on the agenda, use the same addresses.

Board Meeting Agenda April 5 — 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Approval of March minutes

Discuss & Approval of officer/committee reports

Vice President Treasurer Pools

Social/Membership

Landscape/Architecture

Secretary

Old Business

Roads Committee Report New Business and call to members

Adjournment

The Board may at any time go into executive session to consider legal or other permitted matters.